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JANUARY IS ADVOCATE MONTH — ROBBINS NAMED EDITOR

ADVANCE MEETINGS CALLED; RITES FOR LATE MRS. PRAYER MEETING; TREES INSPIRE HAYES

ASHEVILLE, JANUARY 18— STATESVILLE, JANUARY 20

The Advance meetings for the Western North Carolina Conference will be held in Asheville, Central Church, Tuesday, January 18, and Broad Street Church, Statesville, January 20, beginning in each instance at 10:30 a.m. It is expected that ministers and laymen from the three mountain districts will attend the Asheville meeting and that our ministers and laymen from all other part of the conference will attend the Statesville meeting. A call is being issued for every pastor to be present at one of these meetings and to bring at least one layman from his charge with him. A free lunch will be served on each day. Bishop Titus Lowe and Mr. Chilton Bennett, secretary of Board of Lay Activities, will be among our guest speakers. Adjournment not later than 4 p.m. The Conference Advance Committee will meet in Asheville, Monday, January 17, at 10:30 a.m.

COSTEN J. HARRELL.

THE DEATH NOTICE OF PRAYER MEETINGS

(Barium Messenger)

Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church, on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong and healthy child, fed largely on testimony and Scriptural holiness, soon growing into world-wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family.

For the past several years Sister Prayer Meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of the knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former self. Her last words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones, now absent from her presence, busy in the marts of trade and places of worldly amusement. Her older brother, Brother Class Meeting, has been dead for many years.

Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A post-mortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with the lack of fasting, faith and heartfelt religion, shameless desertion, and non-support were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. Carefully selected pallbearers were urged to tenderly bear her remains away, but failed to appear. There were no flowers. Her favorite hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "Rock of Ages," were not sung. Miss Ima Modern rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," but none had any idea where this fancied isle might be. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Glories waiting the summons from above.

In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, save on the third Wednesday of each month, when the Ladies' Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the members of the Men's Handball Team.

BISHOP HARRELL WILL PRESIDE AT CUBA CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARY

BISHOP AND MRS. Costen J. Harrell left Charlotte on December 28 for Havana, Cuba. Bishop Harrell will preside over the Cuba Annual Conference, beginning January 2. In addition to the session of the Conference, the Methodists of Cuba will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the mission by Bishop Candler. The Methodist Church occupies a place of large influence on the island. We operate there four colleges, a rural and industrial school, a business college, and about one-half dozen parochial schools. The Cuba Conference has about 60 congregations, with 6,037 members and 2,428 probationers. Other persons attending the Golden Jubilee are Bishop and Mrs. Paul B. Kern, Bishop and Mrs. Fred Corson, Bishop and Mrs. Roy L. Short, Bishop Guerra of Mexico, Dr. A. W. Wasson and Miss Elizabeth Lee of New York, and Dr. and Mrs. Roy Smith of Chicago. After the adjournment of this session of Annual Conference, Cuba will be attached to the Jacksonville Area and Bishop Short will be in charge.

Bishop and Mrs. Harrell will return to Charlotte January 13.

AN ICY NIGHT TESTS SINEWS OF THE MOUNTAIN TREES

Let the Christmas sermon be unfinished for awhile—after all, finish and polish is a lost art with me (Some consolation there is in the method of the older prophet: "read yourself full, think yourself clear, pray yourself hot, and let yourself go"). Anyway, there is an alluring picture that beckons from my window, and I have just been on a swing around the block to see how fared the trees last night. For, as the ice thickened, I wondered and feared whether the trees could take it. Twice my dreams were broken by the cracks—or was it firecrackers or backfire from a car?—of white pines breaking under the strain.

Christmas (Morning) Trees

I am pleased to report that our trees are tough. Boyd Park, where you face a battery of great pines as you enter Hendersonville shows not a wound. Likewise, the cedars in Kelly's yard stand firm under the grey hard load that covers every branch. Like Hendley's stoic, their heads are bloody(icy) but unbowed — better, they are bowed but unbroken. But in my neighbor's yard, a hundred feet from my window, I find the source of the winter gunfire; four beautiful boughs lie across the walk and above for all to see and pity, their stumps hold up their fractures too cold to bleed.

Tree(mendous) Men

WHY did his, my neighbor's, break when others weathered the storm? Well, this I remember: he spent much time enriching the lawn and grooming the trees. And who is there who knows where to cut? Nature, always in delicate balance, was disturbed by the pruning, and the extra sap from the fertile ground put too much foliage on the slender twigs, and the ice did the rest. Trees are strong and men are tall when they work hard throughout the summer; when they struggle for moisture and burn in the heat. Fibers are toughened when they come up through great tribulation, endure hardness as good soldiers and therefore stand before the Lord, their members resilient to the will of the storm. So the great oaks between the study and the parsonage (former pastors will see the picture) are now swaying with heavy dignity, but they will not break. Only God can make a tree or a man like that. For us all I wish a tough time in 1949; and let us try to like it.—L. B. HAYES.

S. J. STARNES TOP PRODUCER FOR THE WEEK

Davis Street Church in Burlington, of which S. J. Starnes is pastor, tops the circulation report this week with a list of 42 subscriptions, and Rutherfordton, D. Moody Nifong, pastor, is close up with a quota topping list of 35½.

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A World Still in the Making

Whatever else our world may be, it certainly is not finished—yet. It is a world in the making. And that fact is comforting when we are confronted by the tragic failures of men and the appalling evils of society. An unexpected detour is never so desirable as a direct and well-paved road. It may be rough and long and tiresome in the extreme. But detour signs, unpleasant as they may be, are marks of progress. New roads are being built.

One of the illusions of immaturity, which all of us can recall if we try, is the sense of being up against a world of people and things that show no evidence of having ever been other than we find them to be. The burden of youth is having to get used to customs and ways of doing and being that are "fixed and cannot be changed." The illusion still haunts us. "Life is like that," we say. "What can you do?"

There is something childish as well as utterly false about the criticisms which many sensitive souls are wont to make of the institutions of which they find themselves a part. Capitalism is thus and so. The Church blunders here and there. The United Nations is doomed to fail because of this or that. Politics are rotten. Business is going to get worse. People are what they are. And we superior and critically-minded sentimentalists wish that the world made sense!

As a matter of fact, man makes much of the world in which he lives. He fashions more of it than he is sometimes willing to acknowledge after the pattern he himself chooses. Man's institutions are in the making. The systems which seem to the immature mind so stable and secure are not only capable of being changed, but are actually being changed all the while. If a man's world doesn't make sense, the trouble may be partly in the point of view.

There is hope for human institutions and for human society because man himself is in the making. One of the profoundest promises of Jesus was, "I will make you to become." One of the wisest insights of Paul was, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." One of the grandest themes of the gospel is that which is implied in its central challenge, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." A man can change his mind. He can repent and make a new start. He can be made to become what he was originally intended to be, if he will but give heed to the Highest.

It Can Be Said

God is the greatest of givers because he is the greatest of lovers.

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Christian charity is more than pity or generosity.

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The most expensive way to save money is through neglecting children.

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The worth of a sermon mostly depends on who hears it and how.

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A man may be judged by what he does with his holidays.

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The right to make one's own mistakes is limited by their effect on other people.

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Simple justice is the first goal of Christian effort in the area of race relations.

Western North Carolina Conference Journals

The Western North Carolina Conference Journal for 1948 is off the press, and copies have been mailed during the holidays. Pastors and others who fail to receive the copies previously ordered within the next few days should enquire at the post office. Orders for additional copies should be sent to the Conference Secretary, Dr. E. H. Nease, 1100 Queens Road, Charlotte, N. C., who, along with the statistical secretary, Rev. J. G. Winkler, deserve congratulations for another difficult job well done. The price is 60 cents by mail.

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Mr. Truman's Statement About Russia

Mr. Truman is human. Those who have heard him speak on informal occasions and in off-the-record interviews report that he is at his best when he is on his own. His statement about Russian foreign policy at an unheralded Kansas City luncheon during the holidays seems to have been made without prompting from the State Department. Is is, nevertheless, a statement from an informed source—the best informed, we take it, in the country. And it is credible on the face of it. What Mr. Truman said, and what he refuses to elaborate or interpret, was: "There are certain leaders in the government of that great country who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us."

Whatever lies back of this statement, it is the sort of utterance which suggests a gleam of hope for peace, and it is a welcome word just now. America rejoices that the President used the Christmas season to affirm his dedication to the achieving of peace. Followers of Christ everywhere will pray and believe that the goal may be attained, indeed that it is God's will. There must be, however, a certain firmness in the right and a recognition that weakness and wrong, whether at home or abroad, are sources of danger to the only kind of peace than can endure.

Four Cents and Forty Minutes

Far be it from this editor to belittle or cheapen the importance of the church paper. Only because it is, like air and water, essential to life, can one afford to call attention to the advantage of its inexpensiveness. For only four cents and forty minutes a week the North Carolina Christian Advocate can keep any literate North Carolina Methodist rather well informed and up to date in his churchmanship and religious thinking. The forty minutes is quite as important, however, as the four cents. The annual Advocate Month appeal will be sounded this January from Manteo to Murphy. Let's stress the obligation of all Methodists to know what their church is doing.

The Trumpet

By Bishop Costen J. Harrell

UNDERGIRDING OUR FAITH

"Put on the whole armor of God," writes Paul to the Church at Ephesus. A note of urgency and insistence runs through the last verses of his Ephesian letter. Among all the books of the New Testament, Ephesians is without doubt the most profound and comprehensive interpretation of the Christian faith. But Paul is not only a man of deep insights, but a practical-minded man as well. He is urging the Church at Ephesus and the Church Universal to be ready for action. As we read his words, I fancy I can hear the trumpets sounding over the hills, calling the Church in a desperate hour to undertake in God's name. "Take unto you the whole armor of God," he insists, otherwise we will not be able to match the powers of wickedness and to stand in the evil hour. The Christian's armor is indispensable in the Christian conquest!

How appropriate and timely—and I might add apostolic—it is that the Methodist Church in planning the Advance program for this quadrennium should designate the first twelve months as a period when in our preaching and teaching ministry throughout the whole Church we shall make plain and compelling to our people the great affirmations of the Christian faith! It is a Twentieth Century version of Paul's injunction, "Put on the whole armor of God." That there is great need of this emphasis none can deny. Some of us are bold to say that the greatest need of the Church in this present age is that those who call themselves Christians shall be undergirded and imbued with the teachings of the Christian religion concerning the world and man and God. We cannot be sure of everything—but a Church that is worthy of the name must be sure of and committed to some things. Only so can she speak with confidence to a desperate world and push her conquests with confidence and power.

In these last few years numerous forces have conspired to undermine the faith of our people—materialism, secularism, war, and some lesser fads and philosophies. We of the Church have laid emphasis on organizations and programs and activity. This is as it should be, for our Lord never intended His Church to be a retreat for the redeemed. But have we not let some of the weightier matters slip until great multitudes of our people have but a hazy idea of what a Christian should believe and what he should be?

There is great need that we reaffirm the central doctrines of our Christian faith. The preaching and teaching phase of the Advance is an answer to that need. During the winter and spring months let our places of worship resound with such themes as "God," "The Divinity of Jesus Christ," "The Presence of the Holy Spirit," "The Church," "Sin," "Repentance," "Forgiveness," "The New Birth," "Immorthe winter grapples with these great tality," "Missions," "The Redemption of Society." A preacher who through themes will come out a better minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. And the rank and file of our membership who are gripped by the verity of these great truths will be ready for an Advance.

It is devoutly hoped that our ministers are already preparing themselves for this preaching ministry. In December or early January a source book will be mailed every pastor in the Church. Later, pamphlets will be available, making plain to the man on the street and on the farm the central doctrines of our faith. In a few days the Advance will send to every minister in the Methodist Church a large volume containing theological discussions as prepared for the Council of Churches in Amsterdam last summer. It is hoped that this volume will be found helpful as source material. In addition, the following books are suggested by me in the field of our Christian duties: "Christian Doctrine," by Whale; "Christianity Today," by Van Dusen; and "Man Does Not Stand Alone," by Morrison. Any of these may be obtained from the Methodist Publishing House.

To raise funds is an easier task than interpreting the meaning of our Christian faith and persuading men to accept it in mind and heart. Every minister in the Methodist Church is called by the General Conference to give his people a reason for the hope that is in them. A great faith must undergird whatever program of Advance we undertake. And, may God lead every minister in the Charlotte Area in this high and holy task. So moves the first phase of the Advance.

An Open Line

(John 15:7)

My needs are many, helplessness so great;
I cannot see what storms on me will fall,
Nor know today what tests tomorrow wait,
Not even that tomorrow comes at all.
I shall not wait till trouble casts its stone,
And springs its trap, before I call to Thee;
I'll keep an open line to Thy great throne
By praying constantly!

If I neglect my private line today,
And do not keep it in the right repair,
I may not know the call, or words to say,
When sorrow brings my heart to deep despair.
When I need help the most, and fail to hear
Instructions from Thy loving voice divine,
It may be that I failed, when skies were clear,
To keep an open line.

How can I call with confidence on Thee,
When I have left Thy Word, ignored Thy Voice,
And have not walked with Him whose help is free;
But in life's crowded ways made other choice?
No, I shall talk with Thee when days are bright,
Nor hesitate to call when woes are mine;
I'll hear Thy loving voice in darkest night—
I've kept an open line!

—John Cline.

AN ADVOCATE FEATURE

CONVERSION: The Real Advance for Christ

By SAM MAXWELL

TAKE away conversion and you take away Christianity. The two watchwords of evangelical religion are both contained in our Lord's discourse with Nicodemus. The one is the atonement; the other is the second birth. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son," and "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." With regard to the mode of conversion, it confessedly varies. "The wind bloweth where it listeth." From the gentle breath of impression to the fullest tempest of agitation and excitement the wind blows, melting the icy heart, and making old things pass away. The time may come, as some anticipate, when conversion shall be generally noiseless and gradual, effected in the early dawn of life, as the result of pious training, when the Spirit of God shall copiously descend as the morning dew, and leave a blessing for all the coming day. This presupposes Christian culture that is quite futuristic. Yes, this day is a far distant possibility. There is another type of conversion that we must seek if millions are to be saved. Multitudes whose conversion we pray for have long since passed the stage when grace unfolds itself almost as one with nature. They are instructed, but not converted. They know the gospel by the hearing of the ear, but their eyes have not seen it. They are strangers to its godly sorrow, its melting tenderness, its bursting joy. Others, without having openly broken with the gospel, secretly loathe and hate it. And others, again have cast off all the restraints of pious influence and openly crucify the Son of God afresh. To all these classes, and others that might be named—belonging more decidedly to the outcast and neglected—conversion cannot come as a gentle and placid wave of light, illuminating all things and disturbing none. It must come as a wave of the seas with a shock and agitation, making the soul mount up to the heavens and go down again to the depths and melt away because of trouble. Any evangelical conversion calls for a struggle between the old and the new—between self and Christ, between the pleasures of the world and of sin and the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. The soul in such a conflict may be expected to be shaken to its center, with fear and shame and sadness, ere faith comes to its relief and love toward the Curcified One gain the victory. This is the process from which thousands in all ages have emerged, with heaven and hell no longer words but realities — with salvation no longer a speculation but an experience, and Christ no more a distant shadow, whether clothed in the garb of a Friend or an Avenger, but a living Redeemer, enshrined in the heart the hope of glory! Not by might nor by power is this change effected, but by the Spirit of the Lord of Hosts, and it is of all things the most blessed, for it truly saves by connecting with the Savior, by forming the character after His, and by preparing the soul for the stupendous issues of eternity. Such conversions which are going on within the circle of Christian evangelism make up the true history of the world. These are the events magnificently noted in the register of God. This is the real way for us to Advance with Christ and His Church. This is the open field for conquest. It will require us to "rebuke with all longsuffering and patience" direct from our pulpits. It will be an advance through conflict.

"Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christs own promise,
And that cannot fail."

Where Communisn Thrives

By W. W. Reid

"IN THIS increasingly interdependent world, one-half of its people go hungry in normal days, one-half cannot read or write, one-half are racked with pain and disease—and the story is worse in war and postwar days," Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer told the Assembly of the Foreign Missions Conference the other day. And he added: "This is the background of the social revolution through which the world is passing today. This is the background of the appeal Soviet Russia is making to the world today. So long as Communism claims to offer Asia, Africa and Latin America a new and classless society, based not on exploitation but on brotherhood and justice, and so long as our western civilization does not fulfill these visions of men, there will be no respite from Communism's challenges . . . The missionary advance offered by the Christian church today calls for just this aggressive action to give all men freedom and security — and without a shred of totalitarianism."

Everywhere there is agreement that the answer to Communism is not in guns, or in name-calling, or in witch-hunting, but in acts of justice and brotherhood—social, economic, and political—to the oppressed of the earth.

A man is significant because of what he is, not because of what he assumes to be. Everywhere one sees people joining organizations, wearing badges, seeking office, working for invitations, talking big, in the effort to seem important. A man should live for being and not for seeming.—*Winifred Rhoades.*

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"I WAS A METHODIST, TOO"

Korea's New President Is a Product of Christian Missions

By

Thoburn T. Brumbaugh

"AND I was a Methodist, too," said Dr. Syng Man Rhee, now President of the government recently established in the ancient capital city of Seoul, and regarded by most of his people as the George Washington of the new and free Korean nation.

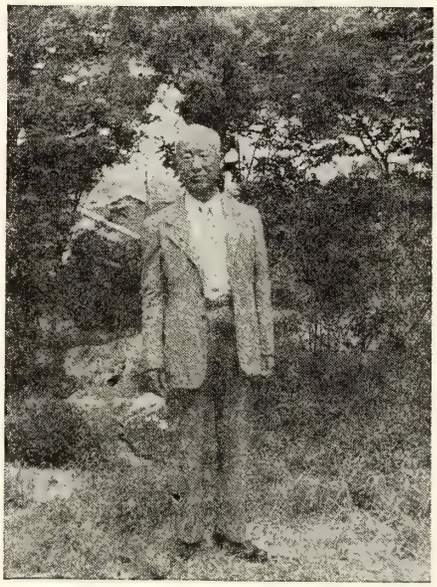
We were sitting in the reception room of Dr. Rhee's modest home in Seoul in the summer of 1947.

Not long before, we had met Dr. Phillip Jaison, whose Korean name was Saw, and who, back before 1900 had been an agitator for Korean independence from Chinese suzerainty. It had been pointed out to us that even then the Christian movement in Korea was a strong bulwark of the spirit of independence in Korea. In 1902, Saw, a recent convert, along with others, following Japan's defeat of China and in celebration of Korea's release from the payment of an annual tribute to China, erected the Independence Arch, which stands in one of Seoul's main thoroughfares.

Syng Man Rhee had also been one of those vigorous idealists who, like Saw, had been forced to leave Korea after Japanese occupation and annexation in 1910. As early as 1896 he and Saw (or Jaison as the latter has long been called in the United States), had organized what was known as the Independence Association and were publishing a newspaper called "Independence." Rhee was a graduate of Pai-Chai, the old Methodist Boys' School in Seoul. He became a secretary of the Y.M.C.A.; and when he left Korea, it was ostensibly to attend a Methodist conference in Honolulu of which he had been elected delegate.

This was in 1915, and some time thereafter Rhee attended Princeton University, where he received the doctor's degree, the title of his thesis being "Neutrality." America's neutrality in Japan's war with Russia, and our tacit neutrality even when our 1882 treaties had pledged the United States to defense of Korea's integrity, are still issues with which Dr. Rhee likes to deal in conversations with his American friends.

Syng Man Rhee gave himself largely in later years almost exclusively to the movement for Korean liberation and restoration of national unity as this might be organized and promoted from Washington, Shanghai, and other world centers of political and social ferment. He returned to Korea during World War I when there seemed assurance of Japan's commitment to Woodrow Wilsons proposal of self-determination of



Dr. Syng Man Rhee, 74-year-old President of Korea, and a graduate of Pai Chai Methodist boys' school

nations and peoples. When this hope was speedily proven vain and with the outbreak of open rebellion in Korea in 1919, Rhee was forced again to take refuge abroad. Persecution of Korean Christians and their churches was very severe throughout this period and indeed until Japan's recent defeat. In an article in Harper's Magazine of May 1920, Nathaniel Peffer tells how he found himself at the center of the Korean independence movement in a Methodist annual conference where a Korean clergyman said, "In this room there are 60 Koreans, all pastors or evangelists. About 40 of them have been in prison. There are about 25 who ought to be here but who are still in prison." And of such leadership, which Peffer says was far from that usually spoken of as "professional agitators," he remarks in conclusion: "No picture of the independence movement or of Korean life in any aspect is adequate that does not include the church as one of its highlights."



"Independence Arch," erected by patriots in streets of Seoul in 1902

At the end of World War II, the United States, as an ardent advocate of Korean independence, invited Dr. Rhee and other similarly minded Korean patriots back to Seoul to help establish a government. Long months of military occupation, in the north by Russia and in the south by the United States, together with negotiation between the two powers as well as by representatives of the United Nations, have failed to reach accord between the mutually exclusive political philosophies held in the two camps. The outcome to date is the temporary expedient of a government in North Korea dominated by Russia, and one in South Korea sponsored by the United States and the United Nations. In the South, where two-thirds of Korea's entire population now resides, in elections at which 90 per cent of the eligible population participated, leadership was decisively given into the hands of the factors long identified with democratic political procedures and the Christian conceptions of national independence and integrity. In turn, Syng Man Rhee, now 74 years old, was elected president of this government and thus became the first president of Korea.

Few who have known Dr. Rhee have referred to him as altogether a democrat. Some regard him as a potential dictator. All recognize him as a great patriot and many find in his principles, and indeed in the platform of the party of which he is the undisputed head, such a pronounced leftish emphasis as to identify him somewhat with socialism. Yet Syng Man Rhee's gospel of social and economic reform for Korea is distinctive: it smacks both of the nationalism which years of persecution of himself and his people have inspired, and of the Christian teachings of which he imbibed so freely in his earlier years.

In the meantime, the forces of democracy are having opportunity to train the populace of South Korea along the established lines of Christian citizenship and international good behavior. It is said that fully 20 per cent of the responsible leaders of Dr. Rhee's government are either Christians or have been exposed to Christian influences in church-sponsored institutions or in America.

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SIX COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS TO SPEAK AT MAIN STREET CHURCH, GASTONIA

GASTONIA.—(Special). During January and early February, Main Street Methodist church, here, is hearing six college and university presidents speak on the theme: "If I Had Only One Message to Bring." Each speaker brings that message which he thinks most vital and significant for today. The first speaker to be heard was Dr. Clyde R. Milner, president of Guilford College, who spoke on Sunday, January 2. Speakers for the rest of the series and the dates on which they will be heard are as follows:

January 9—Dean Harold A. Bosley of Duke Divinity School, Duke University.

January 16—Dr. Gideon I. Humphreys, High Point College.

January 23—Dr. A. R. Keppel, Catawba College.

January 30—Dr. Luther L. Gobbel of Greensboro College.

February 6—Dr. John R. Cunningham, Davidson College.

These services are being held at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. At those services at which groups from the colleges do not sing, the full choir of Main Street Church will sing, it is announced by Dr. E. H. Blackard, pastor.

BUILDING BOOM IN THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

By J. E. Pritchard

On a Thursday evening recently 500 people from the various parts of the Thomasville district assembled around the tables in the dining room of the Country Club in Lexington for one of the most enthusiastic meetings yet held in the district. The first part of the meeting was presided over by A. S. Myers, district lay leader. Then the district superintendent, Rev. George B Clemmer, took over and under his direction the various interests of the church were presented, such as the board of missions and church extension, church literature, the home for the aged at Charlotte, the Children's Home at Winston-Salem, the women's work, and the local work of the district. Following this presentation, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Duke Divinity School, Duke University, made the principal address of the evening on what the Methodist Church is, what it has done, and what it must do. Rev. J. G. Winkler, new pastor of Central Church in Asheboro, was recognized as having the largest delegation present, the number being 41 persons who had gone a distance of more than 30 miles to be in this meeting.

The building boom in the Thomasville district is still going in high speed. The new district parsonage, an 8-room house with three baths and oil heat, will be finished about the first of the year. The lot was donated by Memorial Church, Thomasville, and the cost of the building is approximately $30,000.

West Bend Church, Asheboro, is building a 7-room parsonage, which will be finished about February 1. Memorial Church, Thomasville, has an architect drawing plans for a church building to cost about $400,000. Some months ago, First Church, Asheboro, bought a large lot adjoining the educational building of the church with the view of erecting their sanctuary on this lot and converting the present church auditorium into Sunday school rooms. Now, Central Church, Asheboro, is buying a large lot about three city blocks from the present church building. The idea is to get out into the residential district and sell the present location, which is being surrounded with business.

An educational building is being erected at Canaan Church on the North Davidson charge. Also, an educational building is being erected at Midway Church on the Midway charge. Good Hope Church on the Davidson charge, which burned some time ago, is being rebuilt.

A new parsonage is to be built this spring on the Mount Vernon charge. Also, a new parsonage is to be erected for First Church, Thomasville.

First Church, Lexington, has accumulated something like $100,000 in preparation for a building program for the next few years.

In a recent meeting, the editor of the N. C. Christian Advocate made the statement that the Thomasville district led all North Carolina last year in securing new subscriptions to the Advocate.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ADVANCE MEETINGS

Asheville, January 18, 1949
Statesville, January 20, 1949

MORNING SESSION

10:30-11:30 a.m.—Devotions: E. K. McLarty, Jr. (Asheville); Herman Duncan (Statesville).

11-11:30 a.m.—Meaning and Purpose of the Advance, Bishop Harrell.

11:30-12 m.—Undergirding the Faith of the Church, Lee F. Tuttle.

12-12:30 p.m.—Distress Across the Sea, Bishop Titus Lowe.

12:30 p.m.—Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2-2:30 p.m.—The Week of Dedication—Chilton G. Bennett, executive secretary, board of lay activities.

2:30-3 p.m. — The Advance Special—A New Approach to Missionary Giving—Walter West.

3-3:30 p.m.—Specials Now Available—Home and Foreign, W. J. Miller.

3:30-4 p.m.—Questions and Discussion.

METHODIST GAINS LISTED IN NATION-WIDE SUMMARY

CHICAGO.—Membership in The Methodist Church now stands at 8,651,062 and the denomination's over-all giving last year reached $196,435,168, according to a nation-wide summary just compiled by Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the Statistical Office. His report, covering the church's 109 conferences in the United States and its possessions, also indicates that the total enrollment of church schools is 5,655,806—a gain of 312,360 over last year.

Director Hoover pointed out that the church has 24,113 ministers, including 62 bishops. The denomination's Woman's Society of Christian Service, said to be the largest women's group in the world, lists a current membership of 1,455,086—a gain of 38,651 over last year's figure.

An increase of 223 pastoral charges to bring the denomination's total to 21,826 brought forth the explanation from Dr. Hoover that "this may indicate a trend to break circuits up into separate charges and thus provide more adequate pastoral supervision." It is also the result of the formation of a number of new churches, he said.

The statistics just released are based upon a recapitulation of the latest reports from the church's domestic conferences for the year 1947-48 and will appear in a forthcoming volume, the General Minutes of The Methodist Church.

Complete statistical report follows, with gains or losses indicated:

Preparatory members, 592,675—a gain of 70,504.

Received during year from preparatory membership and on confession of faith, 283,136—a decrease of 5,664.

Members received by transfer and reinstated, 297,189—a loss of 12,166.

Members removed by death, 71,610—2,232 less than last year.

Removed by transfer and otherwise, 376,236—13,531 more than last year.

Total full members, active, 7,119,630—an increase of 24,174 over the figure of 7,095,456 for last year.

Total full members, inactive, 1,531,432—an increase of 59,116 over the 1,472,316 figure last year.

Total full members, active and inactive, 8,651,062—a gain of 83,290 over 8,567,772 a year ago.

Church school total enrollment, 5,655,806—a gain of 312,360 over last year's total of 5,343,446.

Average attendance at Sunday school, 2,819,041—a gain of 48,804 over last year's total of 2,770,237.

Total membership, Woman's Society of Christian Service, 1,455,086 — a gain of 38,651 over last year's total of 1,416,435.

Total amount paid by W.S.C.S for local work, $11,213,601 — a gain of $1,342,343 over last year's figure of $9,871,258. With giving to missions included, this year's total is $17,087,788.

Number of preaching places, 40,397 — 76 more than last year's total of 40,321. (Note: The figure of 21,826 pastoral charges used in an earlier paragraph is correct and is not incinsistent with the figure of 40,397 preaching places, since often there are several preaching places on one pastoral charge.)

Total indebtedness on church buildings, equipment, parsonages, etc.—$23,564,184—an increase of $5,170,037 over last year.

Total amount paid on principal of indebtedness, $5,617,652 — a decrease of $620,068.

Amount paid on buildings and improvements, $54,485,106, which represents a gain of $20,174,896 over last year.

Total amount paid for church school administration, supplies, etc., $49,270,210—an increase of $6,960,325.

Total paid to pastors and associate pastors, $46,798,765—a gain of $5,917,763.

Total paid for other ministerial support (district superintendents, bishops, retired ministers), $9,962,777 — an increase of $1,448,622.

Total ministerial support, $56,761,542—an increase of $7,366,385.

Paid to World Service and Conference Benevolences, $11,585,049, a gain of $1,029,466.

Paid to other benevolences, $16,540,256—an increase of $1,060,307.

Paid to the Administration Fund, $781,110—a decrease of $28,326.

Grand total for all purposes, $196,435,168—an incresae of $32,296,711 over the figures of a year ago.

January is Advocate Month

Robbins Elected by Methodist Board of Publication; Talented New Editor to Assume Duties February 1

WARRENTON PASTOR IS WELL QUALIFIED FOR NEW POSITION AS ADVOCATE EDITOR

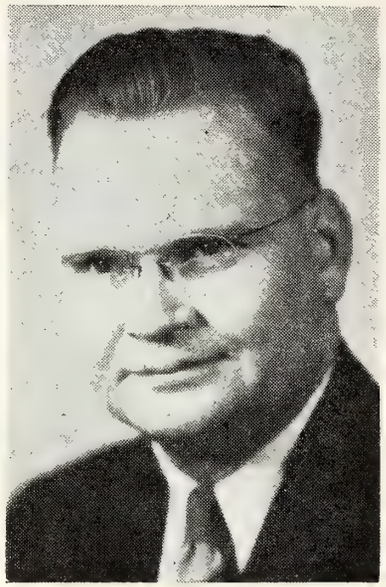
AT A SPECIAL meeting of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc., in Greensboro Dec. 30, Rev. Cecil W. Robbins, pastor of the Methodist Church at Warrenton and director of public relations of the North Carolina Conference, was elected editor of the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** and manager of the corporation. His appointment to the new position has been confirmed by Bishop W. W. Peele of Richmond, and he will assume his new duties February 1.

Born December 8, 1906, in Shannon, Miss., Robbins is the son of R. L. Robbins and Minnie Pearle West Robbins of that city. After studying in the public schools and graduating from Shannon High School in 1927, he entered Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala., where he received his A.B. degree in 1931. While in college he studied journalism under E. M. Henderson, managing editor of the Birmingham News and received his first journalistic experience as an employee and reporter for that paper. He also took courses in writing under James Saxon Childers, the well known novelist. Robbins is a B.D. graduate of the Duke Divinity School in the class of 1933. He was admitted on trial as a member of the North Carolina Conference at Rocky Mount in 1932 and has been pastor of the following charges: Mamers, Jenkins Memorial (Raleigh), Fremont,Mount Olive, and is in his fourth year at Warrenton. He is secretary of the recently created Inter-Board Council of the North Carolina Conference, secretary of the Conference Commission on the Advance for Christ and His Church, and Richmond Area correspondent of the "Christian Advocate."

Robbins is president of the Rotary Club of Warrenton, extension and organization chairman of the Warren district of the Boy Scouts of America, and chairman of the Commission on Overseas Relief of the North Carolina Council of Churches. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Upsilon, Phi Gamma Mu, and Sigma Chi. He will bring to his new position business experience, editorial ability, and many years of service as correspondent and contributor to newspapers and periodicals. He was employed before he began his ministry by the Carnation Company and was for a time a worker in the steel mills of Birmingham. Mrs. Robbins is the former Eloise Sorrell of Chapel Hill, and son, William Robert, is 9.

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the Rocky Mount district and president of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc., presided at the special meeting in the Advocate office last Thursday. Other members of the board who were present were N. L. Eure, Greensboro attorney and vice-president of the board; Dr. C. E. Jordan of Duke University, who served as secretary in the absence of T. C. Hoyle, Greensboro attorney, secretary of the board; Dr. Samuel B. Turrentine, president emeritus of Greensboro College; Dr. H. C. Smith, pastor of Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh; N. E. Edgerton of Raleigh; W. B. Hall of High Point; and J. N. Hackney of Wilson. Rev. John W. Moore of Lake Junaluska was unable to attend.

The board voted to accept the resignation of H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., who becomes on March 1 assistant editor of "World Outlook," with offices at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The retiring editor and manager will serve as assistant to the new editor during the month of February. The following resolutions were adopted by the board:



Rev. Cecil W. Robbins

Whereas a call has been made by the official authorities of the Methodist Church for Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., to the position of assistant editor of the Methodist **World Outlook;** and

Whereas such position presents a wider field for service in Methodist journalism; and

Whereas a change to such wider field of service is in accord with the connectional system of Methodism;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc.:

(1) That we, the members of said Board in Special Session, hereby wish to go on record in testifying our high recognition of the efficient service rendered by Dr. Sprinkle as editor and business manager of the **North Carolina Christian Advocate;**

(2) That while regretting our loss of such valuable service and cordial fellowship indicated, yet we congratulate all concerned on the attainment of Dr. Sprinkle in behalf of promoting the high and holy cause involved;

(3) That we wish to assure both Dr. Sprinkle and Mrs. Sprinkle that our wholehearted cordial wishes are extended them as they enter upon such important and responsible service open before them;

(4) That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the meeting of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc.;

(5) That a copy be furnished for publication in the **North Carolina Christian Advocate;** and

(6) That a copy be furnished Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr.

Committee:
A. J. HOBBS,
N. L. EURE,
T. C. HOYLE, SR.
S. B. TURRENTINE,
CHAS. E. JORDAN.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 30, 1948.

CLELAND FEATURES SECOND ANNUAL CHARLOTTE DISTRICT CONVOCATION

CHARLOTTE.—A sermon by Dr. James T. Cleland, professor of preaching at Duke Divinity School, Durham, brought to a close the second annual Charlotte District Ministers' Convocation in Myers Park Methodist Church Tuesday evening. "The Minister as Preacher" was the theme of the convocation largely attended by preachers and laymen in this area and directed by Dr. Edgar H. Nease, district superintendent.

The convocation opened on Monday evening, January 3, with a service of worship and a sermon by Dr. Cleland. Tuesday morning devotions were conducted by Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the host church. Dr. Cleland delivered an address on "The Use of Non-Biblical Materials in the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," and Dr. Richard L. Ownbey, retired pastor of Myers Park church, spoke on "The Use of the Bible in Sermon Preparation and Delivery." A sermon by Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, pastor of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, concluded the morning session.

After lunch on Tuesday, Dr. Cleland discussed "The Art of Illustrating a Sermon." Following general discussion of this topic, the convocation made a tour of the new Methodist churches in Charlotte and met at dinner for the report of the findings committee, composed of Walter J. Miller, Gilreath G. Adams, Jr., and John J. Shepard.

The planning committee for the convocation was composed of J. Elwood Carroll, Edgar P. Billups, James G. Huggin, Jr., Fletcher Nelson, and A. Mitchell Faulkner.

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In the Limelight

REV. W. M. HOWARD, JR., and family were severely pounded when they returned after Conference for their sixth year at Bethel.

SENATOR CLYDE R. HOEY spoke at the annual student banquet at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, December 29. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Galvin were chairmen of the banquet.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY, February 13, will be widely observed in North Carolina. The North Carolina Commission on Inter-Racial Cooperation, Box 1208, Raleigh, will forward valuable materials for this Sunday upon request.

THE W.S.C.S. of Hickory Grove (Pelham-Hickory Grove charge) visited the Rockingham County Home on December 26. After a short service of carols and hymns, toys were given to the children, and fruit was distributed to the inmates.

REV. R. L. FORBIS, pastor of Lenoir circuit, reports an offering of $117 for the Fellowship of Suffering presented by the people of his charge. Twelve new members have been received into church membership since the annual conference. Brother Forbis is leading his people in the highways of service.—J. H. A.

MAJOR HENRY M. WELLMAN, JR. (USMC) and his family sailed December 3 for Santiago, Chile, where he will be stationed for the next two years. Major Wellman, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Wellman will be Naval Attache to the Chilean government. His wife is the former Martha Moretz of Hickory, and they have two children, Jane 2, and Henry III, 9 months.

APPOINTMENT of Rev. Oscar L. Simpson of Bristol, Va.-Tenn., as assistant director of Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church was announced December 15 by the executive director, Rev. E. Harold Mohn. In his new work, Dr. Simpson will supervise the promotional aspects of the Advance. He has been associate executive secretary of the Inter-Board Council of the Holston Conference for three and a half years.

RAYMOND J. WELCH of High Point, typographical editor of the **North Carolina Christian Advocate,** has been a patient for the past ten days in Burrus Memorial Hospital, High Point. He is recovering from an operation performed last week and is receiving treatment from liver specialists. Mr. Welch, a loyal member of Wesley Memorial Church, has been connected with the Advocate for many years and had charge of the paper during the editor's absence last summer.

REV. E. H. LOWMAN, pastor of Monticello-Rose Chapel charge, Statesville district, achieved splendid results as director of the Iredell County Friendship Train. A car was loaded with 66,000 pounds of canned goods and grain. A dedication service was held at the Statesville freight yard Tuesday afternoon, December 21. Rev. E. W. Fox, retired Methodist minister, delivered the address. Rev. J. H. Armbrust offered the prayer. Mr. Lowman led the Litany of Dedication. About 12,000 pounds of the load was sent by people from Alexander County. Rev. A. G. Lackey led the work in that county.

THE SPIRIT of Christmas became a reality for the pastor of the Hickory Grove Church. After presenting an excellent pageant on Christmas Eve, the congregation gave the Howard Allreds a grocery "pounding."

DR. GEORGE S. REAMEY, editor of the Virginia Methodist Advocate, has been elected by the Council of Bishops to serve as a member of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, filling the vacancy created by the death of Dr. John Paul Tyler. Dr. Reamey has written numerous articles on the work of the chaplains and has edited a series of popular pamphlets for use among service personnel.

THE COMMISSION to Study the Advisability of Establishing a Methodist Headquarters elected Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala., chairman when it met December 16. Legislation enacted at the 1948 General Conference requires the 15-member commission "to study the advisability of establishing a Methodist center or general headquarters and similar jurisdictional facilities." The group is to report its findings and recommendations to the General Conference of 1952.

BALLS CREEK circuit, Statesville district, is putting finishing touches on a new 8-room, 2-bath $14,000 parsonage comparable with the best anywhere. It has a large basement and a $1,500 heating plant. The conference board of missions is contributing $500 in cash, an electric range, and a water heater. Rev. J. O. Banks has given able leadership to this circuit for more than four years and reports all finances up to date for the new year. Center Church is installing new pews at a cost of nearly $2,000, and Mountain View reports the largest Sunday school enrollment in history.

DR. AND MRS. Edward Jeffries Rees of Staunton, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter Nell to Mr. Eugene W. Dabbs III of "Oak Lawn," Mayesville, S. C. Miss Rees is engaged as a medical social worker at Duke University Hospital, Durham. She is a graduate of Eastern High School, Baltimore, Duke University and Boston University. Mr. Dabbs is a graduate of The Citadel and has recently done several years post-graduate work in Cornell University. The wedding will take place in Central Church, Staunton, of which Miss Rees' father is the minister, on Saturday evening, January 8, at 8 o'clock.

BISHOP W. W. PEELE, chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, announces that the Commission is engaged in long-range planning in fulfillment of the General Conference action in establishing the Commission as one of the regular agencies of the church and enlarging its work to include all categories of the chaplaincy service. "The urgency for numbers is not now upon us, so that we can turn to other phases of work and develop closer ties with all men in the various services wherever they may be located. The Commission greatly appreciates the support of the churches as expressed through continued contribution to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. The communion offerings are our only present means of support."

MISS FLORENCE H. MARTYN, missionary of Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, returned to Washington, D. C., Dec. 21, after a busy week in Reidsville.

PLEASANT HILL congregation is completing a brick church with auditorium and five church school rooms on the Highfalls-Robbins road near the frame church which has been used for 30 years. Dedication next fall is planned. Rev. W. J. Underwood is pastor.

REV. A. L. THOMPSON, pastor of Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, really had a happy Christmas this year. As a token of their love and appreciation of his leadership, his congregation presented him with a new DeLuxe four-door Plymouth Sedan, fully equipped. E. B. Dixon, chairman of the committee handling the project, made the presentation at the annual Christmas party held by the church.

DAVIE County ministers in session Monday passed a resolution asking Governor-elect W. Kerr Scott to request the legislature for a State-wide referendum on beer, wine, and liquor. If the legislature fails in this, the ministers of this county proposed to circulate a petition to outlaw wine and beer. Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Sr., spoke to the meeting on ministerial ethics.

CLARKTON Methodists are building an adequate modern church school addition to their church. A two-story wing, 36x25 feet is being erected extending from the west side of the building. It will contain six classrooms, a recreation hall, heating and toilet facilities, and modern classroom equipment. The building committee is composed of Finley K. Rogers, Ray Helms, Mrs. Laura Dell Craven, Mrs. Helen Fisher Hester, and W. W . Wallace.

MAURY Methodists celebrated New Year Sunday by holding their first services in the recently completed Frizzelle Memorial Methodist Church. Rev. C. E. Vale is pastor. The church is a memorial to Brooks Frizzelle Maury, who lost his life in World War II. The congregations of the original Maury Methodist Church and the Ormondsville Methodist Church united to build the church, since both congregations had outgrown their smaller wooden structures.

REV. W. O. G. POTTER of Polo, Mo., and father of Rev. W. Stanley Potter, First Methodist Church, Henderson, N. C., passed away December 14, 1948. He was beginning his 46th year in the Methodist ministry, all of which was spent in the Missouri Conference. He and his wife had celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on November 18, and he became ill while conducting a funeral several days later. Surviving, besides his wife, are W. Stanley of Henderson, Grafton Moore of Kansas City, Mo., and Mary Helen of Jacksonville, Ill.

PARSONAGE TO BE BUILT BY DIVINE STREET CHURCH IN HARNETT

DUNN.—Members of the Divine Street Street Methodist Church in Dunn have voted to build a new parsonage, and the general committee has been appointed, it has been announced by Chairman Henry H. Sandlin of the board of stewards. Raymond L. Cromartie, Jr., general chairman of the project, said that the decision to build the new parsonage was reached after an estimate showed that the cost of modernizing and making the present home was too high. Rev. Joyce V. Early, new pastor of the church, is residing in a home owned by Dr. H. A. Aldridge pending other arrangements.

Ogburn Pins Three; Methodist Home Society Elects; Study Grants; Mrs. Brooks Succeeds Mrs. Bragg

Edited by MRS. E. L. BALLARD
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FACING THE NEW YEAR

We pledge ourselves
To follow through the coming year
The light which God gives us:
The light of Truth, wherever it may lead;
The light of Freedom, revealing new opportunities for individual development and social service;
The light of Faith, opening new visions of the better world to be;
The light of Love, daily binding brother to brother and man to God in ever closer bonds of friendship and affection.
Guided by this light,
We shall go forward to the work of another year with steadfastness and confidence.

OGBURN MEMORIAL CHURCH—WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

Your editor is justly proud of the achievements her own Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild have reached this calendar year, and the spirit in which they have accepted the program of Advance for the coming quadrennium.

The 33⅓ per cent increase in the budget was accepted, and the climax was reached when, at a lovely Christmas party when both organizations came together, life membership pins were presented to Mrs. John Grubbs, who was one of the presidents of the first missionary society of the church; Mrs. Joe Price, who was the first president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Mrs. Harvey Huls, an active and consecrated member of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Ninety pounds of shoes and clothing have recently been shipped to Church World Service Center, and about forty pounds was sent to the Cherokee Indians to be used for Christmas packages. Liberal contributions of food were given for the Friendship Train, and all the shut-ins of the church are being remembered with gifts—some with subscriptions to the N. C. Advocate.

A most enjoyable and profitable time was spent the first of December in the study of "Our Own Doorstep," and plans are being made for the immediate study of the other courses of study. Plans are also going forward for the observance of the Day of Advance in January, when a large number of prospective members are being invited to attend and join the Woman's Society of Christian Service or the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. W. L. Haslett is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. Ralph Chambers is president of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT NEWS

Announcement was recently made of the organizing of a Woman's Society of Christian Service at the aged people's home in Charlotte, and we are glad to give further information about it. Since both men and women were present at the organization meeting, it was decided to call it "The Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Home, affiliated with the Woman's Society of Christian Service." There were 11 members present.

After an interesting and inspirational talk by Mrs. J. W. Payne, conference president, Mrs. L. E. Brown, secretary of promotion in the Charlotte district, took over, and the following officers were elected: president, Miss Jennie B. Brent; vice-president, Mrs. Aileen Barber; recording and promotion secretary, Rev. Reid Wall; secretary of missionary education and literature, Miss Bertha Lee; secretary of spiritual life, Dr. C. M. Pickens.

Mrs. George Dooley, district president, and Miss Lilian Walker, conference secretary of missionary service, offered their services to the society. Dr. Pickens made a brief talk before the meeting adjourned and expressed the desire that the Methodist Home become the center of prayer for the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Mecklenburg County subdistrict meeting was held at St. James Church, Charlotte, with 109 ladies attending. The president, Mrs. George Dooley, presided, and words of welcome were given by Mrs. J. H. Freeman, president of the hostess society. The noon devotional was led by Mrs. H. F. Anderson. Mrs. Hugh Wilkins is the district secretary.

GREENSBORO SUBDISTRICT MEETING

Subdistrict 3 of the Greensboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at Summerfield Methodist Church, December 2. Mrs. Holly Johnson, president, presided, and Rev. John Lowder, pastor of the host church, conducted the devotionals. District officers present were Mrs. Hal Fields, Mrs. Frank Little and Mrs. Cicero Groome. Conference secretary of missionary education, Mrs. C. A. York, was also present. A picnic lunch and social followed the adjournment of the meeting.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY GRANT APPLICATIONS

From Mrs. C. N. Clark, conference secretary of missionary personnel, we have the following requirements which must be met by young girls making application for study grants:

1. Membership in any Methodist church in the Western North Carolina Conference.
2. The applicant must be interested in studying for some form of full-time Christian service.
3. Study grants are for one year's tuition with the privilege of re-applying for the second year.
4. A satisfactory record in high school.
5. Presentation of proof of need for the study grant.
6. Good references.
7. Appearance before the applicant's district committee on personnel for an interview. The committee will then report to the conference committee on missionary personnel.
8. Study grants may be given to girls contemplating becoming missionaries, or to workers approved by the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions.
9. Applicants expecting to be directors of religious education may be granted study grants for junior college. If funds are available, loans may be made to such applicants for further education.
10. Money spent for study grants must be refunded by the recipient to the conference treasurer unless she gives a minimum of two years' full-time Christian service.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, wife of a retired professor of biology at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, has been elected president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church for a four-year period. As head of this society, Mrs. Brooks directs the activities of the largest denominational body of church women in the world—about 1,500,000 members in all parts of the United States. She succeeds Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St Louis, Mo., who headed the organization for eight years. Mrs. Brooks is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College.

WEST JEFFERSON—WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

From time to time we hear of unusually good work being done by both the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of West Jefferson, and the following is the president's message to the W.S.C.S. at the December meeting:

"There are a number of things I'd love to relate
As we close the year 1948,
So please allow me to give this little rime
To mention just a few. It'll not take much time
To thank each of you for your wonderful part,
For the cooperation and service surely came from your heart.
For a certainty your work couldn't have been finer,
For which I am grateful, and as a reminder
Still greater things to be done we're convinced
With 1949's four-point program—the Program of Advance.
Each month the devotionals have been indeed
The spiritual food our souls are in need.
Of the countries in want the programs have told.
By helping, we bring them into God's fold.
The society stands for three things—service, prayer and giving.
Truly these are the keys to the door of abundant living.
And thanks for the attendance which has been good,
And the fellowship in each home has meant much to our livelihood.
Now may I stop and in keeping with the season so near
Wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
—Mrs. B. B. Graybeal.

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN MISSION

The women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Cherokee wish to extend to you their deepest and sincere heartfelt appreciation for the many nice garments and shoes that have been sent to Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Dennis of the Cherokee charge to be distrbiuted by them to the needy Indians. It has been a real pleasure for them to do this work, and the Indians have appreciated it very much. So we give our many, many thanks for this service to the Indians. And may the Lord bless and prosper the women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and others who may have contributed.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year.—Mrs. Addie Hornbuckle, Recording Secretary.

University of Georgia Professor Gives Five Reasons For Teaching Class of Men in Macon Sunday School

From the Wesleyan Christian Advocate

LAYMAN DRIVES 200 MILES TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

When it comes to getting speakers, the W. G. Solomon Bible Class of Mulberry Street Methodist Church in Macon, Ga., can tell one of the best stories in town.

The invited a guest speaker to fill in at one class meeting several years ago, and he has been a fixture with them ever since. The man is Dr. Bailey M. Wade. He first spoke to the Solomon Bible Class at the invitation of Harry Burns, after Professor I. E. McKellar of Wesleyan College resigned as class teacher to enter the pastorate. Dr. Wade, professor of psychology at Wesleyan, filled the vacancy one Sunday morning. They liked him and had him back the next Sunday. After that, he kept coming, and in a few weeks they elected him teacher of the class. During his whole period at Wesleyan he continued teaching the Solomon class, and when he moved to Warner Robbins he still kept it.

Now, Dr. Wade is living in Atlanta, where he heads the psychology department of the University of Georgia Night School. But he hasn't retired from his Macon duties. Every Sunday morning, he climbs into his car and drives a hundred miles to Macon. Rain or shine, he arrives at Mulberry Street Methodist Church at 10:15, in time to teach the W. G. Solomon Bible Class . . . the only Macon Sunday school class that has an Atlanta man for a teacher.

Below we are giving excerpts from the address which Dr. Wade broadcast on Christmas Day over WBML at 10:30 a.m.

"Members and friends of the W. G. Solomon Bible Class:

"On this greatest of all holidays, Christmas, we celebrate the most significant event that has transpired in human history, the birth of Christ. We are assembled not in our classroom as we do each Sunday, but in our homes with those we love most and those who love us most.

"Will you forgive me this Christmas morning if I get somewhat personal? Several months ago I was eating lunch in a Macon cafeteria and chanced to sit at the table with a friend of this class. After a friendly greeting he said to me, 'Doc, don't you come all the way from Atlanta every week-end to teach the W. G. Solomon Bible Class?' I replied that I did, now that my work was in Atlanta. Then, somewhat puzzled, he added, 'Doesn't that weekly trip cost you rather heavily in time and money?' I answered that the two hundred-mile trip did take considerable time and some money each week. Still wondering, he once more questioned, 'Aren't you just a school teacher who doesn't make much money?' Again I had to reply in the affirmative and admit, not apologetically, but with pride that I belonged to that group of 25,000 publicized, underpaid, underfed, ill-housed and unclothed group of Georgia school teachers. Jesus was a teacher, why should I be ashamed to follow His profession? Once more he came at me, this time with a blast that cut deeply. 'Do you honestly think folks appreciate the sacrifice you make to teach that Sunday school class?' I didn't reply. I could think of no answer. My food suddenly tasted flat. I left the remainder of the food on the plate (and that is a rare thing for a Georgia teacher to do in these days of high prices).

I left immediately in my car for Atlanta, all alone, dejected, discouraged, way down deep in the dumps as we all get at times. Two and half hours later, I was at my desk and wrote this letter. I did not mail it; some letters need to be written but not mailed. Perhaps this was one, I kept it. Now I am reading it to you. It is my Christmas message.

"My dear friend: Pardon me for not answering your question a few hours ago. I did not know the answer then. I do now. I do not teach the W. G. Solomon Bible Class to be appreciated, although many have gone to extremes to show their sincere appreciation in every way. You have honored me far above what I deserve. If that were my sole motive I would have resigned years ago. Should we always expect appreciation? Does your wife always appreciate you? Do those children for whom you would give your life always show appreciation to you, their fathers? Does your mother-in-law appreciate you? In fact, do you appreciate her? God pity the man who always waits around to get appreciated. He has some long waits coming and some lonely days ahead. There are five reasons why I teach this class. To me they make sense, not dollars-and-cents sense, but sense in terms of the main aim of living: service to God and fellowman.

"1. I love the men who make up this class. They constitute a democratic, cosmopolitan section of America, Georgia, and Macon. They represent all the goodness, badness, strength and weakness found in the good average American, Georgian, or Maconite. I shall never know a finer group of men. It has been my privilege to sympathize with them in their sorrow, rejoice with them in their success. I need their prayers always.

"2. I love the firm that this class represents: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is a high honor for the officers and teachers of this class to represent this Divine Trinity, and this great Church of which the Solomon Class is a part.

"3. I believe in the product this class tries to sell, or rather give away: salvation (free to all), love, unselfishness, good will and service to men everywhere regardless of race or creed. In this age of fear, indecision, threatening war, supersonic speed and atomic energy with its power for good or evil, there is greater need than ever before for those products the Prince of Peace came to bring to mankind.

"4. I believe in the motto of this class: 'Put God First.' We have tried putting everything else first: money, pride, pleasure, business. Now look at the condition the world is in Isn't it worth one more trial to 'Put God First'? What have we to lose? Our Master said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Not just on Christmas Day but every day, giving without expectation of receiving. A little personal witnessing for God will accomplish miracles.

"5. I teach this class because it gives me a chance each Sunday to refresh your mind and mine with the teaching of that still small voice which continually strives to save us from our own folly, from the misery that comes to the self-centered and even from total destruction if we heed not his words. With all my sins of omission and commission I love that Man, that Man who came to save that which was lost. His work can be done only by you and me.

So you see, my friend, it doesn't matter whether I am appreciated. Our Master wasn't appreciated. He didn't expect it. He was loved by a few, rejected by many, cursed, spat upon, nailed to a cross. He was only thirty-three when he left the earth, just at the age when a man begins to live. His enemies thought they had killed him. What fools they were! He lives today ten thousand times more alive than when his enemies drove the cruel nails into his hands. He lives in the hearts of 500,000,000 disciples who proudly march under his banner and gladly crown him King of kings and Lord of lords."

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Books in Review

Windows of Thought, by David Piper. W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, 1948; 148 pages, $1.50.

Here are 52 short illustrative stories which serve to let the light shine through upon the problems of everyday life. The stories are drawn from the Bible, from nature, history, and everyday experiences by a keen observer of human nature and a competent writer. They will be suggestive to many preachers and church school teachers. Some of the stories have topics that suggest sermons.

Mahatma Gandhi, by E. Stanley Jones. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn., 1948; 160 pages, $2.

This book about the strange little brown man who is credited more than any other with achieving the independence of his nation is written by the man best qualified to interpret him to the Western world. It is well done, and a thrilling story from the first page to the last. Dr. Jones says: "I am still an evangelist . . . I kneel at the feet of Christ and give him my full and final allegiance . . . (Yet Gandhi) has taught me more of the spirit of Christ than perhaps any other man in East or West. The book is a symbol of my gratitude." Dr. Jones was on his way to visit the Mahatma when he was assassinated and gives an intimate account of the elements entering into that tragedy.

BOOKS RECEIVED

It Does Add Up, by Elmer A. Hilker. Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., 1948; 142 pages, $2.50.

Pastoral Work and Personal Counseling, by Russell L. Dicks. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1948; 195 pages, $2.50.

Preaching and the Dramatic Arts, by E. Winston Jones. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1948; 123 pages, $2.

The Choice Is Always Ours, edited by Dorothy Berkley Phillips, Lucille M. Nixon, and Elizabeth Boyden Howes. Richard R. Smith, New York, 1948; 511 pages, $4.50.

Durham Boy Reports Visit; Chapel Hill Christmas Party Delights Fifty; White Gifts From Sanford

By L. C. LARKIN

SUNDAY SERVICE AT CALVARY CHURCH

It was my happy privilege to visit with Leon M. Hall and the people of Calvary Church, Durham, on Sunday, December 19. A group of the children went over with me and had a part in the morning worship. The article that follows was written by a junior boy of Calvary Church. This interesting paper was read just before the offering for our Orphanage was taken.

A Visitor From Durham

We left Calvary Church, Sunday afternoon about 2:30 with a caravan, to visit the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh.

As we drove up to the Orphanage about an hour later, all the children ran out to wave to us, a hearty and cheerful welcome. We were met at our cars by the children who made friends with us and took us on a sightseeing trip over the grounds and through the buildings. First, we went to the gymnasium where the older boys and girls were playing basketball. Next, we went to visit the Baby Cottage. These small children were playing indoor games. It is in this building that the boys and girls live until they are old enough to go to school. We learned that the older girls take turns helping to care for these small children.

Our next stop was in the dining hall and kitchen. We were told that Octagon soap coupons had paid for the kitchen floor. We were then shown through the girls' and boys' other dormitories. Most everybody remarked that all the buildings were so clean and neat, and most of all, that the children were so kind and friendly, and happy.

At four o'clock we all met in the chapel for a workshop period. We enjoyed the singing of several Christmas carols. Rev. L. M. Hall brought the message. Other remarks were made by Dr. Hardy and the superintendent of the Orphanage.

When it was time to say our goodbye, we asked several of the children what they wanted for Christmas, and I was surprised that they named only one thing each. Our guide for the afternoon was Freddy, a little girl ten years old, and I fell so much in love with her that I'd like to have Santa bring her to me as a little sister.

THE LAMBDA CHI ALPHA FRATERNITY PARTY

This Christmas season has been made bright and joyful for all of our children by the thoughtfulness of our friends. Saturday, December 11, will stand out as one of the brightest of these days for 50 of our youngest children.

The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity of Chapel Hill played host to our little folks. The party left our campus at 9 o'clock for Chapel Hill. The first number on the program was an entertainment provided by a magician. This was followed by a moving picture that appealed to the little people and provided many thrills.

When the children returned to the fraternity house, the tables were loaded with good things to eat. A turkey dinner was served, with pie and cake for dessert. After dinner was over Charlie Justice autographed a picture for each child and sent a souvenir to each member of our football team.

The boys and girls with their Chapel Hill friends motored to the airport to see Santa come in by plane. He arrived with toys for the children and rode back to the fraternity house with the youngsters. As they gathered around a Christmas tree, it was a thrilling sight to see the little tots open their presents and play with their older friends.

Before leaving the university, ice cream was served, and each child was given a well-filled stocking to carry back to the Orphanage. After thanking their "big brothers" for a wonderful time, they set out for their home, exhausted, but genuinely happy.

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT SANFORD

Mrs. Larkin and I feel very close to Steele Street Methodist Church. It was like homecoming to be there Sunday night, December 19. Twenty of us drove over from the Orphanage to be present for a program. The ladies of the church served us a good supper as we met with the members of the youth fellowship. A sound picture, "The Birth of Christ," was shown in the social room.

At 7:30, our children gave a most inspiring program in the sanctuary. Following a message by the superintendent of the Orphanage, a long table was filled to overflowing with white gifts for our home.

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A LESSON IN PERCENTAGE

The following conversation took place in the Atwater cottage:

"Mrs. Tull, did you study scrimmage when you went to school?" asked Martha.

"No, Martha, why do you ask?"

"Mr. Smith, our teacher, told us if we would memorize the first four pages of scrimmage, we would never have any more trouble with math."

"Martha, do you mean percentage?"

"Maybe so, Mrs. Tull, I know it had 'age' on the end of it."

Martha got her football mixed up with her math lesson.

APPORTIONMENTS PAID IN FULL

Some of our churches have made a great start on the work of the new conference year. When a church goes over the top with their entire apportionment the first month of the year, that is good news and it rejoices our hearts. Mr. Pridgen, our efficient business manager, tells me that eight church have paid up in full. It is with sincere thanks, and genuine pride that we give this list to you. This report, as of December 22, is as follows:

West Burlington, G. W. Blount, pastor.
Red Springs, G. S. Eubank, pastor.
Rockingham First Church, D. E. Earnhardt, pastor.
Troy, C. P. Morris, pastor.
Beaufort, T. R. Jenkins, pastor.
Greenville, Leon Russell, pastor.
Morehead City, L. A. Tilley, pastor.
Bethel, W. M. Howard, pastor.

To these pastors and their members we extend our gratitude and congratulations.

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

We have just received a shipment of Orphanage envelopes. These will be sent to any pastor upon request. They are not dated and can be used any Sunday of the year. Drop me a card if you feel that these would be helpful at any time.



Miss Mary's first grade has a canary named Lovy, which affords a center of interest in the classroom

Sources of Our Knowledge of Jesus

Luke 1:1-4; John 20: 30-31; 21:25; I Corinthians 15: 3-5; I John 1: 1-4

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Just as the proof of a physician's skill is not in the diploma that hangs on his office wall but in his former patients who are now walking the streets in health and vigor, so the principal sources of our certainty as to what kind of a man Jesus was are not in the stories about him, but in the transforming power which he manifestly had in the lives of his disciples. Jesus himself said we are to test the prophets who come to us by the practical results of their teaching. By their fruits, said he, ye shall know them. By that test we know beyond a peradventure that the man with whom the disciples had been in contact was not only an inspiring teacher, but a teacher possessed of extraordinary power to vitalize and recreate men.

The earliest literature of the New Testament is not the Gospels, but the letters of Paul. No one questions that the earliest of these letter came directly from his hand. They show that this proud rabbi who had inherited a religion that with all its good points was a slavery to rigid rules and ceremonies, had been marvelously liberated and given a message that appealed to every man's conscience in the sight of God. He believed that Christ dwelt in his own heart through faith and that he would undoubtedly manifest himself to the world as its final judge and the restorer of all things. Hence it is plain that the Christ who had so transformed him, so filled him with exultant hope, and so inspired him to risk his life to proclaim him everywhere in spite of murderous oppostion, this Christ must have been a wondrous personality.

Paul is sure that Jesus rose from the dead, and he gives us the earliest and most impressive list of his appearances to the disciples, including the appearance to five hundred brethren at once and, last of all, says he, he appeared to me also. And the other apostles who write the New Testament letters all radiate the same wonderful freshness and vitality, the same glow of new faith and new joy, and the same mighty expectation of what Christ is going to do in the future. And all this proclaims that Jesus must have been as great as the Gospels portray.

And turning to these four Gospels we are surprised at what the Gospels leave out. The Spirit seems to have restrained the writers from inserting anything trifling or irrelevant; and that makes it reasonable to believe that the same Spirit has kept them loyal to the truth. They have but one purpose, that we should believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that believing we should have life in his name.

The writers of these Gospels had received from our Lord a new and wonderful vitality. They had found in him the secret of happiness and peace. They had learned to forget themselves in love for their neighbors. Life had taken on a wonderful zest. Jesus had made God real to them, and prayer a mighty force in their lives; and their one anxiety is not to gratify our curiosity but to portray Jesus and his teaching in such a way that we also might learn this wonderful and transforming secret. That the writers had this secret there can be no doubt whatever. They could not have written such wonderful Gospels unless the pulses of a vigorous spiritual life had been beating within them. And they were sure that those who believed their story would in due time enter into its enjoyment. They did not deem it necessary to give us a vast number of details about the life of Jesus. They believed that once we receive the life-giving Spirit of Christ we ourselves will be capable of answering many of the questions that now trouble us. Jesus himself had said, It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go I will send him unto you, and he personally will guide you in all things.

The marvel about the Gospel stories is that the longer they are studied the more wonderful they seem. From them comes to the mind a healing power and an infinite suggestiveness. There is no cosmetic to rub off, no gilt to tarnish, but a perpetual source of life and inspiration. God works through these Gospels to regenerate human life, and does it continually, and also causes them to light up like an electric sign in the night with the strategic message for the hour. Hence, we are contrained to believe these messages are true because the Spirit of truth continually uses them to inspire and bless mankind. God does not use error to uplift his children.

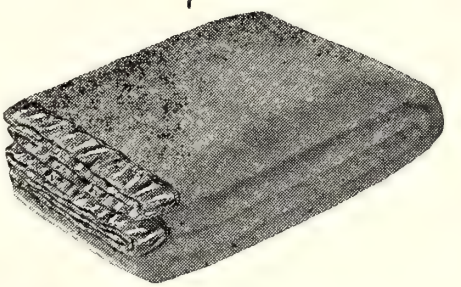
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THE STRANGE FOOD

By RACHEL GOBBEL

One day Blacky, the mischievous little black kitten, was out in the back yard of the Chester home talking to his friend, Mr. Squirrel. Blacky was saying, "You see, Mr. Squirrel, a long time ago there weren't any cats or kittens. And I was only a little tiny ant. I lived in an ant hill as the ants nowadays do. I would go into people's houses and find little bits of food to take back to my home. About a thousand of my relatives lived in the hill, and I had to help feed them.

"One day I accidentally got a piece of food that had a queer effect upon me. As soon as I ate a bite of it, I began to feel strange, and I realized I was becoming larger and larger. I didn't look right. I didnt look like an ant any more. Instead, I looked like I do now. My relatives (ants) scorned me. They thought I should have been able to smell something wrong with the food. But I still had one friend. When I was an ant I had a girl friend, Mitzie, who lived in another ant hill. And when I became very large, she didn't want me to leave her; so I gave her a piece of the strange food, and she became large, too.

"Not all ants are good. Some are mean and are jealous of their fellow ants. They don't like it one bit when another ant does something that they would like to do themselves. Also some of the ants liked to eat a lot, and when they learned that Mitzie and I ate a lot more now that we were big, they stole the rest of the strange food. Then they and their girl friends ate all of it so that no one else could have any. And because they ate all the rest, each one had eaten more than I, and they became very much larger than Mitzie had become. They now are what you know as tigers and leopards.

"Later, Mitzie and I became proud parents. And then when our children grew up, we became grandparents, great-grandparents, and so on. Therefore, we are the first of all the cats and kittens there are in the world."

"Wait a minute, Blacky," Mr. Squirrel interrupted, "You couldn't be one of the original cats because you are only a kitten now. And also I remember hearing my Grandpap Squirrel tell about experiences he had with cats."

"Of course I know that," Blacky answered. "Didn't I tell you to begin with that this was a dream I had? Kittens can dream just as much as anyone else can.

"One thing about the dream made me mad, though. The tigers were angry with the cats because they thought that they should be the leaders of the cat family. Then just as the leader of the tigers was starting to fight me to see who would be the ruler over the whole cat family, I woke up to hear Janie calling me to lunch. And I never knew who won.

"But I think this dream helped me to realize, all the more, how lucky I am to be just a little black kitten who has Janie for his mistress."

A True Dog Story

By KARL P. MEISTER

Years before World War I a little boy named Lee Duncan became a member of the family of the Fred Finch Children's Home (Methodist) at Oakland, Calif. The Church gave this boy all the home he had. He grew to manhood and when the call of his country came he became a soldier. He went to France and while there he came across two little motherless puppy dogs. When the war was over he made desperate efforts to bring those puppies to America and eventually he succeeded. They were German police dogs.

In New York City one dog became sick and died. The other dog was also sick but Lee Duncan nursed him back to health. That dog became the famous movie star dog—Rin Tin Tin.

In later years, Lee Duncan returned with Rin Tin Tin to the Fred Finch Home and in talking to the children he said, "I took care of a little homeless puppy. Now that puppy has grown to a dog that takes care of me."

The Methodist Church takes care of homeless, needy children because long ago a lover of children said, "Inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me." It is possible that the Church which takes care of homeless children may some day find that those children take care of the Church.

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A woman traveling by train was talking with a man in the next seat. In describing her holiday she said that she had visited San Jose.

"You pronounced that wrongs," said the man, "It's San Hosay. In California you pronounce all the J's as H's. When were you there?"

The woman thought for a moment, then answered, "In Hune and Huly."

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Trinity, 7:30	10
Bethlehem, 7:30	11
Brevard Street, 7:30	12
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Pleasant Grove, 11	16
St. James, 7:30	21
Matthews, 11	23
Marshville: Gilboa, 3	23
Lilesville: Wade, 7:30	23
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Morven: Shiloh, 3	30
Polkton, 7:30	30

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Stokesdale Circuit: Eden, 11	9
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	January
Forest Hill, 11	9
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Albemarle, Main Street, 7:30	16
Epworth, 11	23
Concord Circuit: Bogers Chapel, 3	23
Harmony, 7	23
Kannapolis, North, 11	30
Kannapolis, Midway, 7	30
	February
Concord, Central, 7	2
Pfeiffer: Wesley Chapel, 11	6
Coburn Memorial, 7:30	6
Jackson Park, 11	20
Mount Mitchell, 7	20
Mount Olivet, 11	27
Roberta, 7	27

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Hickory, Westview, 7:30	2

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Graham: Graham, 7:30	10
Durham, Calvary, 7:30	11
Durham, Asbury, 7:30	12
Durham, Bethany, 7:30	13
Pittsboro: Pittsboro, 11	16
Bynum: Bynum, 3	16
Chapel Hill: Chapel Hill, 7:30	16
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30	18
Carrboro: Carrboro, 7:30	20

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
J. Herbert Miller, D.S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

	January
Moyock: Pilmore Memorial, 11	9
South Camden: Wesley, 7:30	9
Pasquotank: Newbegun, 11 and 1	14
Elizabeth City, First Church, 11	16
Perquimans: Cedar Grove, 10 and 1	22
Mattamuskeet: Englehard, 11	23

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
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	January
Mount Gilead, 11	9
Troy, 7:30	9
Maxton, 7:30	10
Mount Gilead Circuit: Wadesville, 11	16
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Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11	16
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Dover, 11	30
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	January
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Mount Pleasant, 7:30	9
Dunn, 11	16
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Henderson, First Church, 11	23
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Selma, 7:30	30

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	January
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Evansdale 3	9
Tarboro, 7:30	10
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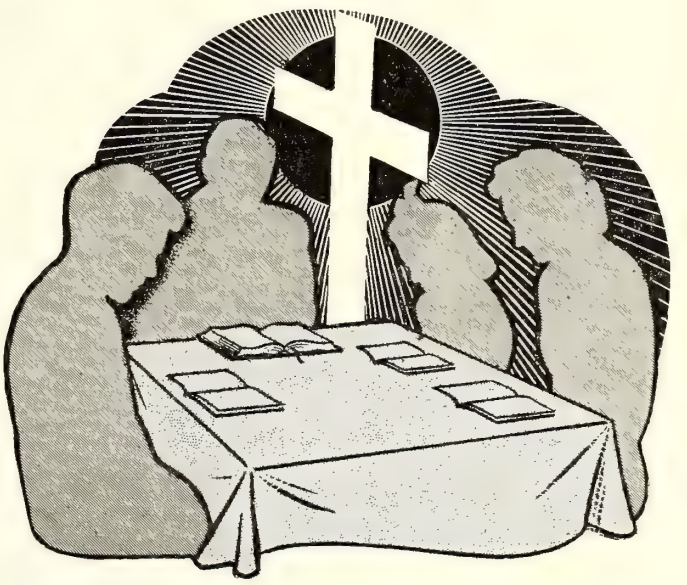
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Lumberton, 11	16
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PRAYER

(Offered by Dr. J. M. Ellison at the Richmond, Va., Regional Missionary Conference, October 21, 1948)

ETERNAL God whom we call "Our Father," as pilgrims on a twilight road we walk where hearts are heavy and ways are dark. Come and join our journey. Show us thyself and thy way. For always our deepest need is for someone to draw near and go with us; someone who knows the way when sunset paths fade into the darkness of the night.

In every experience, whether alone or with our fellow men, open unto us thy truth and cause us to know thy will. Set our dark sorrows in a prophetic light. Kindle once again our fading lamps of hope and courage. Heal in us what is bruised and broken. Add what is lacking. Make strong in its meaning the fellowship of this hour.

For the high privilege as well as for the solemn responsibility that we have to share the saving knowledge of our Christ with those in other lands, we thank thee. Strengthen our desire and will to be faithful. As the shadows of life's little day lengthen, keep tryst with our hearts, and at eventide from some Mount Pisgah let there be light and an advancing vision. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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CONFERENCES ANNOUNCE MEETINGS TO PROMOTE ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

N. C. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON ADVANCE ANNOUNCES DISTRICT MEETINGS JANUARY 17-25

BURLINGTON.—(Special). The Advance for Christ and His Church, quadrennial program of Methodism, will be discussed in a series of district meetings to be held in the North Carolina Conference January 17-25, it is announced by Rev. W. L. Clegg, chairman of the conference committee on the Advance.

Dr. Karl Quimby, distinguished missionary leader of New York, will speak at these meetings, as will Mr. Clegg, Rev. Leon Russell of Greenville, conference missionary secretary, and representatives from the conference board of evangelism and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The schedule of the district meetings, each of which begins at 10 a.m. on the day and at the church named below, is as follows:

Monday, Jan. 17—Durham district, Asbury, Durham.

Tuesday, Jan. 18—Rocky Mount district, First Church, Rocky Mount.

Wednesday, Jan. 19—Elizabeth City district, First Church, Elizabeth City.

Thursday, Jan. 20—New Bern district, Queen Street, Kinston.

Friday, Jan. 21—Wilmington district, Trinity, Wilmington.

Monday, Jan. 24—Raleigh district, Trinity, Raleigh.

Tuesday, Jan. 25—Fayetteville district, Aberdeen.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

ALL Methodist people within the bounds of the Rocky Mount district are urged to attend a most important meeting at First Church, Rocky Mount, Tuesday, January 18, at 10 a.m. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, who is calling the meeting, will preside, and there will be speakers to present "Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church." Pastors of the Rocky Mount district are urged to bring as many church members as possible. This Advance is the plan Methodist people will use for the next four years to help make the Kingdom of God a reality on earth, and to lead people from a sensate culture to greater faith in God.

BISHOP LOWE AMONG SPEAKERS FOR ADVANCE MEETINGS IN ASHEVILLE AND STATESVILLE

AT Central Methodist Church, Asheville, on January 18, and at Broad Street Church, Statesville, January 20, pastors and laymen of the Western North Carolina Conference will gather at the call of Bishop Costen J. Harrell to hear outstanding leaders on the theme of Methodism's quadrennial program, the Advance for Christ and His Church. Bishop Titue Lowe and Chilton G. Bennett, secretary of the Methodist board of lay activities, will be among the guest speakers.

Morning sessions at both Asheville and Statesville will open at 10:30 o'clock with devotions led by Rev. E. K. McLarty, Jr., and Rev. Herman Duncan, respectively. Bishop Harrell will speak at both meetings on "The Meaning and Purpose of the Advance" at 11 a.m. An address by Rev. L. F. Tuttle of Asheville on "Undergirding the Faith of the Church" will follow at 11:30. Bishop Lowe's address on the subject, "Distress Across the Sea," will be heard at noon. Luncheon is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The afternoon sessions begin at 2 o'clock with an address on "The Week of Dedication" by Chilton G. Bennett. At 2:30, Dr. Walter B. West of Salisbury will speak on "The Advance Special—A New Approach to Missionary Giving." Following an address at 3 p.m. by Rev. W. J. Miller of Charlotte on "Mission Specials Now Available," the meetings will close with questions and discussion.

AN EXPLANATION AND AN EMERGENCY

The supply of Journals for the Western North Carolina Conference 1948 is exhausted. This is the reason: Many pastors were late sending in orders, and the printer had to have instructions for the printing. Your Journal editor tried to provide for this and added what seemed to be the fair additional number; but after the Journal was printed in part many other orders came. Trying to meet your orders, evidently too many were accepted. The result is that the printer had to cut down on some orders; and in every one of these cases, I believe, these men had ordered early. This your secretary and editor regrets. In face of this shortage the following requests are made:

FIRST: If you have more Journals than you will need for this year, return them AT ONCE. Do not send after January 31 unless you get approval from me. For packages sent immediately, postage will be paid by the undersigned.

SECOND: If you need more Journals, your request will be met in the order received and as copies of the Journal are returned to me.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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A NOTE OF THANKS AND A SUGGESTION

Away from "Down Home in the Old North State" we would like to say "Thank You":

1. To the many dear friends who sent us Christmas greetings and written messages of love and good will.

2. To Dr. C. S. Kirkpatrick for his timely article on the "Displaced Methodist Ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference." Fine messages came to us as a direct result of his article. These messages cheer our hearts and add sunshine along our pathway.

3. To Rev. J. W. Frank for his remarkable article on "The Forgotten Man," or the uselessness of retired Methodist ministers. O how true! And if that be true among your own conference brethren how much more true it is out among those who "know not Joseph." It is religiously lonely for an elderly minister to live among younger ministers who have nothing for him to do. So we have a self-appointment to a ministry of prayer and letter writing, and God is blessing us in it.

4. The Suggestion. Let me say to active pastors: Remember the retired old soldiers in your midst, and give them a little something to do. It will add joy to their lives and prove a blessing to somebody.

Something like that, I think, prompted the Master to say, "This do in remembrance of me." He didn't want to be forgotten. Yours in His service,

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The Case Against the Snake Handlers

Two North Carolina Supreme Court decisions handed down in recent days have dealt with religious principles and have somewhat in common — the case of the Durham evangelist who contended for the right to practice his religion by handling venomous snakes in public, and that of the visiting prophets in Orange County who sought to practice their faith and further interracial understanding by defying local laws concerning segregation in intrastate omnibus travel.

In both cases the appellants lost despite the apparent sincerity of the religious convictions which landed them in difficulties. In both cases there seems to have been deliberate defiance of the law for conscience' sake. The Court's decision against them in each case was based squarely on the law ably expounded by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy. It is hardly more than incidental that these decisions tend to confirm the overwhelming popular sentiment in these parts that the laws which were broken are just and wise and ought to be maintained, snakes being what they are, and human nature being what it is.

It must be admitted that the laws against which these appellants protested curb liberties and restrict the exercise of human rights. Moreover, the faith that poisonous snakes can be handled without harm and that racial differences and prejudices can be safely ignored under proper conditions is based on Scripture and religious experience. There is and should be no law against preaching this faith.

But liberty and human rights are established by laws that restrict their exercise; and the public, lacking the kind of faith that renders deadly venom innocuous, has a right to legal protection from those who handle sources of social danger with recklessness or naivete. Practical demonstrations of religious faith within the framework of rightful laws duly enacted will demand all the courage and devotion good men can muster. To disobey such laws is to attack the basis of all rights and liberties.

It Hath Been Said

The soul of all improvement is improvement of the soul.—*E. S. Lewis.*

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The kingdom of heaven is not the isolation of good from evil. It is the overcoming of evil by good.—*A. N. Whitehead.*

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There can be no forgiveness of sin that means less than a conquering over it by the infinite grace of God.—*Cornelius Woelfkin.*

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We and God have business with each other; and in opening ourselves to his influence our deepest destiny is fulfilled.—*William James.*

Governor Scott Calls for Reforms

In a clear-cut inaugural address last Friday Governor W. Kerr Scott began his administration with a vigorous statement of policy which even his worst critics must admit was strong and well delivered. He spoke with a conviction that rang true. He laid proper emphasis on the tremendous deficit in public services which has piled up during recent years, particularly with reference to education in the elementary grades, road building in rural areas, and public health in needy counties. His courageous advocacy of more liberal labor legislation won no applause from the crowd present at his inauguration and will probably get scant attention from an Assembly that is willing to continue to gag itself out of responsibility for debatable action or inaction; but he meant what he said.

Governor Scott's clarion call for a State-wide referendum on liquor legislation did win applause. Whether he will get results in this matter is perhaps the most crucial question he faces at the beginning of his administration. Here is something clearly demanded by the hopeless confusion and the swiftly mounting cost which is accruing from the wet legislation imposed in a high-handed, undemocratic way upon a people traditionally and overwhelmingly dry for forty years. Despite the die-hard opposition of a few influential and experienced wets, the referendum issue should be the rallying point for organizing the new, strong, broad-based, reform-minded legislative machine which must emerge if the new administration is to succeed. If the Governor is as wise as his achievements thus far indicate, he will rescue the liquor issue from the hands of those who cannot do anything with it and make it one of the first big objectives on his agenda, thus symbolizing the return to popular democratic government.

The Scandal of the Gospel

The gospel of a crucified Christ was a stumbling-block to the pious Pharisees of Paul's day. The word "stumbling-block" in the Greek is "skandalon," from which our word "scandal" comes. The gospel of the Crucified is a scandal to complacent, self-centered, self-satisfied church people today. The church which is more concerned to save itself than to save the world is not the true church. The greatest foe of religion is a false religiosity. The greatest danger to Christianity is the danger of losing Christ. When John Wesley felt the call to minister to the poor and oppressed outside the established church, he was denounced by good church people as a radical and a fanatic. He was heckled and hated, accused of trying to overthrow the government and trying to establish the Papacy; he was persecuted, denounced, hounded by mobs, stoned, and treated like a criminal and an outcast. One wonders if modern Methodists are worthy of Wesley. One wonders if modern Baptists are worthy of Roger Williams, if modern Presbyterians are worthy of John Knox. These men were filled with the power of a great gospel. They believed in the eternal lordship of a Savior who laid down his life to save mankind They preached Christ crucified. The cross was even more central in their lives than in their words. And that is a scandal in any age.

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The Methodist Social Creed and Organized Labor

By JOHN G. RAMSAY

FOR many years the churches of America have made statements regarding the social or earth rights of mankind. The Methodist Church was the vanguard of the Protestant Church in stating the social vision in a declaration in its 1908 Conference; in part as follows: " . . . and now we summon our great Church to continue and increase its work of social service. We summon all our ministry, bishops, presiding elders, and pastors, to patient study of these problems and to the fearless but judicious preaching of the teachings of Jesus in their significance for the moral interests of modern society. We look to the press of our church for enlightenment and inspiration. We look to our Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues to awaken and direct the spirit of social responsibility. . . . Upon every member rests a solemn duty to devote himself with his possessions, his citizenship, and his influence to the glory of God in the service of the present age. And thus by their works, as by their prayers, let all the people called Methodists seek that Kingdom in which God's will shall 'be done on earth as it is in heaven'."

Comparatively speaking, only a few of the church leaders and lay members were aroused to action upon the adoption of this declaration for social action. These few, however, have been steadfast to this purpose and have increased their numbers. All of us have fallen short in seeking "that kingdom in which God's will shall be done."

Parallel to the thinking of the Church on social action has been the growth of organized labor and the resulting social action by this group. So many of the social benefits that we take for granted today are the result of direct action by Church and labor. Some of these are: free education, child labor laws, workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, social security.

Organized labor believes that the caring about its fellow men in the material sense is the first real test of brotherhood. The CIO lists the following as essential goals:

1. A job at union wages, or a business, farm or profession that pays.
2. A decent home.
3. Good food, clothing, medical care.
4. Good schooling for all our children and a chance for a healthy, happy growth.
5. An income, through social insurance, in time of sickness, old age, early death of the wage earner, or unemployment.

There is a religious aspect in these aims of organized labor for economic justice. Is religion not concerned about life now as well as life hereafter? Dr. E. Stanley Jones says, ". . . an unchristian social order produces more thwarted and disrupted lives than any other single cause."

In 1940, the Methodist Church in reaffirming its social creed says: (¶1712, pp. 766, 770) "Jesus taught us to love our neighbors; and because we love them we seek justice for them. We believe that to be silent in the face of need, injustice and exploitation would be to deny Him. We believe that the industrial development which makes possible economic plenty for all places upon men great moral responsibility in that the spiritual development of great masses of men is now needlessly hindered by poverty. We therefore stand for the abatement and prevention of poverty and the right of all men to live."

I believe that the Methodist Church is powerful enough in America; that if every member will study the social creed of his Church and be motivated by it, we can be the vanguard to lead America and the world to the achievement of God's Kingdom on earth.

To do so we must become conscious of the Crusade for Christ program and find for ourselves the new life. We must be honest about our shortsightedness, prejudices and other sins. We must repent and we must develop a social consciousness and zeal for the rebirth of society.

Organized labor has this vision. I have listened to many stories from labor about the failure of church people to show their Christian love to men and women who took responsibility to build the great labor unions—and as a result many labor leaders disassociated themselves from the Church.

I have found that men who were willing to sacrifice to build their unions so that the wives and children of laboring men may have a just share in a God-given abundance are men who are motivated by a great spiritual drive. For them to leave the fellowship of the Church is wrong.

Laboring men and women who are within the Church and who are ashamed or afraid to speak out in their Church about their union are, of course, not going to be union leaders—and they make very poor union people.

Likewise, men and women of the unions who keep silent about their spiritual convictions when attending union meetings will not give the spiritual leadership the labor movement needs.

There are millions of laboring men and women in the unions who are church members to the thousands who are communists. For there to be fear in America of the communists' domination of the American labor movement is an indictment against us of the Church. The unions are democratic—the church people are the largest majority, so Christian leaders should dominate the labor unions.

To conclude, let us of the great Methodist Church follow through with the recommendation of our Social Creed (1940, p. 770) when it states: "We recommend that this Social Creed be read to our congregations at least once each year or placed in their hands in printed form. We further recommend that in every local church there shall be a committee to encourage the study of our Social Creed and to seek in every possible way to apply its principles."

Yes, within our Church men of management and men of labor worship together—let us study together and build together the Kingdom of God on earth.

It will be done when God's will is done in my life and yours. Let us give to the unions, to management, and to America Christian leadership.

CITES DANGER TO NATION'S YOUTH

By LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL
Governor, State of Minnesota

TO OUR children, we recognize numerous obligations. We readily assume that they are entitled to a home, to food and clothing, and education, the opportunity to live in a free nation. All this is true and necessary. But it is not enough. We must also provide them with the example and guidance that will enable them to grow spiritually. It is in this crucial matter that too many modern parents fail their children. Fifty per cent of the children of America receive no religious training.

The longer I live the more I am convinced that the most precious gift we can give to our children is the knowledge and acceptance of God, a true Christian philosophy of life—as a real source of strength with which to meet the tragedies and disappointments that will surely come. If we give our children all else and neglect to nurture their spiritual resources, then I say we have failed them miserably. And that is exactly what too many American parents are doing today! That is the greatest danger to the youth of our nation. The solution lies in religious influence in the home and a return to church membership and participation.

Note: This statement was written at the request of the United Christian Youth Movement, Chicago, endorsing National Youth Week, Jan. 30—Feb. 6, 1949, in the United States and Canada.

Cuban Churches Celebrate; Bishop Hammaker to Address Raleigh Rally; Duke Seminars Planned

CUBA'S METHODIST SESQUICENTENNIAL

By William F. Quillian

Cincuentenario de la Iglesia Metodista en Cuba, January 1-6. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Methodist Church in Cuba has just been celebrated in the City of Havana, Cuba. The center of the celebration was Candler College, of which Dr. Harry Bardwell, a graduate of Emory College, has been president for 40 years and has made a magnificent contribution to the Church and the Kingdom. This institution was founded by Bishop Warren A. Candler and from this institution have gone hundreds of our young men and young women into the various professions and into the work of the Methodist Church in Cuba and other countries. Dr. Bardwell will retire from active work during the year.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell presided over the sessions of the Annual Conference for the current year and introduced as the new presiding officer, Bishop Roy H. Short, elected at the Jurisdictional Conference in Columbia, S. C., in June 1948. Other bishops present were F. P. Corson of the Philadelphia Area, Paul B. Kern of the Nashville Area, and Eleazer Guerra of Mexico. Representatives of the General Boards and a number of missionaries made their contribution to this great celebration.

Perhaps the most significant event was the ceremony in the breaking of ground for a great University Church that is to be erected on a prominent corner in the City of Havana. It will be one of the "Specials" of the Week of Dedication, March 13-20. This church will serve students, both men and women, and others interested in education.

The members of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council from Cuba are Rev. Carlos Perez and Sr. J. Lopez Silvero. The Council will cooperate in raising funds for Cuba and particularly in securing the necessary money with which to complete the erection of the University Church. Cuba, Europe and Soo Chow University are "Specials" of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

CENTRAL, ASHEBORO, PLANS BUILDING ON NEW SITE

By J. E. Pritchard

Some years ago the Central Methodist Church in Asheboro bought a lot adjoining the church property with a view of erecting a new church auditorium. Recently, it began to dawn on the leaders of that congregation that it would be better to sell all their property, which is being surrounded with business, and move out to a new location. Some weeks ago it was found that the Mrs. O. R. Cox property on the corner of Main and Academy Streets could be purchased for $30,000. C. C. Cranford, an Asheboro industrialist and a member of the First Church, made Central Church an offer that if they would raise the remainder of the price of the lot by December 31, he would give $1,000. The church appointed a committee with Earl Henley as chairman. This committee, working under the direction of Rev. J. G. Winkler, raised the entire amount in 17 days. It has not yet been determined just when the church building will be erected.

Central Church was established in Asheboro in 1891, and the present building was erected in 1922. The membership of the church is about 800. The new lot has a frontage of something over 500 feet on Main Street and about 250 feet on East Academy Street.

BISHOP HAMMAKER TO SPEAK AT ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE RALLY IN RALEIGH

RALEIGH.—Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker of Washington, chairman of the Methodist board of temperance, will be principal speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the Allied Church League on Thursday night, January 20, at 7:30 o'clock in Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Allied Church League will be held at Edenton Street church at 3 p.m., Thursday, January 20, preceding the temperance rally and mass meeting, it is announced by Cale K. Burgess, chairman of the local committee on arrangements.

DEAN BOSLEY AND MISS TAYLOR SPEAK AT WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT RALLY

WINSTON-SALEM. — Dean Harold A. Bosley of Duke Divinity School, Durham, was principal speaker at the Winston-Salem District Rally in Ardmore Methodist Church Monday evening.

The rally began with a check-up meeting held by Frank A. Stith, district lay leader. Reports of activities covering the first quarter of the conference year revealed encouraging progress.

The subject of Dr. Bosley's address was "Our Faith." Following his address, Miss Ruth Taylor, director of Christian education at First Methodist Church, Marion, spoke on her work in North Africa and Europe last summer. The meeting was presided over by Dr. H. G. Allen, district superintendent, and was well attended by officials and church leaders from throughout the district.

DIVINITY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN STATE

DURHAM.—The Duke University Divinity School today announced the inauguration this year of the "Duke Divinity Seminars" designed to offer ministers of the State "an opportunity to continue their education beyond graduation."

Two seminars will be held this year, in Kinston February 14-15, and in Charlotte February 17-18, according to Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, chairman of the committee.

Featured speakers are Dean Harold A. Bosley of the Duke Dviinity School, and a guest speaker, Dr. Thomas S. Kepler, professor of New Testament, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio.

In addition, Rev. George B. Ehlhardt, registrar and librarian of the Duke Divinity School, will discuss current books of interest to ministers and will show and discuss motion pictures taken at the international meeting of the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam.

Theme of this year's seminars will be "Our Faith," which is also the theme of the quadrennial program of the Methodist Church in the United States.

Attendance at each of the two seminars has been limited to 200. Alumni and ministers in this area will receive invitations.

The Kinston meeting will be held at Queen Street Methodist Church.

The host church in Charlotte is Dilworth Methodist Church.

Funds for the new religious education program are provided from the James A. Gray Fund which was presented to the Duke Divinity School in 1946.



Returned Missionary From India Visits Reidsville

Miss Florence H. Martyn (center) spent a recent week-end as guest of the W.S.C.S. circle named after her in Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville. Mrs. Sam Pugh, chairman of the "Peg" Martyn Circle, is on her right, and Mrs. George Hunt, president of the W.S.C.S., is on left. She flew down from Washington, D. C., where she is studying for her M.A. degree in nursing at Catholic University. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner. Mrs. Turner is co-chairman of the circle. She attended Mr. Lena Hall's Sunday school class Christmas party, spoke on India at Sunday schol, and was honor guest at a church reception. On Monday she spoke on the radio program, "Breakfast with Tiney Turner," addressed the Rotarians, and spoke at the Woman's Society meeting.—Reported by Mrs. S. F. Scott, Jr.

In the Limelight

REV. J. WALTER DIMMETTE was transferred from Laurel Hill to Caledonia (Laurinburg last fall after four happy years. He and his family have been pounded not once but three times since Conference. Each church has given a pounding.

CATAWBA County loaded a car for the Friendship Train with approximately 25 tons of grain and canned goods. Rev. A. G. Lackey was chairman of the work in Catawba County instead of Alexander, as reporte in last week's Advocate.

LEON COUCH, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Durham, has been selected to lead a Fellowship of Devotion for the Methodist Churches of Savannah, Ga., January 9-14. He began the series Sunday morning at Trinity Methodist Church in Savannah.

MISS DANDRIDGE PRICE has begun her duties as director of Christian education in her home church, the First Methodist, Reidsville. Miss Price, a recent graduate of Greensboro College, has served in this capacity for some time at Centenary Methodist Church, Greensboro.

REV. AND MRS. E. W. Downum admit that they were on the receiving end of a severe and bountiful pounding from the Grifton Church a few days before Christmas. They were also remembered with some gifts at the annual church school Christmas party at Edwards Church. "Many thanks, good folks," they say.

PURCELL Methodist Church, Charlotte, has improved the parsonage with paint, refinished floors, and weather-stripping, has purchased an amplifier for chime broadcasting, and increased membership 16 per cent since Conference. The new building will be started April 1, according to the pastor, Rev. J. J. Powell.

LANGDON CHEVIS KERR, SR., and Lena Barber White of Clinton were married December 24, 1948, in the home of the bride by Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, pastor of Clinton Methodist Church, and Rev. Robert M. Kellerman, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, pastors of the bride and groom. Mr. Kerr is a vestryman in the Episcopal church and is active in the civic and social life of Clinton. Mrs. Kerr has been an official in the Methodist church for some years and prominent in the social life of Clinton.

SOUTH FORK charge, Gastonia district, has been doing good work. In the parsonage, Rev. W. Grady Burgin and family are now enjoying a new gas stove, a new electric refrigerator, a new couch and chair for the living room, twin beds for one room, and springs and mattresses for two other rooms. Four youth fellowships and one young adult fellowship have been organized. Six members have been received into the church on profession of faith and six have been received by transfer. The charge is now making plans to enter wholeheartedly into the Advance for Christ and His Church.

ZEB E. BARNHARDT has been appointed assistant secretary-treasurer of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, and will become secretary-treasurer when the resignation of E. R. Clapp takes effect in May. Mr. Barnhardt, son of a former pastor, is a native of Lenoir, a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne, and did a year of graduate work at Duke University. He was employed with Reynolds Tobacco Company when he entered the Navy in 1944, and since his release as lieutenant (jg) in 1946 has been doing personnel and supervisory work with that company. Mr. Clapp, who has been with Centenary Church since 1916, was secretary-treasurer when the present $1,500,000 church was built. "He has rendered a valuable service to the church," said Dr. Mark Depp, pastor, "and we will continue to feel that he is a person we can depend on for assistance."

ENROLLMENTS were greater in the fall of 1948 than ever before in the 160-year history of Methodist colleges, according to an announcement made by the Joint Committee on Public Relations for Methodist Educational Institutions. Enrollment figures show that 181,027 students were enrolled in 114 Methodist-related colleges in 1948 as compared to 171,516 in 1947. This represents a net increase of 5.5 per cent. The enrollment increase in all the 1,800 institutions of higher education in the United States for the fall of 1948 as compared to the fall of 1947 is only 3 per cent.

THE newly elected superintendent of the Department of Goodwill Industries, under the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, and the executive secretary of the Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., is Percy J. Trevethan, 744 North Fourth Street, Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Trevethan is a "Goodwill career man," associated with the Industries since 1926, when he joined the staff of Dr. Edgar J. Helms, Goodwill founder, at Morgan Memorial, Boston. Previously, Mr. Trevethan had held important managerial position with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Duluth Division.

WELDON heard for the first time last Sunday the chimes given by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armfield III of Greensboro to Weldon Methodist Church in memory of Mrs. Armfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Allen, for so long active and devoted members of the church. This beautiful memorial gift brings inspiration and uplift to the membership and to the entire community. A program of Christmas music was presented by a choir of 35 voices on Christmas Sunday at the vesper hour, under the direction of Mrs. Seward Dickins, the new director of music. The church was filled to overflowing, and many were unable to find seats.

NEARLY 1,500,000 American farm families made Christmas, 1948, one that will be remembered around the globe for months to come. Because of what happened in America during the 1948 Christmas season, 4-year-old Yuken Yamada will have milk to drink on Okinawa; 78-year-old Grandmother Malina will have bread to eat in Italy; the widow Wong will have a bowl of beef broth in China. In Germany, Hans Wroebbel will have the strength to work and can thus help himself and his family . . . Thousands upon thousands will have received the gift of life itself . . . Into 43 different nations—in Europe, Asia, and Latin America—will go food contributed by these million and a half Americans through the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP).

HUGH CHATHAM MEMORIAL NURSES RECEIVE CAPS



THE STUDENT PRACTICAL NURSES pictured above with the director of the school are as follows: First row (left to right)—Pat Young, Elkin, N. C.; Betty Jo Daye, Jonesville, N. C.; Frances Stevens, Elkin, N. C.; Dorothy Gillette, Kirkville, N. Y.; and Mary Alexande,r Ronda, N. C.; Second row—Mary Woodruff Williams, Boonville, N. C.; June Perkins Moore, Dobson, N. C.; Mrs. Anne Arnold Cain, R.N., Director of Program, Hamptonville, N. C.; Doris Blackburn, Pleasant Hill; and Doris Meachum, Albemarle, N. C.

Japanese Leader Lectures at Duke Memorial; New Societies Begun; Harvest Festival at Greenville

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DR. MATSUMOTO TELLS OF ATOMIC BOMBING

"It was a quarter past eight on that fateful morning of August 6, 1945," Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, president of the Hiroshima High School and College for Girls, said, speaking in clear, dramatic tones as he faced a packed congregation in Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, on Sunday night, January 2. "I was just about to seat myself at my desk. It was a glorious summer morning. The sun was shining brightly. There was no air raid alarm that morning, not even the sound of planes. Suddenly the brightness of the summer morning was surpassed by an even greater brilliance, a weird, eye-searing flash, as if lightning had struck just above one's head." The next thing of which Dr. Matsumoto was conscious was finding himself in complete darkness, pinned beneath beams and timbers of the demolished school building. "I must have swooned for a while," he said, "for I did not hear the noise which must have been tremendous."

After working for nearly an hour to free himself, Dr. Matsumoto said, he looked about. There was not a building left standing in sight. The area around the school, which had shortly before been one of the best residential sections of the city, was completely flat. Everything was reduced to dust and rubble, desolation and ruins as far as eye could see. He said, "There were no more streets, just tiles, bricks, branches of scattered trees. Heavy clouds hung over the city and the sun could no longer be seen. It seemed as though the end of the world was come."

Hundreds of his students were killed instantly, many died later. The high school girls who had gone down into the streets to work early that morning were completely blown away. No trace of them has been found. His daughter was badly injured in the explosion. His wife died in the panic that followed the bombing. Dr. Matsumoto told of being himself hospitalized for many months. He told of spending many weeks searching hospitals and improvised relief centers for his former pupils.

Dr. Matsumoto is in Durham as the guest of Rev. Isawuo Tanaka and his family for the Christmas holidays. He spoke at the invitation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Duke Memorial Church. Many other churches joined in the service to hear this outstanding Japanese Christian leader.

JAMESVILLE ON THE ROPER CHARGE BECOMES NEW W.S.C.S.

The Elizabeth City district has another new Woman's Society of Christian Service! Jamesville on the Roper charge in the Plymouth zone was officially organized by Mrs. George Jackson, district promotion secretary. The pastor, Rev. B. E. Bingham, and Mrs. Bingham did a fine piece of cultivation work, laying the foundation for this new organization.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. O. W. Hamilton; vice-president, Mrs. H. B. Gaylord; spiritual life secretary, Mrs. J. M. Hassell; recording secretary and status of women, Mrs. Ernie Gardner; treasurer and secretary of supply work, Mrs. W. R. Roberson; promotion secretary, and secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. Leslie Hardis; secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Luther Hardison; secretary of student and youth work, Mrs. J. C. Kirkman; secretary of children's work, Mrs. F. A. Rawles; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. I. L. Alexander.

"These women are a very interested and an enthusiastic group. They have been doing a fine work through their former Aid Society," said Mrs. Jackson, "and we believe they will be an outstanding Woman's Society of Christian Service." Mrs. Jackson continues, "We hope that during the coming year other Aid societies in the Elizabeth City district will also decide to widen their fields of service by organizing into a Woman's Society of Christian Service."

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. SPRINKLE

"A development of large importance in the field of missionary cultivation was the election of Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., as one of the editors of the **World Outlook,**" quoting from the **World Outlook.** This page wants to join with all the other members of the staff of the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** in wishing Dr. Sprinkle great success in his new undertaking. We shall miss him and his fine guidance of the paper of which he has been editor. But our prayers and love go with him as he undertakes a greater service for his Master. We want to congratulate him for this chance of wider fields of service, and we want to congratulate the **World Outlook** for getting such a splendid man on their staff.

NEW WOMAN'S SOCIETY ORGANIZED ON WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary of the Wilmington district, announces the organization of a new Woman's society. It is Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. W. C. Davis, district secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. A. D. Byrd, zone leader; and Mrs. George Cannon, president of the Trinity W.S.C.S., met with the women at the home of Mrs. Robert Sneeden. The pastor, Rev. Christian White, officiated at the organizational meeting.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Ben J. McDonald; vice-president, Mrs. J. Love Davis; recording and promotion secretary, Mrs. Roy Sandlin; treasurer, Mrs. Carl B. Brown; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. J. D. Loughlin; secretary of Christian social relations, Mrs. A. R. Hardwick; secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. H. R. Dick; missionary education, Mrs. Ben McDonald; and secretary of supplies, Mrs. Love Davis.

WELCOME TO NEW EDITOR

A most hearty welcome to our new editor, Rev. C. W. Robbins! Here and now, before all these witnesses, this page wants to pledge its full support and cooperation with the new editor. We are happy to have you, and proud to work with you. God's richest blessings upon you as you undertake this new work for the Master.

JARVIS MEMORIAL W.S.C.S. CELEBRATES HARVEST DAY

On Monday evening, December 12, the Woman's Society of Jarvis Memorial Church in Greenville had its harvest day festival. The Wesleyan Service Guild and many visitors also attended. Mrs. Sam B. Underwood, Jr., president of the W.S.C.S., presided. Rev. O. C. Hass led the invocation. Mrs. Ed Batchelor and her fellowship committee served a turkey dinner to approximately 200 members.

Mrs. Harry Forbes, assisted by Rev. Leon Russell, gave an inspirational program, "They Offered Him Gifts." Each of the officers and committee chairmen gave an excellent report of the year's work, as did also the president of the W.S.G. and the circle chairmen. Each circle presented a book to the church library.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Underwood recognized Mrs. V. Scoville, who, in behalf of the W.S.G., presented a life membership to Miss Frances Gross. Mrs. Milton White announced that Mrs. R. W. Bradshaw was made a life member at the November meeting. An honorary life membership will be bestowed upon Miss Jennie Congleton, who left Jarvis Memorial Church to become a deaconess and is now serving in Norfolk, Va. Baby life memberships were given to Edgar and Louis Taft, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taft, by Mrs. Taft's circle; and to Mary May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds May, by her grandmother, Mrs. L. B. Garris. Mrs W. P. Moore presented a baby life membership to Robert Williams of Midland, Mich., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Taylor, in memory of his great aunt, Mae Edla Smith Earley.

Mrs. Underwood introduced Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, wife of the district superintendent, who is conference secretary of spiritual life. She also welcomed Mrs. Leon Russell and Mrs. J. L. Russell. Mrs. Underwood stated that the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild is 47, and that the Woman's Society of Christian Service had 301 members.

Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of the church, closed the meeting with prayer.

U.N. DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church has cabled Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, in Paris, gratitude for her leadership and for the passage by the United Nations General Assmebly of the "Declaration of Human Rights" — product of a commission of which Mrs. Roosevelt has been chairman. The cablegram was signed by Mrs. Frank G. Brooks of Mount Vernon, Iowa, president of the society, which has a membership of a million and a half women.

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Miss Skinner Prepares Study of Evangelism; North Main Street, Salisbury, Has Amazing History

Edited by CARL H. KING

EVANGELISM AND OUR CHILDREN

With the launching of the Advance and at the beginning of a new year, a statement of the position of the board of education on evangelism with children seems to be appropriate. The statement given below is the result of a study by children's workers representing the various denominations in the International Council of Religious Education. Miss Mary Skinner and other representatives of the Methodist Church participated in the preparation of this statement.

Evangelism of Children in Christian Education

1. A church program for the evangelism of children is most effective when all the forces that touch the life of children cooperate to bring them into an awareness of God. It will include training in worship, actual experience in Christian living, and association with sincere Christian people.

2. The graded curriculum, with the use of good educational procedure, gives to the child a knowledge of the Bible and an understanding of its teaching as a source of guidance in life situations. It uses purposeful activities to develop Christian attitudes. Through such experiences the child is made conscious of right human relationships and is challenged to share in the creation of a better world.

3. If parents are the greatest teachers, then the home in which the Christian spirit is at work must be a great contributing factor in the religious life of children.

4. The minister is one whose influence is strongly felt as a uniting factor between the church school and the home.

5. Teachers in the church school who are sincere Christians do much for boys and girls through informal association. If they are conscious of their mission as coworkers with God in bringing children into the knowledge and fellowship of the Christian life, they are true evangelists.

6. In the children's division there will be a large number of boys and girls who reach the place of decision or commitment. The exact age cannot be predicted. Often it comes in the intermediate years. From the nursery age up, however, there will be times of deepened experience that are important as upward steps in the understanding of what it means to definitely know Christ as their Savior and to become his disciple.

Objectives and Methods of Christian Education

The evangelism of childhood is the opportunity of Christian education. It is a growing process and decision day is the culmination of the days of preparation that have come before.

Graded lessons and plans of teaching seek to develop in the child a growing faith and trust in God and a happy and normal growth in spiritual experience leading to definite loyalty to Christ and to his teachings.

God is found working in the universe and in the orderly processes of nature, through the Bible, through the experiences of Christians, and especially through the life and teachings of Jesus.

Jesus is presented as the one who reveals God and his purposes for human life. The conception of Jesus as Savior rests upon his life and work and upon the fact that his teachings carried out in individual lives bring about a deep and lasting fellowship with God and a desire to know and do his will.

Strengthening Evangelism for Children in the Methodist Program

1. Help parents realize that their own day-by-day living, conscious of the presence of God, constitutes the beginning of a child's ideas and relationships to Him. The vows they take at the time of their little children's baptism commit them to this responsibility.

2. Help teachers have a sense of dedication to the high privilege that is theirs of guiding the religious growth of children step by step from a consciousness of God's love and care to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and to the Christian way of life for which the church provides a sustaining Christian fellowship.

3. Discover this ongoing emphasis in the Group and Closely Graded lesson materials and help parents and teachers and pastors to be willing to take the slow way but to seek for definite results.

4. Plan a study group based upon the pamphlet, "Evangelism with Children" (price 25c), and upon the current material in the periodicals of the board of education.

5. Ask the pastor to discuss with this group specific questions in the area of evangelism in order that a common viewpoint may be reached and that those who work with children may have a clearer understanding of their evangelistic opportunity and responsibility.

6. Make careful plans for the church membership class and for the reception of older juniors who desire to join the church, but be sure that preceding and following experiences provide continuous opportunity for practicing the Christian way of life and for participation in the outreaches of the world mission of the church.

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CHURCH OF THE WEEK

The Salisbury Post carries a story each week featuring some church in the county. Recently, the article which follows dealt with the North Main Street Methodist Church, Bernard Hurley, pastor.

North Main Methodist Church

The story of the North Main Methodist Church is a story of phenomenal growth. It has, perhaps, the most amazing recent history of any church in Rowan County. Ten years ago church officials were recommending that the church be sold outright and its membership removed to the First Methodist. It was contended that there simply was no need in attempting to operate a Methodist church on the north end of town.

The church's membership had fallen to 121. Today, it's a different story. The little white church on North Main Street has increased its membership to 272, it has finished paying for a $14,000 parsonage, and a new building is being planned.

Bernard Hurley, Pastor

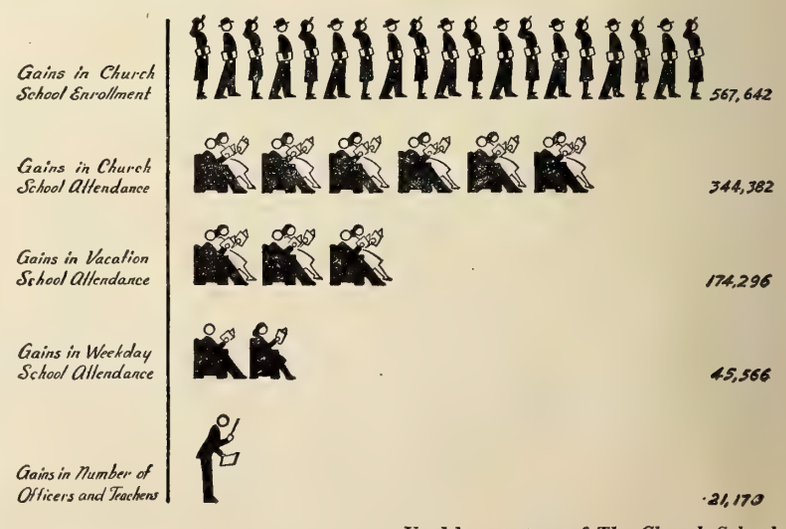
This record is due in large measure to the work of Rev. J. Bernard Hurley, who took over as part-time pastor of the church in 1944, when he was a senior at Catawba College. He continued to work with the church during his seminary days, and in June 1947 he took over the church as its full-time pastor—the first one the church had ever had.

Organized 1899

North Main's history began in 1899, when John S. Henderson donated a number of lots on which a church was to be built. The church was constructed in 1900, under the leadership of Dr. W. W. Bayes, presiding elder of the Salisbury district. During the ensuing years it was a part of a number of circuits, in more recent years being served along with Rowan Methodist and Rock Grove Methodist, until 1944, in fact. At this time the church's annual budget was $1,700; its pastor's salary was $400 annually; it was being supported by the board of missions.

Today, the annual budget is $7,500, and the pastor's salary is $3,250. In October 1947, North Main became a self-supporting station. An ever-growing force in its locale, North Main is rapidly approaching the point when it will need a new building. A building fund already has been set up in preparation for this day. One of the more effective of its present day activities is a late Sunday afternoon Sunday school class designed for the men of the church who work on Sunday morning. This Brotherhood Bible Class now has a membership of 70. It is taught by T. R. Jackson, and T. A. Seagle is its president. —Salisbury Post.

More Pupils—But Are There Enough Teachers?



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Home Enrollment Reaches 492; Basketball Season Begins; Children Appreciate Numerous Gifts

By O. V. WOOSLEY

The Children's Home
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A NEW YEAR

A new year is with us. We have taken down the old calendars and new ones of the 1949 variety hang in their stead. The calendar pad on the desk with its left-handed lopsidedness has been replaced with a new one with a lot of date pages registered to the right. Already six pages have been turned. The flying of time just will not stop.

BOYS AND GIRLS

We are at this time busy taking stock. We are not only counting the commodities we have on hand but are counting up the family facts of the year. Our records show a total enrollment of 492 boys and girls for 1948, the enrollment at the end of the year being 419. Seventy-seven new boys and girls were enrolled and 73 discharged during the year, all this coming and going being attended with a lot of investigation and evaluation. The health of our family has been particularly good during the year. The youngsters are growing stature and in wisdom and in favor with God and man.

FINANCIAL FINDINGS

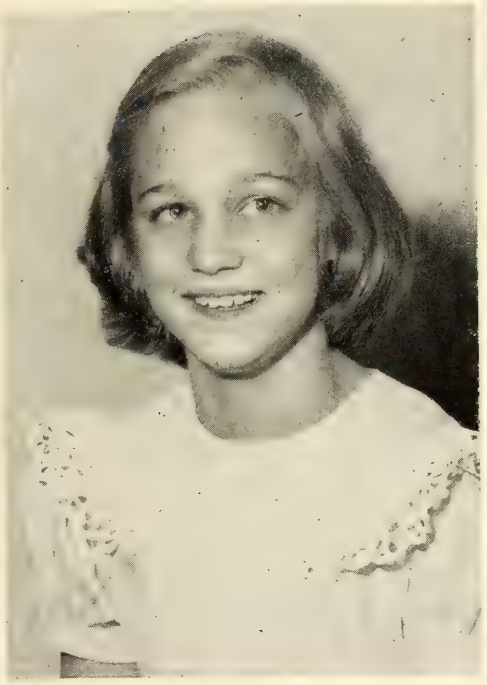
Our auditors are in an adjoining room carefully going over our business transactions for the past year. They doubtless will find that our total income for the past year was around $30,000 more than the previous year. They will also find that our maintenance expense was a little over $30,000 more than that of the previous year. Our capital outlay was a good deal more during the past year than of any previous year. A home for an assistant superintendent has been constructed, a lot of grading for additional playground facilities has been completed, some very necessary improvements on old buildings have been provided, new stokers have been provided for better heating arrangements, a lot of new furniture has been secured, and over $7,000 invested in dairy herd replacements, this becoming necessary because of breeding difficullties. All these expenditures have come out of our maintenance funds, leaving our bank balance the lowest recorded in a decade.

JANUARY JOTTINGS

The children are back in school, and we are glad of it. The basketball schedule brings on the first conference match games this week. While the weather is changeable, the youngsters seem to have a fixed purpose for getting the most out of life. January usually is a good month for us financially. We have the hope and the expectancy that this January will be as good as others. February and March do not serve us so well in financial receipts.

JOVIAL AND JOLLY

Take a look at nine-year-old Eleanor, whose picture is herewith presented. This lovable lassie was adopted into a home and when the foster mother died came to live at the Children's Home. She is a happy member of the Cornelius cottage family. Eleanor is sponsored by the Friendly Circle of Brevard Street, Charlotte, Mrs. W. E. McGee being the correspondent.



Agreeable, Cooperative and Lovable

JOY BELL RINGERS

Since last report the following congregations with listed pastors have forwarded either their Children's Home basic apportionment or the entire askings for the present conference year. This has caused the joy bell to ring. Note them and join us in grateful thanks:

Ramseur, J. W. Vestal.
Bradley Memorial, Gastonia, R. C. Goforth.
Mt. Zion, Cornelius, Byron Shankle.
Bethany, Flat Rock Ct., H. L. Isley.
Elizabeth Chapel, Dellwood circuit, J. E. B. Houser.
Stony Knoll, East Bend circuit, W. C. Eastridge.
Randall, Mt. Zion and Cedar Grove, Norwood circuit, I. P. Rutledge.
Centenary, Winston-Salem, Mark Depp.
First Church, Forest City, J. W. Braxton
First Church, Elkin, R. G. Tuttle.
Central, Spencer, J. E. Yountz.
Fairmont, Olin Ct., D. T. Huss.
Myers Park, Charlotte, J. G. Huggin.
Main Street, Reidsville, A. C. Waggoner.
Union Ridge, Winston-S., W. B. Royals.

WORKED, SAVED, GAVE

Some 20 years ago a childless couple made a will leaving their property to the surviving member of the family through lifetime with the residue going to the Children's Home at the death of the last survivor. The surviving wife recently died. This couple worked hard, saved much and gave all they had to the Children's Home. It is recorded that the husband and wife would rise very early in the morning, the husband going out to feed the stock and do the outside chores while the wife prepared breakfast. Both would then eat, wash the dishes, clean the house and hurry out to the farm. The wife would come in a little early, prepare the noonday meal, frequently cooking enough for the evening meal, and when the husband came in they would eat together, wash the dishes and then go back out to work together. This was done year after year. No luxuries were indulged in. The good man and the good woman lived economically, shared with their church's enterprises, and when they went to heaven left holdings worth $25,000 to be invested in the permanent endowment fund of the Children's Home, the income from which will aid in perpetuity homeless boys and girls.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

We had a lot of gifts coming to our family during the pre-Christmas period. Our boys and girls were never before quite so liberally remembered. The Children's Home also received a number of gifts, making sure that no youngster should be left out of ample Santa Claus sharing. One of the most noteworthy checks came from an attractive aged couple who came 60 miles to present their Christmas gift to our family, stating that for the first time they had decided not to exchange gifts with one another but instead would place the amount of their gifts to the credit of our purchasing power. It was a joy to look into the faces of this lovable couple.

BLESSINGS ON HIM

I trust no confidence is being broken in referring to the fact that our good friend, T. W. Setliff, the first guest admitted into the Methodist Home for the aged at Charlotte, shared with the Children's home family part of his Santa Claus gifts. In a letter to E. R. Clapp, treasurer of Centenary Methodist Church, to which congregation he belongs, our friend writes: "Enclosed you will find $5 for the boys and girls at the Children's Home. See that they get a basket of fruit or a bag of nuts. Just say from the 90-year-old boy in the Methodist Home. Santa gave the V to me, and I am just passing it along to the dear children. I wish I could do more for them. May God bless each one."

GOOD AS GOLD

In noting the death of R. W. Gwyn, cashier of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, W. D. Halfacre, executive vice president of this bank, forwarding a contribution in lieu of flowers, writes: "He served faithfully his position here at the bank for 56 years. Mr. Gwyn was a staunch supporter of the Children's Home and if he were with us today I am sure that our action would meet his approval."

A FOXY FOX

This scribe did not learn to read until at eight years of age he came under the tutorship of a young man who is now Rev. E. W. Fox, a retired and beloved Methodist minister. Well it is remembered that at one time when the lad was wiggling more than he was studying the foxy school teacher had him come to the front of the room and hold out a Bible at arm's length until he was thoroughly willing to sit quietly. Brother Ernest wrote a day or two ago as follows: "In addition to contributions through local congregations to the Children's Home, Mrs. Fox and I want to make this personal contribution of $50 to your boys and girls. God bless you and all the family."

THE NAZARETH YEARS

Luke 2: 39-43, 46-52; Mark 6: 3a, b

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

All over the world there are young people thirsting for knowledge and eager for a preparation to do great work in the world. But, alas, they cannot go to college, and they live in a place whose intellectual atmosphere is stifling. It is a great comfort and encouragement to young people thus deprived of the privileges for which they long to remember that Jesus had to overcome the same, nay even worse handicaps. For we have the public schools, and the newspapers find their way into the most backward villages. And today there is the radio which affords opportunities frequently to hear the most inspiring leaders of the nation.

But Jesus attained his profound insight into truth without any of these advantages. It is not likely that he even owned a Bible. A manuscript of Moses and the prophets would be so expensive that a village carpenter could not own one. Indeed, there would be only one copy of the law in Nazareth, and that was bound up in the synagogue. And yet, somehow, in spite of this, Jesus managed to absorb both the letter and the spirit of the Old Testament. His deprivations simply made him more eager and determined to learn the truth of God from every possible source. His parables show that he had learned to read the word of God in nature as no one had done before.

It was a great event for Jesus when at the age of twelve his parents took him up to the Passover. During the long journey they would point out to him the scenes connected with the history of Israel, and we can imagine his excitement when he first caught sight of the temple.

Jesus' parents had such confidence in him that on the return journey they traveled a whole day assuming, of course, that he was in the company. But at nightfall, when they sought him, there was no boy there. At last, after three days' search, they found him in the temple among the doctors. In his utter absorption in this his first opportunity to hear learned men explain the Scriptures, boylike, he forgot that his parents might be anxious about him. He supposed, of course, they would come to the temple when they wanted him. You note that Jesus was not posing as a prodigy; he was hearing the doctors and asking them questions. Jesus was supremely a normal boy. It is not normal for children to be interested in the abstract questions of theology, but if they are not interested to ask questions about God and eager to hear the Bible stories, something has gone wrong with them, or something has been wrong in the way their parents have talked about God and told the stories. God hasten the day when those of us who are older will learn to teach the Bible in such a picturesque and forceful way, and to sing God's praises so joyfully that when the boy is missing his parents will, as a matter of course, call up the church to see if he has not gone to one of the meetings to find an answer to his eager questions.

After his first Passover, it is likely that his parents regularly took Jesus with them on their annual Passover journey. Some of us can look back with deep gratitude to those who gave us as boys the privilege of attending great assemblies for worship where leading men of the nation were gathered together. Children fail to appreciate much that goes on there, but they often get lasting impressions and great uplifts.

It is surprising how many of our leading men have attained to greatness without the help of the universities. The writer is accustomed to say that to him the most interesting man in the world is the man who has an education without ever having had one. It would be interesting for the class to call up the names of the great men who, like Jesus, came up like a root out of the dry ground.

We note that later, when Jesus returned to Nazareth and preached one day in the synagogue, they were irritated by the fact that he spoke with an eloquence far exceeding any of them. Is not this the carpenter's son? said they. The fact that, in spite of our Lord's wisdom and tact and the blameless purity of his life, he was without honor in Nazareth, should comfort every young enthusiast who is striving for great things but is sneered at by his fellow villagers. May Heaven deliver us all from that littleness of mind that fails to recognize the prophets in our own home, and in our own town, even though they may live on the back street!

BOOKS IN REVIEW

The Hour Has Come, by G. Ray Jordan. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, New York, 1948; 152 pages.

Dr. Jordan's latest book, a Pulpit Book-of-the Month selection, consists of 13 sermons from the 17th chapter of St. John's Gospel. As is the case in all of his publications, the author seeks to show the pertinence of the Christian message to the crucial questions of our time. Here he enables us to see the desperate plight of our age through the light cast upon it by one of the most significant chapters in the Fourth Gospel.

From the very first sermon, from which the book gets its title, there is the call to decision in order to avoid disaster. Dr. Jordan tells us there, "World conditions necessitate a daring venture which will remake our world by Christianizing our social order and all international relationships" (p. 17). In the second sermon, Christ is presented as having "power to give eternal life.' But it is an eternal life in the very context of our present world. However much we might wish to escape our responsibility, Christ will not allow it. This thought is admirably clinched by a moving statement from that truly remarkable theologian, George Tyrrell. In the throes of controversy he wrote: "How glad one would be to get out of it all! But there is that strange Man on the Cross who drives me back again and again" (p. 30). On the basis of John 17:3, we are brought to a more precise definition of life eternal. References to such men as Jean Henri Fabre, Charles Darwin, Forbes Robinson, W. A. Smart, and Miguel de Unamuno, not only provide us with a window through which to get a glimpse of the life and thought of some men of true distinction, but also reinforce the sermon.

What has been touched on above is characteristic of the entire volume. The author resourcefully gathers and discreetly selects concrete and interesting materials to give vitality to his thoughts. Much could be said about each sermon, but that would be out of place here. However, I cannot refrain from calling special attention to the plea for an ecumenical Christianity based upon John 17:31. Dr. Jordan champions again a cause that has for years been a feature of his preaching. And the emphasis cannot be too strongly made. In view of the perennial tendency of the human mind toward provincialism, toward narrow sectarianism, it is always refreshing to feel the full force of a Christian preacher's call to that patriotism for humanity which must be made prior to special and local allegiances. The author urges the Christian churches to present a united front. For what we do not exemplify in our own institutions we cannot effectively proclaim to the world.—Mack B. Stokes.

Separate Church and State Now, by Joseph Martin Dawson. Richard R. Smith, New York, 1948; 220 pages, $2.50.

The easy and uninformed tolerance of most Americans will be rudely shaken by this frank and well documented study of a vital problem. That the prevailing attitude should give way to fear and intolerance need not follow, and, indeed, is not likely to result. Dr. Joseph Martin Dawson is an outstanding Baptist, the executive secretary on public relations for the Baptists of the United States, North and South, and white and colored, with headquarters in Washington. He is concerned to present in a spirit of fairness the danger to American democracy presented by the studied and undeviating purpose of the Roman Catholic Church to use religious liberty and the tolerance of Protestants for ends which include the subordination of the State to the Roman hierarchy and the eventual establishment of the Roman Catholic Church to the exclusion and repression of all dissent.

Dr. Dawson is faithful to his conviction that Americans can insure that all religious groups can live happily and helpfully together if they will but maintain for each other the equal rights guaranteed under the Constitution. Dr. Dawson is probably a bit optimistic about the significance of the recently organized Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, of which he is recording secretary, but his book is one of the best available discussions from the Protestant point of view of the problem brought to the fore by recent Supreme Court decisions regarding tax support for parochial school transportation, and the use of public schools for religious teaching, and the Myron Taylor ambassadorship.

The appendix contains 22 important pages of authentic Roman Catholic pronouncements which ought to be in the hands of every person who expresses an opinion on the issue, and the complete manifesto of Protestants and Others United for the Separation of Church and State.

THE PASTORS' FILE in Chicago keeps up-to-date addresses of all the ministers of The Methodist Church. Mid-conference year changes in addresses average more than 150 per month in addition to the numerous changes at conference time, according to Miss Esther Holley, who is in charge of the Pastors' File.

The Snowman's Hat

By VERNA HILLS

There was snow on the windowsill. There was snow on the steps. There was snow on the garage roof. There was snow everywhere out of doors!

Tom saw it first, because he had jumped out of bed first.

"It snowed in the night," shouted Tom. Fred jumped out of bed, too.

"Whoo-ee," said Fred. "Let's tell Bob."

They ran to the room where Bob, their older brother, slept all alone. They opened the door wide. Bob was still asleep.

"It snowed in the night," shouted Tom and Fred together. Bob opened his eyes and blinked at them. Then he jumped out of bed, too.

"Whoo-ee," said Bob. He began to get dressed. Tom and Fred ran back to their own room. They pulled on their clothes as fast as they could. They were ready almost as soon as Bob. Mother and daddy were not even downstairs yet. Tom and Fred and Bob put on their jackets and boots and mittens and caps and went out into the yard. The snow was deep. It stuck to their boots and stockings. It was snowball snow.

"Come on," said Bob. "Let's make a snowman."

"Yes, let's make a snowman," said Tom and Fred together. They began to roll their snowballs. They rolled and rolled. The balls grew bigger and bigger. Tom and Fred and Bob had to lift all at once to put one ball on top of another. Now the snowman had two legs and a body.

"Here is his head," said Bob. He put the head on top of the body. He found two pieces of coal for eyes. He broke off two twigs for a nose and mouth.

"Here are his arms," said Tom and Fred together. They worked hard to make the arms stay on.

"Let's get him a hat," said Bob. "There's one in the shed."

The boys ran to the shed. In the corner there was an old black hat. Bob could just reach it, because he was the tallest. He took it down and carried it out of doors.

"Here is your hat, old man," said Bob. He put it on the snowman's head. There were seeds and pieces of straw on the hat. It made the snowman look very funny. The boys laughed to see him.

Just then they heard their mother calling. "Breakfast is ready, boys," she said. "That is a fine snowman you have made, but he needs to brush his hat. Come now, and do some brushing yourselves. You must not bring in all that snow on your boots."

The boys brushed each other as quickly as they could. They were hungry. They could smell toast and bacon. They left the snowman all alone.

When Bob went out again after breakfast the snowman was not alone any more. On his hat-brim sat one, two, three birds. They were busily eating seeds.

Bob ran to tell his father and mother and the other boys.

"Well, well," said their father. "That hat makes a good feeding-place. Perhaps mother will give you some crumbs when the seeds are all gone."

It was cold and cloudy. The snow did not melt. The snowman stood in the yard for three days. Every morning and every afternoon the boys put crumbs on his hat. Every morning and every afternoon the birds came to eat the crumbs. There were many birds now. Tom and Fred and Bob liked to watch them. When the boys moved the birds flew away, but they always came back.

On the fourth day the sun came out. It shone brightly on the snowman and on the birds. By noontime the snowman looked very queer. His arms had fallen off. His head had disappeared. His hat was resting on his shoulders. The birds did not care. They came looking for crumbs just as usual.

When the boys went in to supper they thought the snowman looked queerer than ever. His legs and his body had grown small. His hat was almost ready to fall off.

It was a warm night. In the morning Fred jumped out of bed first.

"Whoo-ee," said Fred. "The snowman is all gone."

Tom jumped out of bed, too."

"Whoo-ee," said Tom. "His hat is still there and the birds are looking for crumbs."

At breakfast they asked their father what they should do.

"Bring out your hammer and nails," said their father. "We'll have to see that our bird family has a place to eat."

Every morning and every afternoon Bob and Tom and Fred take out crumbs for the birds. One of them always remembers. The birds like the new feeding platform that the boys built. But Bob and Tom and Fred think they really liked the snowman's hat just as well.—Zions Herald.

TOO MANY DOLLS

I have a little pussy cat;
I have a doggie, too;
And so many, many dollies
I scarce know what to do.
But—say! a little girl I know
Has not a single one;
I'm going to give her two of them—
Oh, it will be such fun
To see how happy she will be
With these two dolls of mine.
I'll go right now and dress them up
So they will look just fine.

—JENNIE M. TUTTLE, in the Alabama Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Newwed (at dinner table): I was going to have some sponge cake as a surprise for you, dear, but I confess it was a failure.

Mr. Newwed: What was the matter?

Mrs. Newwed: I don't know for sure, but I think the store sent me the wrong kind of sponges.



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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND WORLD SERVICE

North Carolina Conference, 1947-1948

Pre-publication Extract from the Conference Minutes

DURHAM DISTRICT—STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2-A

CHARGE AND CHURCH	EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CHURCH							OTHER MINISTERIAL SUPPORT						BENEVOLENCES				
	Paid on Principal of Indebtedness	Paid on Buildings and Improvements	Current Expenses and Incidentals	Church School Administration, Supplies, Etc.	Pastor's Salary —Estimated	Paid Pastor	Total Cash Paid	District Supt.—Apportioned	District Supt.—Paid	Episcopal Fund—Apportioned	Episcopal Fund—Paid	Conference Claimants—Apportioned	Conference Claimants—Paid	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Apportioned	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Accepted	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Paid	Special Gifts to World Service	Special Gifts to Annual Conf. Benevolences
Alamance	.....	15300	587	352	2500	2500	18739	138	138	38	38	350	350	625	625	625	....	.....
Andrews-Massey	.....	90	494	47	600	600	1231	36	36	10	10	74	74	110	110	110	....	.....
Bahama	.....	18000	575	170	3000	3000	21745	164	164	44	44	419	419	600	600	599	....	.....
Brooksdale	.....	1662	651	605	3200	3200	6118	176	176	48	48	448	448	500	500	500	49	.....
Burlington—Davis Street	.....	18302	4825	473	4250	4250	27850	234	234	64	64	595	595	1300	1300	1300	....	.....
Front Street	.....	1758	8568	1058	5400	5400	16784	297	297	81	81	756	756	1750	1750	1750	150	.....
Fountain Place	.....	4000	457	328	1250	1200	5985	72	72	28	28	156	156	160	160	180	....	.....
Glen Raven	1800	2200	2825	510	2000	2000	9335	99	99	27	27	252	252	324	324	324	....	.....
Webb Avenue	.....	6000	1490	760	2700	2800	11050	154	154	42	42	392	392	504	504	504	125	.....
West Burlington	.....	293	1489	411	2750	2750	4943	151	151	41	41	385	385	460	460	460	65	100
Burlington Circuit	1500	7915	848	689	3800	3800	14752	209	209	57	57	532	532	565	565	675	....	.....
Bynum	.....	4000	....	330	2800	2800	7130	154	154	39	39	392	392	300	300	300	....	.....
Carrboro	388	1853	1084	224	2600	2342	5891	157	157	47	47	371	371	860	860	860	....	.....
Cedar Grove	.....	1160	597	283	2500	2500	4540	138	138	38	38	350	350	625	625	625	....	.....
Chapel Hill	3832	500	4757	541	3200	3200	12830	176	176	48	48	448	448	425	425	425	60	.....
Duke's Chapel	384	4585	1484	256	2000	2100	8809	116	116	32	32	294	294	300	300	300	....	.....
Durham—Asbury	826	2127	8987	860	4500	4500	17300	247	247	67	67	607	607	1200	1200	1200	70	.....
Bethany	322	500	675	....	1800	1800	3297	99	99	27	27	252	252	225	225	225	....	.....
Branson	.....	2000	2940	600	3000	3000	8540	165	165	45	45	420	420	500	500	500	....	.....
Calvary	.....	1649	5221	357	4200	4200	11427	231	231	63	63	588	588	1200	1200	1200	40	.....
Carr	.....	20541	4501	1642	4300	4300	30984	236	236	64	64	602	602	1000	1000	1000	35	.....
Duke Memorial	.....	2272	19825	2274	5700	5700	30071	313	313	85	85	798	798	3250	3250	3249	300	.....
Lakewood	.....	3400	700	522	2600	2600	7222	156	156	45	45	338	338	225	225	225	200	.....
Maybrook	.....	7762	160	40	500	500	8462	27	27	7	7	70	70	100	100	108	....	.....
St. Paul	.....	345	728	502	2100	2100	3675	126	126	32	32	273	273	400	400	400	5	.....
Trinity	.....	3343	18939	1576	5500	6000	29858	302	302	82	82	770	770	2000	2000	2000	100	.....
Durham Circuit	12000	109	1297	591	2100	2100	16097	120	120	34	34	287	287	337	337	331	45	.....
Eno	.....	1262	80	35	800	900	2277	50	50	14	14	123	123	140	140	105	....	.....
Graham	.....	1946	2281	680	4000	4000	8907	240	240	60	60	560	560	1000	1000	1000	175	.....
Haw River	.....	....	531	256	2000	2000	2787	110	110	30	30	280	280	225	225	225	....	.....
Hillsboro	.....	28160	411	143	2800	2800	31514	154	154	42	42	392	392	300	300	300	150	.....
Leasburg	.....	579	....	443	2200	2370	3392	132	132	39	39	286	286	485	485	484	....	.....
Mebane	.....	25140	571	196	4000	4000	29907	220	220	60	60	560	560	500	500	500	....	.....
Milton	.....	1500	342	281	2200	2200	4323	121	121	33	33	308	308	380	380	379	....	.....
Mt. Hermon	.....	5800	950	521	3000	3000	10271	165	165	45	45	420	420	565	565	563	49	.....
Mt. Tirzah	.....	710	607	159	2000	2000	3476	110	110	30	30	280	280	278	278	278	....	.....
Orange	.....	3315	575	....	2400	2400	6290	131	131	35	35	326	326	490	490	490	....	.....
Person	.....	2515	215	564	3200	3200	6494	168	168	48	48	448	448	600	600	600	....	.....
Pittsboro	.....	15000	625	425	3300	3300	19350	182	182	50	50	462	462	400	400	400	....	.....
Rougemont	.....	1089	158	122	1235	1235	2604	69	69	18	18	173	173	315	315	315	5	.....
Roxboro—Ca-Vel	.....	77	377	....	1250	1250	1704	75	75	22	22	156	156	265	265	120	....	.....
Long Memorial	.....	1295	3464	1570	4000	4000	10329	220	220	60	60	560	560	1600	1600	1600	....	.....
Roxboro Circuit	.....	15800	300	175	2000	2000	18275	110	110	30	30	280	280	500	500	500	....	.....
Swepsonville	.....	11000	....	540	3000	3000	14540	165	165	45	45	420	420	900	900	900	19	.....
Saxapahaw	.....	250	415	964	2700	2750	4379	148	148	40	40	378	378	647	647	647	....	.....
Yanceyville	.....	2400	990	455	3200	3200	7045	176	176	49	49	448	448	700	700	700	....	.....
Butner	120	315	297	112	.....	300	1144	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	26	....	.....
*Totals	21172	249819	107893	23642	130135	131147	533673	7239	7239	1985	1985	18079	18079	30135	30135	30107	1642	100

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT—STATISTICAL TABLE 2-A

Ahoskie	.....	2058	1867	461	3200	3200	7586	176	176	48	48	448	448	500	500	650	311	75
Aulander	.....	....	100	100	1550	1400	1600	82	44	22	11	210	112	315	315	100	....	.....
Bath	.....	150	135	171	2000	2000	2456	110	110	30	30	280	243	400	400	400	....	.....
Belhaven	.....	968	100	....	2000	2000	3068	110	110	30	30	280	280	400	400	400	....	.....
Chowan	.....	2358	150	157	1500	1500	4165	83	83	22	22	210	210	332	332	332	....	.....
Columbia	.....	1400	720	335	2400	2441	4896	132	127	40	38	337	322	305	305	246	....	.....
Creswell	.....	1215	33	50	1000	1000	2298	55	55	15	15	140	140	100	100	100	....	.....
Edenton	.....	7736	620	184	2500	2500	11040	138	138	38	38	350	350	438	438	438	....	.....
Elizabeth City—City Road	.....	3901	1615	788	3000	3000	9304	165	165	45	45	420	420	500	500	500	90	.....
First Church	1375	1252	7588	2813	5000	5000	18028	275	275	75	75	700	700	1600	1600	1700	....	.....
Gatesville	.....	5809	769	372	2700	2700	9650	149	149	41	41	378	378	475	475	475	127	.....
Hatteras	.....	637	266	372	1200	....	1275	66	61	17	13	168	109	250	250	250	....	.....
Hertford	664	1155	1289	247	3600	3600	6955	198	198	54	54	504	504	504	504	504	....	.....
Kinnakeet	.....	800	660	300	1600	1600	3360	88	88	24	24	224	202	350	350	256	....	.....
Kitty Hawk	.....	13473	1045	367	2000	2232	17117	120	120	15	15	140	107	400	400	381	69	.....
Manteo	675	11886	941	532	2500	2500	16534	138	138	38	38	350	350	450	450	450	20	.....
Mattamuskeet	.....	2175	193	132	1500	1500	4000	83	83	23	23	210	210	275	275	275	....	.....
Moyock	.....	2726	475	550	2450	2450	6201	135	135	37	37	347	347	325	325	320	....	.....
Murfreesboro	.....	5448	696	276	2200	2200	8620	121	121	33	33	308	308	400	400	400	....	.....
North Gates	.....	2220	202	260	2000	2000	4682	110	110	30	30	280	280	400	400	400	....	.....
Pasquotank	.....	1400	1742	343	2400	2400	5885	132	132	36	36	336	336	500	500	501	....	.....
Perquimans	.....	....	394	392	2700	2700	3486	149	149	41	41	378	378	729	729	729	....	.....
Plymouth	.....	2124	1288	309	3400	3400	7121	187	187	51	51	475	475	500	500	500	22	.....
Roper	.....	282	81	161	2400	2400	2924	142	142	36	36	336	336	403	403	403	....	.....
South Camden	1000	13156	448	575	2000	2000	17179	110	110	30	30	280	280	340	340	340	128	20
South Mills	.....	8000	1450	250	2400	2400	12100	132	132	36	36	316	316	500	500	500	....	.....
Stumpy Point	.....	1506	407	385	1750	1631	3929	96	88	26	23	245	225	225	225	209	99	17
Swan Quarter	.....	1450	220	638	1800	1800	4108	99	99	27	27	252	252	324	324	324	165	.....
Wanchese	.....	2460	485	385	2000	2000	5330	110	110	30	30	280	280	430	430	430	74	.....
Washington	.....	3267	4053	286	4300	4300	11906	236	236	65	65	602	602	1330	1330	1330	....	.....
Williamston	400	3211	1080	224	2700	2700	7615	149	149	41	41	378	378	350	350	350	....	.....
Windsor	....	10000	367	109	2000	1000	11476	110	110	30	30	280	280	400	400	300	....	.....
Totals	4114	114223	31479	12524	75750	73554	235894	4186	4130	1126	1106	10342	10158	14750	14750	14493	1105	112

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2-A

Aberdeen-Vass	.....	1447	1483	582	3600	3600	7112	198	198	54	54	504	504	700	700	719	....	.....
Biscoe	.....	....	....	2452	3000	3000	5452	165	165	45	45	420	420	545	545	545	....	.....
Broadway	.....	1924	730	379	2150	2150	5183	117	117	39	39	301	301	350	350	350	....	.....
Caledonia	.....	908	300	460	2000	2000	3668	110	110	30	30	280	280	200	200	200	30	.....
Carthage	.....	150	150	521	4000	4000	4821	220	220	60	60	560	560	910	910	910	....	.....
Ellerbe	.....	1923	751	496	2600	2600	5770	143	143	39	39	364	364	675	675	676	....	.....
Fayetteville—Hay Street	.....	875	10592	1800	5200	5200	18467	286	286	78	78	728	728	2100	2100	2100	1100	.....
Eastover	.....	8723	527	495	2200	2200	11945	121	121	33	33	308	308	452	452	452	24	.....

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—(Continued)

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	Paid on Principal of Indebtedness	Paid on Buildings and Improvements	Current Expenses and Incidentals	Church School Administration, Supplies, Etc.	Pastor's Salary —Estimated	Paid Pastor	Total Cash Paid	District Supt.— Apportioned	District Supt.— Paid	Episcopal Fund— Apportioned	Episcopal Fund— Paid	Conference Claimants—Apportioned	Conference Claimants—Paid	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Apportioned	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Accepted	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Paid	Special Gifts to World Service	Special Gifts to Annual Conf. Benevolences
Haymount		7304	2000	225	2750	2750	12279	151	151	41	41	385	385	756	756	756		
Johnson Memorial	214	485	576	85	700	700	2060	39	39	10	10	98	98	200	200	200		
Person St.—Calvary		14656	1105	422	3202	3202	19385	176	176	48	48	461	461	430	430	430		
Fayetteville Circuit	756	10871	500	1256	3000	3300	16683	182	182	50	50	462	462	922	922	922		
Glendon		110	509	250	1320	1320	2189	73	73	20	20	185	185	228	228	228		25
Goldston		700	105	185	2600	2600	3590	143	143	39	39	364	364	260	260	260	6	
Hamlet		265	1225	622	4250	4250	6362	234	234	64	64	595	595	1100	1100	1260		
Laurel Hill		9000	509	1059	2500	2500	13068	137	137	37	37	350	350	625	625	625		
Laurinburg		923	5372	1390	4200	4200	11885	231	231	63	63	588	588	1000	1000	1000		
Maxton		4481	309	277	2700	2700	7767	148	148	41	41	378	378	195	195	195		
Mt. Gilead		994	1311	942	3750	3750	6997	206	206	56	56	525	525	700	700	700	37	
Mt. Gilead Circuit		2570		243	1640	1640	4453	95	95	27	27	230	230	200	200	200	15	
Parkton		12228	370	179	3000	3000	15777	164	164	45	45	419	419	484	484	484	35	
Pinebluff	150			283	2000	2000	2433	110	110	30	30	280	280	306	306	306		
Raeford		1500	340	320	3300	3300	5460	182	182	50	50	462	462	375	375	375		
Red Springs		300	878	125	3000	3000	4303	165	165	45	45	420	420	340	340	340	22	
Robbins	3095	2326	582	324	3300	3300	9627	182	182	50	50	462	462	400	400	400		
Robbins Circuit		11200	210	140	1800	1800	13350	99	99	28	28	252	252	160	160	178		
Roberdel		4950	235	954	2600	2800	8939	154	154	42	42	392	392	370	370	370		
Rockingham—First Church		1595	5000	431	4200	4500	11526	231	231	63	63	588	588	1530	1530	1516		
East Rockingham	2500	13500	1000	975	2660	2660	20635	148	148	42	42	374	374	260	260	260		
West Rockingham		6594	930	565	2700	2700	10789	148	148	41	41	378	378	729	729	729		
Rowland		3392	200	270	3000	3000	6862	165	165	45	45	420	420	248	248	248	82	
St. John-Gibson	4575	3000	750	375	3000	3000	11700	165	165	45	45	420	420	500	500	500		
Sanford—Steele Street	3000	12336	6928	1755	4500	4500	28519	248	248	68	68	630	630	1500	1500	1500		
Jonesboro Heights			611	414	3200	3200	4225	176	176	48	48	448	448	448	448	448		
Siler City		7037	3198	454	3800	3800	14489	209	209	57	57	532	532	900	900	900		
Siler City Circuit		6500	280	431	2310	2310	9521	126	126	35	35	322	322	300	300	300		
Stedman		1580	483	275	2225	2280	4618	122	122	33	33	312	312	484	484	483		
Troy		1500	2493	700	3600	3600	8293	198	198	54	54	504	504	1089	1089	1089	242	
Troy Circuit		570	176	315	1270	1270	2331	70	70	19	19	178	178	150	150	150		
West End		4950	150	415	1525	1525	7040	84	84	23	23	214	214	164	164	174	55	20
Totals	14290	163367	52868	23841	114352	115207	369573	6321	6321	1737	1737	16093	16093	23285	23285	23478	1648	45

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Atlantic		7180	476	241	1625	1625	9522	90	90	24	24	228	228	160	160	160	51	
Aurora		25900	390	458	3000	3000	29748	165	165	45	45	420	420	350	350	350	122	
Ayden		2233	630	650	3000	3133	6646	165	165	45	45	420	420	500	500	500	170	
Beaufort		5985	3637	1700	3600	3889	15211	198	198	54	54	504	504	800	800	810		
Dover		638	292	251	2500	2500	3611	138	138	38	38	350	350	425	425	425		
Fremont		20000	570	394	2800	2800	23764	154	154	42	42	392	392	450	450	450	28	
Goldsboro—St. Paul		4495	11889	2704	5000	5000	24088	275	275	75	75	700	700	1600	1600	1600	280	
Goldsboro Circuit		4534	585	476	3000	3000	8595	165	165	45	45	420	420	576	576	576		
Greenville—Jarvis Memorial		3700	7982	2036	5000	5000	18718	275	275	75	75	700	700	1600	1600	1690		
Grifton		2387	516	178	2200	2200	5281	121	121	33	33	308	308	300	300	300		
Grimesland		2700		420	2100	2100	5220	116	116	32	32	294	294	211	211	211		
Hookerton		32585	409	512	2700	2700	36206	148	148	41	41	378	378	450	450	450	71	
Kinston—Queen Street		8071	8210	3337	5100	5100	24718	280	280	76	76	714	714	1600	1600	1600		
La Grange		390	165	255	3000	3000	3810	165	165	45	45	420	420	300	300	300		
Marshallberg		2164	440	137	2500	2500	5241	137	137	37	37	350	350	625	625	625	70	20
Morehead City—First		6224	4515	1624	4000	4000	16363	220	220	60	60	560	560	1600	1600	1600	50	
Morehead Circuit	500	4566	434	303	2100	2065	7868	116	116	32	32	294	294	300	300	296		
Mt. Olive—Calypso		1906	1926	651	3300	3300	7783	182	182	50	50	462	462	500	500	500		
Mt. Olive Circuit		1915	143	525	3000	3000	5583	165	165	45	45	420	420	450	450	450		
New Bern—Centenary		3329	7704	1409	4500	4500	16942	248	248	67	67	630	630	1350	1350	1350		
Newport			550	595	2325	2325	3470	128	128	35	35	326	326	225	225	225		
Ocracoke		134	642	364	1500	1500	2640	83	83	23	23	210	210	250	250	250		
Oriental		672	156	407	1800	1800	3035	100	100	28	28	253	253	200	200	200		
Pikeville-Elm Street		18020	177	305	2400	2400	20902	132	132	36	36	336	336	350	350	350	21	
Pink Hill		971		355	2000	1920	3246	110	110	30	30	280	273	225	225	215		
Riverside-Bridgeton				385	2750	2750	3135	151	151	41	41	385	385	425	425	425		
Seven Springs		835	169	281	2100	2100	3385	115	115	31	31	294	248	250	250	250	56	
Snow Hill		13678	1232	749	3000	3000	18659	165	165	45	45	420	420	550	550	550		
Stonewall	1535	600	107	182	1800	1800	4224	99	99	27	27	252	252	225	225	225		
Straits		4771	942	239	2000	2060	8012	110	110	30	30	280	280	250	250	200	50	
Trenton		565		851	3000	3000	4416	165	165	45	45	420	420	350	350	350		
Vanceboro		115		289	2000	2000	2404	110	110	30	30	240	240	275	275	265		
Walstonburg		38	454	208	1500	1500	2200	82	82	22	22	210	210	250	250	250	100	
Totals	2035	181301	55272	23471	92200	92567	354646	5073	5073	1384	1384	12870	12817	17972	17972	17998	1069	20

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Apex	1700	862	1313	417	2550	2550	6842	140	140	38	38	357	357	333	333	333	99	
Bailey		1045	258	155	2500	2654	4112	138	138	38	38	350	350	210	210	210	79	
Benson		415	612	175	3000	3000	4202	165	165	45	45	420	420	484	484	484	23	
Cary		913	894	297	3000	3000	5104	165	165	45	45	420	420	400	400	400	21	
Clayton		1171	1033	300	2900	2925	5429	159	159	43	43	406	406	300	300	300		
Creedmoor		540	483	337	2500	2500	3860	137	137	37	37	350	350	582	582	582		
Dunn		3950	2800	890	4000	4000	11640	220	220	60	60	560	560	900	900	900		
Erwin		3473	1215	1400	3000	3000	9088	166	166	46	46	420	420	400	400	400	48	
Four Oaks		2233	632	1136	2500	2500	6501	137	137	37	37	350	350	510	510	510		
Franklinton		3293	940	291	2900	2900	7424	160	160	44	44	406	406	565	565	565		
Fuquay		1200	800	321	3000	3000	5321	165	165	45	45	420	420	445	445	445	600	
Garner		38000	689	515	3200	3200	42404	176	176	48	48	448	448	255	255	255		
Granville	3000	1500	890	350	2400	2400	8140	132	132	36	36	336	336	200	200	200		
Henderson—First Church		349	6555	1200	5000	5000	13104	275	275	75	75	700	700	2000	2000	2000		
City Road-White Memorial	3130		300	154	1900	1900	5484	105	105	29	29	266	266	160	160	160		
Kipling	400	3800	939	440	2700	2700	8279	148	148	41	41	378	378	611	611	611		
Lillington	2200	456	342	218	3000	3000	6216	165	165	45	45	420	420	400	400	400	23	
Louisburg	320	908	1274	156	3000	3300	5958	165	165	45	45	420	420	600	600	600	55	
Louisburg Circuit				305	2100	2100	2405	110	110	30	30	280	280	200	200	200		
Mamers		785		348	2750	2750	3883	140	140	41	41	385	385	285	285	285	9	
Millbrook		6325	455	257	2500	2500	9537	146	146	41	41	357	357	550	550	555	10	
Moncure		1044	168		2000	1832	3044	65	65	14	14	140	140	220	220	218		
Mount Pleasant				254	1800	1800	2054	99	99	27	27	252	252	324	324	324		
Newton Grove		1600	175	350	2500	2500	4625	138	138	44	44	350	350	300	300	350		50
Oxford—First Church		3200	1600	275	4000	4000	9075	220	220	60	60	560	560	793	793	793		
Oxford Circuit		815	255	440	2400	2400	3910	132	132	36	36	336	336	257	257	258		
Princeton		7000	589	261	2500	2500	10350	138	138	37	37	350	350	424	424	424	25	
Raleigh—Edenton Street		14385	20393	4041	6900	7800	46619	379	379	103	103	966	966	4761	4761	4761	2000	
Fairmont	407	12322	4554	2105	3600	3600	22988	198	198	54	54	504	504	800	800	800	45	
Grace		380	433	160	2000	2000	2973	110	110	30	30	280	280	133	133	133		
Hayes-Barton	8222	1100	3317	1110	4500	4500	18249	248	248	68	68	630	630	1000	1000	1000		
Trinity	750	200	2500	634	4000	4000	8084	220	220	60	60	560	560	600	600	600		
Westover		785	176	163	1200	1200	2324	62	62	17	17	151	151	112	112	28		
Selma		1150	250	190	3000	3000	4590	165	165	45	45	420	420	400	400	400		

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	Paid on Principal of Indebtedness	Paid on Buildings and Improvements	Current Expenses and Incidentals	Church School Administration, Supplies, Etc.	Pastor's Salary —Estimated	Paid Pastor	Total Cash Paid	District Supt.— Apportioned	District Supt.— Paid	Episcopal Fund— Apportioned	Episcopal Fund— Paid	Conference Claimants—Apportioned	Conference Claimants—Paid	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Apportioned	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Accepted	World Service and Conf. Benevolences —Paid	Special Gifts to World Service	Special Gifts to Annual Conf. Benevolences
Smithfield	.....	9691	4688	550	4500	4500	19429	248	248	67	67	630	630	2000	2000	2025	.....	.....
Stem	.....	.....	50	84	1300	1300	1434	71	71	19	19	182	182	260	260	260	90	.....
Tar River	.....	4877	155	1412	2750	2750	9194	152	152	42	42	387	387	400	400	400	.....	.....
Vance	.....	5490	460	473	2700	2700	9123	148	148	40	40	379	379	500	500	500	.....	.....
Zebulon-Wendell	.....	1140	991	480	2900	2900	5511	160	160	44	44	406	406	425	425	425	.....	.....
Totals	20129	136397	63178	22644	114950	116161	358509	6267	6267	1716	1716	15932	15932	24099	24099	24094	3127	50

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Battleboro	.....	2700	100	210	1200	1200	4210	66	66	18	18	168	168	77	77	77	.....	.....
Bethel	.....	2844	1289	268	3300	3600	8001	198	198	54	54	504	504	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....
Conway	.....	19800	1187	733	3600	3600	25320	196	196	54	54	504	504	475	475	475	.....	.....
Elm City	.....	1500	220	713	2400	2400	4833	132	132	36	36	336	336	357	357	370	.....	.....
Enfield	.....	.....	674	225	3600	3750	4649	206	206	58	58	525	525	550	550	550	.....	.....
Evansdale	.....	257	551	119	1100	1100	2027	61	61	16	16	154	154	300	300	300	60	.....
Farmville	.....	.....	2605	1099	3600	3600	7304	198	198	54	54	504	504	900	900	900	.....	.....
Halifax	.....	18445	888	438	3000	3008	22779	165	165	46	46	420	420	361	361	391	.....	.....
West Halifax	.....	158	.....	142	1700	1700	2000	94	94	25	25	238	238	300	300	300	.....	.....
Kenly	.....	9703	650	316	2500	2500	13169	137	137	37	37	350	350	200	200	200	.....	.....
Littleton	.....	1399	749	595	3300	3300	6043	181	181	49	49	462	462	460	460	460	.....	.....
Littleton Circuit	.....	1085	150	280	2525	2525	4040	129	129	38	38	349	349	250	250	250	24	134
Middleburg	.....	.....	.....	695	3000	3000	3695	165	165	45	45	420	420	200	200	200	196	.....
Nashville	.....	2360	1800	715	3100	3100	7975	171	171	49	49	413	413	583	583	583	.....	.....
Norlina	.....	4200	794	645	3360	3360	8999	185	185	50	50	470	470	375	375	375	38	.....
Northampton	.....	3350	1185	715	3600	3600	8850	198	198	54	54	504	504	800	800	800	98	.....
Pinetops	.....	.....	240	70	2000	2000	2310	110	110	30	30	280	280	200	200	200	.....	.....
Rich Square	.....	102	692	277	3100	3100	4171	170	170	47	47	434	434	275	275	275	.....	.....
Roanoke Rapids—First Church	.....	300	3789	456	3700	4000	8545	220	220	60	60	560	560	700	700	700	.....	.....
Rosemary	.....	9623	1535	783	3600	3600	15541	198	198	54	54	504	504	350	350	350	.....	.....
Robersonville	150	10750	369	263	1400	1400	12932	77	77	21	21	196	196	225	225	225	.....	.....
Rocky Mount—Clark Street	.....	700	337	214	2000	2000	3251	110	110	30	30	280	280	200	200	200	8	.....
First Church	.....	.....	8385	802	5000	5000	14187	275	275	75	75	700	700	1800	1800	1800	.....	.....
Marvin	.....	440	253	255	1412	1412	2360	77	77	22	22	197	197	204	204	205	.....	.....
St. Paul	.....	7895	688	422	2100	2100	11105	116	116	31	31	294	294	250	250	250	.....	.....
Scotland Neck	.....	650	935	351	2800	2800	4736	153	153	42	42	392	392	576	576	408	.....	.....
Seaboard	.....	800	349	247	3100	3100	4496	171	171	47	47	434	434	400	400	400	.....	.....
Spring Church-Garysburg	.....	2160	600	870	2750	2750	6380	152	152	42	42	385	385	300	300	300	.....	.....
Spring Hope	.....	1675	470	165	2100	2100	4410	116	116	29	29	294	294	225	225	225	7	.....
Stantonsburg	.....	1907	600	213	3000	3000	5720	165	165	45	45	420	420	400	400	400	.....	.....
Tarboro	.....	654	1735	628	3000	3000	6017	165	165	45	45	420	420	350	350	350	.....	.....
Warren	.....	12240	.....	694	2750	2750	15684	149	149	40	40	378	378	300	300	370	.....	.....
Warrenton	.....	4175	1783	635	3750	4000	10593	220	220	60	60	560	560	1000	1000	1102	300	.....
Weldon	.....	1002	3210	425	4000	4000	8637	220	220	60	60	560	560	1098	1098	1098	.....	.....
Whitakers	.....	625	650	130	2500	2500	3905	137	137	37	37	350	350	625	625	625	.....	.....
Wilson	.....	6188	11277	1083	5400	5400	23948	297	297	81	81	756	756	1712	1712	1712	.....	.....
Totals	150	129687	50739	16891	104347	105355	302822	5780	5780	1581	1581	14715	14715	18378	18378	18426	731	134

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Bladen	.....	1052	816	408	1650	1650	3926	91	91	26	26	231	231	291	291	231	.....	.....
Burgaw	.....	605	415	414	2600	2600	4034	143	143	39	39	364	364	325	325	325	57	.....
Carolina Beach	1879	586	253	215	1540	1540	4473	85	85	23	23	216	216	300	300	300	.....	15
Carver's Creek	.....	.....	350	.....	1900	1900	2250	105	105	30	30	265	265	225	225	225	57	.....
Chadbourn	.....	20000	885	491	3400	3400	24776	187	187	51	51	476	476	605	605	605	.....	.....
Clinton	.....	576	1367	542	4000	4000	6485	240	240	70	70	520	520	900	900	900	.....	.....
Clinton Circuit	.....	2000	.....	372	935	935	3307	51	51	.....	.....	.....	14	186	186	139	.....	.....
Duplin Circuit	.....	6450	.....	459	1400	1400	8309	76	76	21	21	196	196	328	328	328	.....	.....
Elizabethtown	.....	26150	480	401	3200	3200	30231	176	176	48	48	448	448	422	422	422	79	.....
Fairmont	.....	18677	1350	312	3500	3500	23839	192	192	52	52	490	490	450	450	450	70	.....
Faison	.....	200	.....	.....	2750	2750	2950	165	165	48	48	354	354	560	560	562	.....	.....
Garland	.....	5225	388	1002	2700	2700	9315	148	148	40	40	378	378	300	300	300	.....	.....
Hallsboro	400	200	77	285	1700	1700	2662	93	93	25	25	238	238	220	220	220	.....	.....
Jacksonville	400	1800	567	636	3600	3600	7003	198	198	54	54	504	504	600	600	600	.....	.....
Lumberton—Chestnut Street	.....	29197	5145	1716	4300	4300	40358	237	237	65	65	602	602	1036	1036	1036	.....	.....
Lumberton Circuit	.....	3219	560	363	1800	1800	5942	99	99	27	27	252	252	213	213	213	.....	.....
Maysville	.....	1687	799	645	2750	2750	5881	151	151	41	41	385	385	450	450	450	77	.....
Pembroke Circuit	.....	.....	.....	181	1250	1250	1431	69	69	19	19	175	175	120	120	120	.....	.....
Pembroke Parish—Bethel	.....	150	.....	42	265	255	447	15	15	5	5	37	37	50	50	26	.....	.....
Community Center	.....	140	58	270	375	520	988	25	25	8	8	61	61	42	42	62	.....	.....
First Church	.....	4000	125	60	1200	1200	5385	36	36	18	18	168	129	144	144	117	.....	.....
Prospect	.....	3835	207	120	850	850	5012	47	47	13	13	119	119	125	125	125	.....	.....
Richlands	.....	1203	838	282	2700	2700	5023	149	149	41	41	378	378	500	500	500	40	.....
Roseboro	.....	15550	495	272	3000	3000	19317	165	165	45	45	420	420	210	210	210	8	.....
St. Pauls	.....	1002	714	278	3150	3150	5144	166	166	46	46	420	420	350	350	350	67	.....
Scotts Hill	250	2080	305	385	1405	1435	4435	79	79	20	20	210	210	216	216	216	.....	.....
*Shallotte	.....	650	.....	275	2236	1480	2405	116	99	32	27	295	236	120	120	102	.....	.....
Southport	.....	1910	488	621	3000	3000	6019	165	165	45	45	420	420	330	330	330	.....	.....
South Robeson	4300	941	1430	204	1700	1700	8575	93	103	25	25	238	238	450	450	450	.....	.....
Swansboro	.....	1700	640	315	2500	2505	5160	138	138	40	40	355	355	300	300	300	.....	.....
Tabor City	.....	2148	996	332	3000	3000	6476	165	165	45	45	420	420	225	225	225	44	.....
Town Creek	.....	3014	183	161	1400	1400	4758	76	76	21	21	197	197	190	190	190	.....	.....
Waccamaw	.....	4379	670	164	.....	.....	5213	.....	50	.....	13	.....	89	.....	.....	82	.....	.....
Wallace-Rose Hill	.....	2886	170	.....	3000	3300	6356	165	165	46	46	420	420	900	900	902	.....	.....
Warsaw	.....	300	900	220	3190	3190	4610	175	175	48	48	447	447	600	600	600	.....	.....
Whiteville	.....	1820	.....	445	4000	4000	6265	220	220	60	60	560	560	700	700	700	.....	.....
Wilmington—Epworth	.....	.....	204	119	1000	1000	1323	55	55	15	15	140	140	165	165	165	.....	.....
Fifth Ave.	.....	9122	4671	925	4000	4000	18718	220	220	60	60	560	560	1440	1440	1440	.....	.....
Grace	.....	12838	7250	746	5400	5400	26234	297	297	81	81	756	756	1728	1728	1728	.....	.....
Sunset Park	1000	9611	1094	492	2225	2225	14422	123	123	33	33	312	312	275	275	275	25	.....
Trinity	307	8761	8788	1058	4500	4500	23414	247	247	67	67	630	630	1296	1296	1296	.....	.....
Wesley Memorial	.....	50	618	212	2500	2500	3380	150	150	44	44	313	313	222	222	222	.....	.....
Wrightsville—Seagate	.....	.....	.....	67	900	900	967	49	49	13	13	126	126	75	75	75	.....	.....
Totals	8536	205064	44296	16232	102471	100705	374833	5526	5586	1518	1531	13815	13865	18184	18184	18012	524	15

*Shallotte listed but not added in totals.

RECAPITULATION—TABLE NO. 2-A

Durham	21172	249819	107893	23642	130135	131147	533673	7239	7239	1985	1985	18079	18079	30135	30135	30107	1642	100
Elizabeth City	4114	114223	31479	12524	75750	73554	235894	4186	4130	1126	1106	10342	10158	14750	14750	14493	1105	112
Fayetteville	14290	163367	52868	23841	114352	115207	369573	6321	6321	1737	1737	16093	16093	23285	23285	23478	1648	45
New Bern	2035	181301	55272	23471	92200	92567	354646	5073	5073	1384	1384	12870	12817	17972	17972	17998	1069	20
Raleigh	20129	136397	63178	22644	114950	116161	358509	6267	6267	1716	1716	15932	15932	24099	24099	24094	3127	50
Rocky Mount	150	129687	50739	16891	104347	105355	302822	5780	5780	1581	1581	14715	14715	18378	18378	18426	731	134
Wilmington	8536	205064	44296	16232	102471	100705	374833	5526	5586	1518	1531	13815	13865	18184	18184	18012	524	15
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Totals	70426	1278229	405725	139245	734205	766918	2660543	40392	40396	11047	11040	101846	114159	146803	146803	146608	9846	476

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHARLOTTE AREA
Bishop Costen J. Harrell, First Methodist Church, Charlotte

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
Edgar H. Nease, D.S., 1100 Queens Road, Charlotte 7, N. C. Telephone 4-7489

January

St. Paul, 7:30 ... 13
Davidson, 7:30 ... 14
Pleasant Grove, 11 ... 16
St. James, 7:30 ... 21
Matthews, 11 ... 23
Marshville: Gilboa, 3 ... 23
Lilesville: Wade, 7:30 ... 23
Indian Trail-Stallings: Stallings, 11 ... 30
Morven: Shiloh, 3 ... 30
Polkton, 7:30 ... 30

February

Weddington: Wesley's Chapel, 11 ... 6
North Monroe-Benton Heights: Benton Heights, 3 ... 6
Thrift, 7:30 ... 6
Calvary, 7:30 ... 7
Memorial Church, Kannapolis, 11 ... 13
Huntersville, 7:30 ... 13
Dilworth, 11 ... 20
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Training School, 3 ... 20
Monroe: Central, 7:30 ... 20
Bethlehem, 11 ... 27
St. John's, 7:30 ... 27

SALISBURY DISTRICT
Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

January

Albemarle, First Street, 11 ... 16
Badin-New London: Badin, 3 ... 16
Albemarle, Main Street, 7:30 ... 16
Epworth, 11 ... 23
Concord Circuit: Bogers Chapel, 3 ... 23
Harmony, 7 ... 23
Kannapolis, North, 11 ... 30
Kannapolis, Midway, 7 ... 30

February

Concord, Central, 7 ... 2
Pfeiffer: Wesley Chapel, 11 ... 6
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 ... 6
Jackson Park, 11 ... 20
Mount Mitchell, 7 ... 20
Mount Olivet, 11 ... 27
Roberta, 7 ... 27

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

RICHMOND AREA
Bishop W. W. Peele, Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

DURHAM DISTRICT
E. L. Hillman, D.S.,114 Watts St., Durham, N. C.

January

Durham, Bethany, 7:30 ... 13
Pittsboro: Pittsboro, 11 ... 16
Bynum: Bynum, 3 ... 16
Chapel Hill: Chapel Hill, 7:30 ... 16
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30 ... 18
Carrboro: Carrboro, 7:30 ... 20

February

Cedar Grove: Cedar Grove, 11 ... 6
Orange: Efland, 3 ... 6
Durham, Lakewood, 7:30 ... 6
Durham Circuit: McMannens, 7:30 ... 9
Eno: Eno, 7:30 ... 10
Mount Tirzah: Helena, 11 ... 23
Roxboro Circuit: Longhurst, 3 ... 23
Rougemont: Rougemont, 7:30 ... 23
Haw River: Haw River, 7:30 ... 25
Brooksdale: Brooksdale, 7:30 ... 26

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
J. Herbert Miller, D.S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

January

Pasquotank: Newbegun, 11 and 1 ... 14
Elizabeth City, First Church, 11 ... 16
Perquimans: Cedar Grove, 11 and 1 ... 22
Mattamuskeet: Englehard, 11 ... 23
Swan Quarter: Epworth, 3 ... 23
Murfreesboro: Murfreesboro, 11 ... 30
Edenton, 7:30 ... 30

February

Plymouth, 11 ... 6
Roper: Roper, 7:30 ... 6
Chowan: Anderson, 11 ... 13
Hertford, 7:30 ... 13
Washington, 11 ... 20
Bath: Bath, 3 ... 20
Columbia: Wesley Memorial, 11 ... 27
Creswell: Creswell, 7:30 ... 27

March

Manteo, 11 ... 6
Stumpy Point: Manns Harbor, 3:30 ... 6
Belhaven: Pantego, 11 ... 13

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
Walter C. Ball, D.S., 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.

January

Mount Gilead Circuit: Wadesville, 11 ... 16
Troy Circuit: Ophir, 3 ... 16
Fayetteville Circuit (place to be selected) ... 17
Parkton: Parkton, 11 ... 23
St. Paul: St. Paul, 7:30 ... 23
Laurel Hill: Sneads Grove, 11 ... 30
Caledonia: Central, 7:30 ... 30

February

Rowland, 11 ... 6
Red Springs, 7:30 ... 6
Rockingham, 11 ... 13
Cordova (place to be selected), 3 ... 13
Hamlet, 7:30 ... 13
West End, 11 ... 20
Biscoe: Candor, 7:30 ... 20
Carthage: Cameron, 11 ... 27
Stedman: Cokesbury, 7:30 ... 27

NEW BERN DISTRICT
B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

January

Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 ... 16
Goldsboro, St. Paul, 7:30 ... 16
Goldsboro Circuit: Pine Forest, 11 ... 23
Hookerton: Rainbow, 7:30 ... 23
Dover, 11 ... 30
New Bern, Centenary, 7:30 ... 30

February

Atlantic, 11 ... 6
Straits: Williston, 7 ... 6
Beaufort Circuit: Merrimon, 11 ... 13
Newport, 7:30 ... 13
Marshallberg, 11 ... 20
Beaufort, 7:30 ... 20
Bridgeton, 11:15 ... 27
Snow Hill: Calvary, 7:30 ... 27

March

Morehead City, First, 11 ... 6
Franklin Memorial, 7:30 ... 6
Trenton: Shady Grove, 11 ... 13

RALEIGH DISTRICT
H. B. Porter, D.S., 1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

January

Dunn, 11 ... 16
Smithfield, 7:30 ... 16
Henderson, First Church, 11 ... 23
Vance: Harris Chapel, 3 ... 23
Henderson, White Memorial, 7:30 ... 23
Advance for Christ and His Church Institute, Edenton Street, Raleigh, 10 ... 24
Newton Grove: Wesleys, 11 ... 30
Selma, 7:30 ... 30

RALEIGH DISTRICT

February

Raleigh, Hayes-Barton, 7:30 ... 4
Louisburg, 11 ... 6
Louisburg Circuit: Bunn, 7:30 ... 6
Mamers, 11 ... 13
Fuquay, 7:30 ... 13
Tar River: Kittrell, 11 ... 20
Zebulon-Wendell: Wendell, 7:30 ... 20
Oxford, 11 ... 27
Oxford Circuit: Herman, 3 ... 27
Stem, 7:30 ... 27

March

Westover: Pleasant Grove, 11 ... 6
Raleigh, Trinity, 7:30 ... 6
Princeton, 11 ... 13
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 ... 13
Clayton, 11 ... 20

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT
A. J. Hobbs, D.S., 803 Sycamore St., Rocky Mount, N. C. Telephone 2804

January

Scotland Neck: Scotland Neck, 11 ... 16
Robersonville: Robersonville, 7:30 ... 16
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 7:30 ... 18
Elm City: Hornes, 7:30 ... 19
Spring Hope: Spring Hope, 11 ... 23
St. Paul: Gold Valley, 3 ... 23
Pinetops: Pinetops, 7:30 ... 23
Kenly: Kenly, 3 ... 25
Farmville, 7:30 ... 25

February

Marvin: Marvin, 7:30 ... 6
Halifax: Halifax, 11 ... 13
Rosemary, 3 ... 13

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
C. D. Barclift, D.S., 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

January

Lumberton, 11 ... 16
Pembroke Parish: Bethel, Community Center, Fairview, First Church, Prospect — Group Conference at First Church, 3 ... 16
Lumberton Circuit: Pleasant Grove, 7 ... 16
Advance for Christ and His Church Institute at Trinity Church, Wilmington, 10 ... 21
Hallsboro, 11 ... 23
Whiteville, 7:30 ... 23
Elizabethtown, 11 ... 30
Rose Hill, 7:30 ... 30

February

Fairmont, 11 ... 6
Chadbourn: Evergreen, 7 ... 6
Carvers Creek: Bladen Springs, 11 ... 13
Tabor City, 7:30 ... 13
Garland, 11 ... 20
Bladen: Windsor, 7 ... 20
Maysville: Pollocksville, 11 ... 27
Swansboro, 7 ... 27

March

Duplin: Wesleys, 10 ... 6
Wallace, 7:30 ... 6
Pembroke: Calvary, 11 ... 13
South Robeson: Bethesda, 7:30 ... 13
Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 ... 20
(Dedication of parsonage in the afternoon)
Wilmington, Grace, preaching, 11 ... 27
Town Creek: Zion, 7:30 ... 27

Evangelists' Slates

ROY T. HOUTS, Approved Evangelist
Route 3, New Market, Tenn.

Jan. 16-30—Brewster, Fla.
Jan. 30-Feb. 13—Madison, Fla.
Feb. 13-27—Main Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

JOHN R. CHURCH, D.D., Route 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Jan. 2-13—First Methodist, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Jan. 16-27—First Methodist, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 6-17—Boger City, Lincolnton, N. C.
Feb. 20-March 3—Mt. Pleasant, Winston-Salem, N. C.
March 13-24—First Methodist, Ellijay, Ga.
March 27-April 7—Grace Methodist, Salem, Ill.

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MRS. EDNA S. BLAKE

HIGH POINT.—Mrs. Edna S. Blake, who will long be remembered for her courage in carrying on her husband's business after his death, for work as a teacher and home demonstrator before her marriage, and for her interest in civic causes, church work, and human welfare, died at her home in High Point November 26, 1948. Her sisters are Mrs. F. C. Riddle, Gaston County; Mrs. F. A. Rickman, Asheville; Miss Annie Laurie Glenn, Asheville; and Mrs. W. E. Poovey, High Point. Funeral services were conducted at Wesley Memorial Church by Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., November 27, and she was buried in Oakwood cemetery beside her late husband, Charles F. Blake.

SALLIE LILLY KIRK

KERNERSVILLE. — Members of Main Street Methodist Church herein pay solemn tribute to one of its beloved members, Sallie Lilly Kirk, who passed away September 21, 1948.

Whereas our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has called home this faithful daughter who loved Him long and who served His church well; be it resolved,

First, We extend our sympathy to her devoted family;

Second, We shall miss her loyalty and influence; and

Third, That these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, that a copy be mailed to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of the first quarterly conference in session December 19, 1948.—P. H. RAGLAND, Recording Steward; KEMP WHICKER, Charge Lay Leader.

MRS. J. C. JONES

NEBO.—Mrs. J. C. Jones passed on to her eternal home on Friday morning, May 28, 1948. Mrs. Jones loved her home, her family, her church, her friends. Her greatest joy was helping others. Her patience in suffering, her courage and joy were an inspiration to all who knew her. A good mother, a noble Christian, she left two sons, two daughters, twenty-four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren to mourn her loss. Funeral for Mrs. Jones was conducted at Gilkey Methodist Church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by a former pastor, J. W. Parker of Connelly Springs.

CHARLES JEFFERSON CLICK (1861-1948)

WOODLEAF.—On December 16, 1948, Charles Jefferson Click passed to his eternal rest. He was a very loyal and devoted member of the Methodist church, serving as a faithful member of the board of stewards and trustees, always giving his influence to moral worth and rectitude and in the growth and development of every righteous cause.

Wherefore, it is resolved: That it is the consensus of the board of stewards of the Woodleaf church that in the passing of Brother Click the church and board of stewards has lost a faithful and loyal member, that the memory of his life among us will be an inspiration for more consecrated service.

That the sympathies of this board be extended to the family of our departed brother and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished them; and be it further resolved that a copy be furnished the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted by the board of stewards on December 19, 1948.—H. C. FREEMAN, pastor.

ROSCOE C. BOAZ

PILOT MOUNTAIN.—Roscoe C. Boaz died suddenly Friday night, November 12, 1948, while attending a fellowship supper at Level Cross Methodist Church. He had just completed a short talk urging this neighbor congregatin to begin the task of building a new church, and had joined in the singing of a hymn when his call came. His death, coming so peacefully in the midst of a song of praise, was a beautiful climax to a life spent in the service of the Master. He was ever on call to give of his goods or himself to those in need of either.

For many years he was a faithful member of Pilot Mountain Methodist Church, serving on the board of stewards, and was charge lay leader at the time of his death. Also, he was assistant superintendent and choir leader of the church school. He was untiring in his support of his church and liberal in his contributions to the building fund of the new church building.

He was past Master of Pilot Mountain Masonic Lodge No. 493, and the funeral service was completed with Masonic rites at the grave.

He was outstanding as a husband, a father, a neighbor, a citizen, and a Christian.

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THE TRUMPET

By Bishop Costen J. Harrell

THE OUTSTRETCHED HAND

Last week I wrote concerning the first phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church. In this part of the Advance our emphasis is on the Church's inner life—on the faith which has been trusted to us and our commitment to it. Whenever the Church is captured by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, the impulse to serve mankind in the Lord's name is immediately manifest. The second phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church is the ministering hand of a great church.

The last General Conference reviewed the remarkable achievements of the quadrennium just ended. The achievements of the Crusade were beyond our expectations and in our hearts was the glow of victory. The Conference was of one mind that the victories achieved should be the starting ground for greater victories ahead. The General Conference did not ask the church to undertake another great campaign like the Crusade, but issued a challenge that we continue our larger ministry to the world along a somewhat different route.

It was clear to the mind of the Conference that our World Service funds are basic to the church's life and, therefore, it called on all of our churches to increase their World Service giving 33⅓ per cent above the apportionment for the last quadrennium. The cost of materials and service has increased. These increased askings can hardly do more than hold the ground we have gained. The favorable response of our churches in every portion of the country to this call speaks eloquently of the devoted hearts of Methodist people.

No great church is ever content merely to hold the ground that it has gained. The armies of the Lord never stack arms. The insignia adopted for the new quadrennium is "From Crusade to Conquest." In order to make the conquest a possibility, the General Conference ordered that we should appeal to our churches for gifts over and above the World Service contributions through two channels: (1) by observing each year a special week called the Week of Dedication; (2) by presenting duly authorized Specials to conferences and churches. We now are entering upon this phase of the Advance.

The Conference Advance Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet in Asheville, Monday, January 17. At that time a list of Specials for our work at home and abroad will be selected, and these will be offered our churches throughout the conference. Specials may be had from a few dollars to many thousands. It is hoped that every church within the Western North Carolina Conference will assume a Special in some amount. By so doing, a church connects its world ministry with a particular need and in so doing invariably receives a spiritual blessing. Our district superintendents will offer these Specials to the churches on their districts. The response of our people is already manifest. On January 18 in Asheville and on the 20th in Statesville we will have great Advance rallies for our ministers and people. At these meetings we hope to interpret the deeper meaning and wider implications of the Advance for Christ and His Church.

THERE are 35 episcopal areas in the United States.

First Methodist Church, Forest City, Tops North Carolina Christian Advocate 100 Per Cent Honor Roll For Third Straight Year



EVERY FAMILY of First Church, Forest City, receives the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for the third straight year, thanks to the vision and planning of the official board shown above at its regular December meeting in the home of a member, H. C. Giles. Five members of the board were absent on the night that this picture was taken. Those absent were Dr. L. D. Shuford, chairman of the board; Miss Fannie McKinney, secretary; George Harris; L. H. Evans; and O. J. Mooneyham. Those present in the picture, appearing from left to right, are: G. C. McDaniel, George Callison, James Byers, Mrs. G. A. Harris, F. B. Ledbetter R. B. McDuffie, Grover Kiser, H. C. Giles, Willie B. King, Rev. J. W. Braxton, John Dalton, Dr. Frank Adkinson, E. L. Walker, Mrs. J. B. Duckett, and William Biggerstaff, treasurer.

WHY ARE WE PROTESTANTS?

In the field of "evangelical thinking" we know of few keener minds than that of Dr. Robert W. Searle, executive of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. And he has also the gift of expressing himself well in print.

"All too many people who call themselves Protestant have no precise conception of the significance of their calling. Without clear conception, conviction is impossible; and without conviction, there can be no vital dedication of life.

"Men today are hungry for conviction. Opinion, belief, probability, concepts made questionable by the mingled dross of superstition: these have no vitamins for the soul. They furnish neither the substance in which internal peace can take root, nor the firm foundation on which a foothold can be secured by those who would stand up to life.

"True Protestantism offers such as these the stuff of conviction, without at the same time seeking to seal off their minds against new and unfolding truth.

"And Protestantism must play its full part—it simply must—in the two-front warfare in which the spirit of man is engaged.

"On the one hand, the struggle against materialism and secularism was never more intense. The last centuries have concentrated the attention of man's senses upon the material world to the extent that he has not only become myopic, but has even forgotten that there is immaterial and spiritual fact and that there are other ways to knowledge. It is no wonder that philosophy and psychology, education, sociology and even in aspect religion, itself, are dominated by materialism. To him who has lost his hearing, there is no such thing as sound.

"This world needs stalwart and convinced Protestants — men and women— who make freedom glorious by their understanding of it, by their inner conviction and by their self-responsibility."

"On the other hand, man is confronted with the menace of authoritarianism. Just as Russia would exploit chaos to establish a small and absolute hierarchy of power, while others seek to establish a financial hierarchy, so the hands of authoritarianism stretch out to clutch man's mind and soul and to bend them to hierarchical control.—W. W. REID.

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BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL
Resident Bishop of the Charlotte Area—General Chairman of the Financial Phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church

EVANGELISTS MEET; CUNINGGIM'S NEW BOOK; N. C. CONFERENCE TREASURERS; "RAIDING"

MEETING OF APPROVED EVANGELISTS

By Roy T. Houts

Sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism, and Dr. Harry Denman in particular, the approved evangelists held their second annual meeting in Memphis, Tenn., December 27-31. During this period 12 churches in Memphis held simultaneous revivals, conducted by some of the evangelists. There were many fine results from these services.

It was our good fortune to preach in old Galloway Church, one of the larger churches of Memphis, with over 1,500 members, and a very fine organization. There were several conversions, including a man 65 years of age, and a large number of people rededicated their lives to God. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Tidwell, is in high favor with his people. "Brother Bill," as they call him, has 42 life service volunteers among his young people. A number of these are preacher boys. There is evidence of great spiritual leadership throughout the whole church. In the last four years over 400 souls have been added to this church.

During the morning hours, the evangelists met in conference with a very interesing program. Mass evangelism, pulpit evangelism, radio evangelism, visitation evangelism, were all discussed by various members of the General Board. A discussion of "What the Pastor Expects of His Evangelist," was led by Dr. George Cresswell, Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Overby, one of the evangelists, led a discussion on "What the Evangelist Expects of the Pastor." Visiting pastors and the evangelists entered heartily into this discussion.

We feel such meetings are very helpful to the evangelists and to the churches where they meet. We think it would be more profitable for all concerned if we would go to a city for eight days, Sunday through Sunday, put everything we have into a revival, each evangelist work where there is an opportunity, let each church take a free will offering, and each evangelist share alike in the financial support.

A third such meeting is to be held the first part of next January. A definite place will be announced later.

THE FRUIT OF A GENERATION

By J. Marvin Culbreth

The class in religious education was sharply divided in opinion concerning the time given to a study of the family.

"I came here to study theology," complained one. "Why all this waste of energy upon a subject in the field of sociology?"

Others, however, gladly embraced the opportunity of learning more about the family as the basic unit in society. They were privileged to be among the first candidates for the ministry ever to enjoy this advantage. They were students in the theological department of Vanderbilt University. The young professor who taught the course was Jesse Lee Cuninggim. The time was the beginning of the sixth year of the Twentieth Century.

In his book just from the press, **The Family of God,** Dr. Cuninggim justifies the decision made more than a generation ago to lift up the family as the best medium through which the will of God may be learned and practiced. The decisive value given to the marital relationship, the parent-child relationship, the expanding family connection, adequately supports his protest against divorce and justifies his faith that juvenile delinquency can be abolished.

In enlarging upon the Scriptural basis of his faith, he gathers together the teachings of Jesus so pointedly as to make completely convincing his attack upon the forces which threaten the family—materialism, secularism, communism, and the heedless pursuit of pleasure.

The portion of the book which sets forth the significance of Jesus may be appraised as one of the strongest pleas for a thoroughgoing evangelism which has appeared in many a day.

Ideally, Dr. Cuninggim presses the contention, the family is the highest expression of the way in which God would have all men live—in the church, in the school, in community organizations, in governments. And herein lies the major significance of the book, its thesis has actually been carried out in the life of a certain school — Scarritt College, of Nashville, Tenn. In the very first chapter, the author bares not only his own soul but the souls of his faculty in their painstaking, honest persistent quest for an adequate religion to live by and how to make that religion creative in the lives of students.

If only—if only—every church college in the land would dare to follow the path here charted!

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Money for World Service and Annual Conference Benevolences (including 4th Sunday school offering), Episcopal Fund, District Superintendents' Fund, Claimants' Fund, College Advance Principal Fund, Golden Cross, and Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., should be sent to **C. A. DILLON, Treasurer, P. O. Box 1111, Raleigh, N. C.**

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WHERE CAN IT STOP?

(Telegram)

The Editor, Christian Advocate,
Greensboro, N. C.

The Advocate raids Warrenton and takes its pastor. Warrenton raids Conway and takes its pastor. Conway raids Fremont and takes its pastor. Will Fremont have to raid some other charge, and the other charge keep it up? God forbid.

J. A. BEST, Fremont, N. C.

The process you call raiding will never stop. Ours is a connectional church with an itinerant ministry bound to go where they are sent. That's how you happened to have a man like the one you are losing.—Ed.

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Democracy, Consistency, and the Liquor Evil

Senator George Penny of Guilford, against whom the wets waged a losing fight in the last elections, has proposed an "all-or-none" State-wide liquor referendum. If the drys win in the referendum, the bone-dry Turlington Act would again take effect in 90 days, it is promised. On the other hand, if the wets should win, the manufacture, transportation, and sale of liquor, wine, and beer under State control would be permitted, it is asserted, in every county.

Believing that the drys are in the vast majority in North Carolina and that such a majority would back effective enforcement of the law, the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE would welcome a referendum of the clear-cut Penny type. As a matter of principle, however, we would insist that any dry-minded community in wet territory has the inalienable right to vote liquor out, and thus protect itself by law against the annoyance, expense, and degrading influence of this recognized evil.

The privilege of local option for wet communities in dry territory is an entirely different matter. To let a wet town in a dry county vote against county-wide prohibition is as basically unsound as to grant local option on the taxation of property or on the conscription of soldiers in time of war. Wet Louisburg in dry Franklin County is not majority rule; it is minority rule. For Asheville to have liquor stores means that the dry majority in Buncombe County is powerless to defend itself against evils tolerated and taxed in accordance with the wishes of the wet minority centering in the city. If the traffic in intoxicants is an evil, like the traffic in narcotics for other than medicinal uses, the concept of democracy demands that the people of any organized community may protect themselves against that evil by enacting laws prohibiting it. On the other hand, when a county or state has voted for laws prohibiting this evil traffic, there is no inconsistency whatever, and no denial but rather the assertion of the principle of democracy, in refusing to grant local option to a community in which a majority may favor legalizing the evil.

While we would welcome an opportunity to vote for State-wide prohibition and would much prefer the all-or-none Penny proposal to any referendum like that which fooled the people of South Carolina a few years ago, we flatly reject the implication that we would thus commit ourselves to a denial of the right of any local community in a wet county or state or nation to secure prohibition of the traffic in intoxicants within its borders if a majority of its citizens demand it.

The church paper is as important as the mission of the church it presents.

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Neglect of reading is a voluntary illiteracy. Perverted reading is worse.

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The Methodists who are least enthusiastic about their church are those who know least about it.

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Advocate month measures the progress of the church for succeeding months.

Liston Pope to Head Yale Divinity School

For more than a generation Yale Divinity School has enjoyed an enviable position among the theological seminaries in the United States. This is due in no small measure to the eminence and ability of those who have been its leaders. Dean Luther A. Weigle, who is to retire this June after 21 years as administrative head of the school, has been recognized as an outstanding authority in religious education for a much longer period of time. He succeeded Dean Charles Reynolds Brown, who rates among the greatest preachers American Christianity has produced. It is with no little pride and satisfaction that the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE learns of the selection of Dr. Liston Pope, native of Thomasville, to be the new Dean at Yale.

Liston Pope has won this honor and has qualified for the accompanying responsibilities in a field no less important and even more difficult than those in which Dean Brown and Dean Weigle have been distinguished. It is indeed significant that his scholarship and leadership has been in the realm of applied Christianity. His achievements as professor of social ethics have brought him to the deanship. Brilliant, consecrated, fearless, the young minister and teacher has kept a clear head, a sense of humor, and firm loyalty to the right in a field that is full of booby traps and tempting illusions.

Those who have known Liston Pope as the son of his parents and as a growing boy in old Main Street Methodist Church in Thomasville, as a student in Duke University, and as assistant pastor in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, are not surprised that his native abilities and his qualities of spirit should flower into a life of magnificent service to mankind. So may it be as he enters upon his new labors for God, for country, and for Yale.

The Silent Testimony

The man who has recovered from an attack of smallpox cannot help being a witness to that fact. The marks are on him. The evidence that put Bruno Hauptmann, convicted kidnaper of the Lindbergh child, on the spot was not what people said about him. The silent testimony of his own demeanor and of the marks he had made as he moved along was the strongest proof of his guilt. And so when people come to weigh one's testimony for Christ, they will judge not so much by what one says as by the dumb but eloquent evidence of how one lives.

Moral Momentum

It takes something to stop a man who gathered moral momentum by the steady and faithful practice of prayer. Daniel formed the habit of praying to God three times a day with his window open toward Jerusalem. The power of a pagan tyrant could not stop him. No threat or terror could bar his steadfast course. Jesus was supremely the Man of prayer. He brushed aside every obstacle—the world, the flesh, the devil, death itself.

ABSTINENCE OR MODERATION?

By Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker

MR. JOHN AVERAGE MAN is asking the question because he is doubtful about total abstinence. He does not have your convictions, and you must not read into his mind your background and your ideas. He has his own—make no mistake about it—and he must be won.

So long as John Average Man is on the "moderation" side of the fence, we have work to do. How can he be coaxed to climb over to the abstinence side? You notice the verb; it is "coaxed" not "coerced."

Honeyed sentences will not do it. No matter how sugar-soaked our appealing words may be, they will not bring about the results we want. There must be clear argument, convincing truths, an array of facts that will jostle him in his "moderation position."

Anathemas will not avail to change the opinions of John Average Man. Blistering verbal assaults of denunciation will not lift his feet even to the level of the first rail of that fence. Such barrages may win the applause of the zealots, who are safely and staunchly on our side. They may clap their hands and shout. But we must not yield to the lure of such potential applause. Mr. John Average Man must be won, for his position for abstinence or moderation is the final key to solution.

Now, this average man sits in many a church pew. We have neglected and failed him. Our messages have usually had no word for him concerning the disasters involved — potentially — in the moderate use of alcohol as a beverage. Our educational programs have treated very sketchily, if at all, the perils that lay along the alcoholic pathway. For 50 years, we omitted the presentation of total abstinence on a church-wide scale.

Our Commitment day during the Lenten season a year ago was the first time in this century that any major denomination had called upon all its members and constituents to face up to the personal question of abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. We ought to cover our faces in shame and pray, "Be merciful unto us, O Lord, and forgive us this great sin of omission!"

Thanks be unto God, we are now on the business of making amends. By order of the General Conference last May, Methodism in all its churches is again to observe Commitment day. The first Sunday in Lent each year of this quadrennium has been officially designated.

Other great churches are following our example. On May 30, 1948, the Southern Baptists observed Commitment day, using the very name we had created as a new approach to an old act.

(Let me remind you that pledge signing was—shall I say—rampant in the last two and a half decades of the Nineteenth Century. Yes, I will leave it stand as "rampant." That is a good and expressive word to connote what went on in that quarter of a century in the area of abstinence, as over against moderation. In my opinion, that had much to do—very much to do—with what happened in the first two decades of the Twentieth Century with reference to the liquor traffic.)

We must do "the first works." Once more, we must find ways and means of persuading the unconvinced that the better way is abstinence. We disregard, at our peril, the reasons that lead people to take "the social glass."

Is it hard to sympathize with that boy who says "Everybody's doing it. I am in and of the crowd"? Or with that girls who exclaims "I'm tired of being a wet blanket. I'm not going to be a killjoy any longer. I'll take mine when the rest take theirs"? The person who cannot sense the pull of this sort of thing is in a poor position to help. Jesus "had compassion" on those about him. He was the understanding friend of the misguided, who were milling around in all sorts of emotional and sinful messes. We, too, must see and understand.

Of course, there are many other urges toward social drinking. People who are cursed with abnormal self-consciousness or with an inferiority complex often seek a "conquering mood" by means of the cup that dulls their usual attitudes and "sets them free." Then, there is the ambitious, social egotist, who wants to be "the life of the party," and thinks that some help from alcohol is needed. A great host who "toss off the social cocktail" do it because they want to conform to the social customs of their neighborhood or club or fraternity. They have never stood in mute admiration before a Daniel.

It is our job to seek understanding and insights, moving as far as we can beneath these clouds of illusion and mists of delusion, but being sure not to lose our way. Sympathetic understanding must not blot out our stars and mountain peaks. Many a socially-minded sympathizer has lost his vision splendid in the blinking, murky light of such common days. Our yearning concern for the fallen and the falling must never obscure the facts involved in their disaster. Alcohol is an enemy of the finest. Its very nature is to fight against "whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report." We must never forget that.

Old King Alcohol's presence, although seemingly benign at times, is always to be feared. He does things to folks. He unlatches their tongues. He unleashes their emotions. With him they say and do what they know not. Dangerous "liberties" sweep them swiftly toward deeds that they, themselves, would consider unworthy, or worse, were they in full possession of their powers of sober self-control.

Such things happen when they are only "lit up," only "a bit high," but not drunk. The divorce courts, the abortionists' haunts, the social service agencies, the accident records, the police reports constantly testify to such perils. It is "safer" to be an abstainer. Social security lies along the roadway of sobriety. And no one can be even leaning toward such dangers, if he never touches the stuff.

John Average Man does not see old King Alcohol as he is, does not know that he, too, belongs to the deadly drug family. No fine, friendly fellow who goes about adding to the delights of gracious living, no social ally, no helper toward a better job, no aid in getting Mr. John Average Man and his wife into the best club is this supposedly fine friend who may prove to be an enemy. Who knows when a man or woman may be acting like a clown or a fool through comradeship with old King Alcohol? It happens too often to afford a comfortable feeling for cold-blooded analysts of human behavior.

Thus far we have only glimpsed some aspects of the total situation involved in the question, "Abstinence or Moderation?" But what is moderation? When does drinking cease to be moderation? With one glass? With two? With three? Is it easy to stay moderate?

A man high in political and social life in Washington said to me within 12 months: "It is easier, bishop, to refuse the first glass than the second; and easier to refuse the second than the third; and after that the sky may be the limit; that depends on the crowd and the hour." And this man "knows his way around." He refuses the first glass and "gets away with it." Yet he remains popular and has unusual respect accorded to him in all circles. It can be done.

I have not touched on the woes of alcoholics or the miseries of the habitual or heavy drinkers. Nobody knows what his powers of resistance are. Nobody can tell anybody. Men and women only learn the hard way. Then, it is too late.

There are serious hazards here. One of every 50 drinkers becomes an alcoholic. He never believed it could happen to him. Nor did she. One of every six drinkers becomes a habitual or a heavy drinker. Of course, most unexpectedly. Beware! Take out insurance. Abstain. Enroll for social security. Abstain. Commit yourself to sobriety through abstinence. It will pay!

A radio address from the Durham Methodist Hour

Eruditio et Religio

By L. STACY WEAVER

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MOST North Carolina Methodists are familiar with the Latin words which are inscribed upon the seal of Trinity College, *Eruditio et Religio*—Education and Religion. I think that we take no undue license if we interpret the word *Religio* as referring to the Christian religion in the minds of those who adopted this motto. They indicate that in the thinking of the founders of this great institution of learning, these two—education and religion—were twin columns which suported the superstructure. Mr. James B. Duke, in establishing the indenture of trust which created, among other things, Duke University, expressed the same idea in almost the following words. "I have established Duke University as one of the principal objects of this bequest," he said, "because I believe that education, next to religion, is the greatest civilizing influence."

Religion as represented by the Church was the fountain head and parent of education. You and I in our day and generation have come to realize the danger that the child may be the agent of destruction of its parent. We have become very concerned, and properly so, to see that the police power and the taxing power of the State are used to make education both compulsory and universal; and with equal determination we have decreed that this power shall not be used for the promotion of religion in any manner or fashion. Thus, you and I live in an age when man's intellectual attainments have outstripped his moral and spiritual development. Scientific discoveries have created various Frankenstein monsters which we have not yet developed the spiritual capacity to control. Whether we shall do so, and immediately, is perhaps the most pressing question of the day. As one country editor succinctly remarked: "The atom bomb is here to stay. The question is, are we?"

Yet, as truly as I believe in a universal system of public education, I would be the first to deny that education alone will be able to meet the problems and challenges which confront our people in the years that lie immediately ahead. Education alone can offer no panacea for the evils that beset mankind. Germany was one of the foremost nations of the world in scientific research. Yet the devotion of her scholars to so-called pure science produced a leadership at the head of that nation that had absolutely no moral responsibility. Perhaps the greatest crime of which the late and unlamented leader of the Nazis stands convicted is the fact that he was able to persuade a large portion of his people to believe that evil was good. Japan was the most literate nation on earth, when her bombs rained without warning on undefended American boys at Pearl Harbor. Education in America must not deny, as education did deny in these two countries, its responsibility for the moral control and utilization of the discoveries which it brings to light. Scholarship must no longer attempt to assauge an uneasy conscience by the smug assertion that the end utilization of its discoveries is none of its concern; that its interest lies only in the pure science of research and discovery. This is an invalid position for the educator and a dangerous path for education. Growing out of this sort of concept of education we find the materialism that all but possesses the world today. We do, and rightly should, insist that education must eternally divorce itself from sectarianism. But in divorcing it from all religion, we have excluded from its embrace the only pure truth known to man. Thereby we have substituted a materialistic philosophy which has become, in too many sad instances, the distinguishing characteristic of those who call themselves educated or educators. This materialistic philosophy, which declares that things are more worth while and are more important than people, is the basis of the dictatorship of the police state and is the death knell of human liberties, which our forefathers struggled to bring forth on this continent and which have been our cherished heritage from that good hour until now. These liberties can endure through a great many years of hardship and suffering, but they will not long live in the lives of the people if we shall continue to worship the false god of materialism.

If the divorcement of the two great virtues of education and religion has allowed materialism to encroach upon education to its detriment, the Church itself is not free from this danger. The Church is in danger, I think, of persuading its membership, yea even its ministry, that salvation may be had by works alone. This is a comforting thesis to those who are able to accomplish good works, and thus eagerly seized upon to allay the stirrings and goadings of an uneasy conscience. Worth while as these activities undoubtedly are, we have been in some instances too easily persuaded that the paramount mission of the church is in the field of social service, and that the paramount concern of its ministry should be directed toward service as social workers and psychiatrists. We should not diminish the interest of the church in these fields, as the church must ever be sensitive to human need in whatever condition, form or surroundings it may be found, but a note of warning may be apt here. While opposing with all of its strength the ideology of Communism, which is a religion without an ethic, the church must also take care lest Christianity become an ethic without a religion. The preeminent mission of the church has been, and must always continue to be, to stand up and say with the voice of authority, to a confused and a bewildered and frustrated humanity, "Be still, and know that I am GOD." Only a rededication to this great truth will enable the church to bring into its membership and hold in its field of interest those to whom it ought now to minister. Out of such dedication will issue good works in abundance. But if the church shall have no greater message to men than the service clubs or the professional counselors, it shall inevitably atrophy and die.

Thus it seems to me that the common danger to religion and education is materialism. This danger must be met by the school and the church, and it must be met in a united effort. Education and religion cannot be divorced from each other. If education be a search after truth, which it is, then there can be no education apart from religion, because there is no truth except as it accords with the will of God. Religion without education is superstition; education without religion is destruction.

A generation of people trained in this concept of education and rededicated to the basic principles of morality, as expressed in the fundamentals of religion, will be possessed with an idealism which will enable them to lead the people out of the morass which now threatens to engulf us. We suffer now from three decades of devotion to materialism. We have had more secular education in the last 30 years than the world has ever known before. And yet, during that 30-year period, we have killed more human beings violently—and I do not mean accidentally, but deliberately with malice aforethought in this supreme idiocy we call war—than were so killed in the preceding 800 years of human history. Our

contempt for the ideal and our devotion to the material have produced this holocaust. We shall be saved from these tragedies only if our leadership is able to be rededicated to idealism by the joint efforts of education and religion. Ideals are like the stars. We shall not succeed in touching them with our hands, but like the seafaring man we choose them as our guides and, following them, we shall reach our destiny.

One of the sneering, contemptuous passages of the Bible was uttered by Joseph's brother, as he in company with his other brothers watched Joseph approach across the field. Out of hearts full of bitterness and jealousy they had just determined to destroy him, because he found greater favor in the sight of his father than they. As they watched him approach one of them contemptuously exclaimed, "Behold, the dreamer cometh." Yet within a few short years had it not been for the vision of that dreamer, they and all of their people with them would have perished. They would have added starved physical bodies to souls that had already starved to death. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

A rediscovery of idealism and its establishment in the leadership of our people is the high challenge of these stirring and solemn and tragic hours, to the church and to the school. The responsibility is great and the stakes are high. We must not fail lest the succeeding debacle pull all mankind into the abyss toward which we move, surely and certainly, unless we are intelligent enough and have sufficient strength of character to bring to an abrupt halt the headlong dash toward World War III. Only a leadership with sufficient vision and sufficient consecration will be able to save us from the consequences of our own folly. The high challenge of the hour, then, is the reunion of the forces of education and religion; that these two handmaidens of virtue may unitedly go forth to lead our people in a common endeavor and a common effort for the uplifting and ennobling of human lives.

Who dreams shall live, and if you do not dream
Then you shall build no temple into time.
Yon dust cloud swirling low against the sun
Was yesterday's cathedral, stirred to gold,
By heedless footsteps of a passing world.

The faiths of stone and steel have failed of proof.
The king who made religion of a sword, passes,
And is forgotten in a day.
The crown he wore rots at a lily's root.
The rose unfurls her banners over his dust.

The dreamer dies but never dies the dream.
Though death shall call the whirlwind to his aid,
Enlist men's passions, trick their hearts with hate,
Still shall the vision live.
Say never more that dreams are fragile things.
What else endures, in all this broken world,
Save only dreams?

The Coming Glory of the Snow

As smooth as my lady's glove over her hand,
As firm as the wind-winnowed, surf-beaten sand,
As white as the fair, dimpled skin on her brow,
As artful as some gallant ship by the prow—
The snow gleamed and glistened beneath eager feet
The morning that followed the storm's quick retreat.

Deceptive the blue of the sun-flooded sky!
Of omen of mercury slow-rising high!
From lair of old Boreas a new wintry blast
Athwart the chill landscape a freezing rain cast,
Till highways turned trait'rous beneath icy stone,
And forest and field like a fairyland shone.

Then, intent to complete the grand pageant begun,
All the night the wind frolicked, and ghost fingers spun
Of heavy mass crystals a mantle designed
In patterns so varied, with curves so refined,
As to hide all the ugly distortions of earth,
And charm one with beauty late coming to birth.

—J. Marvin Culbreth.

Paine College and Race Relations Day

By W. F. Quillian

Sunday, February 13, 1949 is Race Relations Sunday throughout American Methodism. In the Southeastern Jurisdiction by agreement, any local church may direct its contribution to Paine College, located at Augusta, Ga. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, chairman of the board of trustees, has urged that funds be secured for the new chapel building to be erected in the near future as a memorial to Bishop Walter Russell Lambuth and Dr. John Wesley Gilbert, distinguished graduate of Paine College, who pioneered the opening of the Methodist Mission in the Belgian Congo in 1911.

The campus consists of 40 acres with 10 buildings. These are kept in a good state of repair and are fairly well equipped. On the staff are 33 members, and, for the current year, 328 students are enrolled, 197 of whom are in the boarding department. The majority of these students come from Georgia and South Carolina, but there are representatives from 11 other states. This is a cooperative effort between leaders and members of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. It began and has continued through more than six decades as an expression of good will between the white and colored people of the South. Paine graduates have rendered a great service and, so far as the records show, no graduate of this instituiton has ever been found guilty of criminal conduct. Many of the most prominent Christian leaders among the Negroes in America have received all or a part of their education at Paine.

In the observance of Race Relations Day no financial quotas or goals are fixed by the trustees of the college. The offerings are altogether voluntary. While many of our people should make large contributions to this worthy cause, it has been suggested than an average of 10 cents a member may reasonably be expected of every local congregation. In these days of stress and tension our Methodist people of the Southeastern Jurisdiction should take advantage of every opportunity to show their friendship and good will to the Negro members of our church.

There could be no finer expression of this attitude than in making a generous contribution to this worthy institution. Such cooperation at this time would strengthen the hands of President and Mrs. E. C. Peters and their associates.

We trust that Race Relations Sunday, February 13, 1949, will be observed in every Methodist congregation. The offering should be directed to Paine College and sent to the appropriate treasurer for your conference.

THE HAPPINESS DIME

By LILLIAN CULLUM

"But, mother, what can I get grandpa for ten cents?" asked Janie.

"Well, let's both put on our best thinking-caps all morning, and see what will buy grandpa the most happiness," said mother, and at half past eleven we'll have a consultation again. Now skip!"

"A dime doesn't go far these days," thought mother with a sigh. "I wish I could give her more."

Grandpa sat on the porch in the sun, leaning his head on his hands, which were folded over the railing. It was hard to be almost 80 years old, with legs that trembled.

Little Janie peeped at him from the door and smiled.

"Nice day, grandpa; see my new dusting-cap? Now what do you want most for your birthday, grandpa? It's next week, you know."

"Oh, a trip back to Vermont, I guess, I guess. Or an automobile; or—what's that thing that comes last end of the circus? Oh, yes, a calliope."

"Oh, grandpa, what fun you always make of me!"

"You look so much like a little girl I used to know back in Vermont, with that cap on your head and your curls under it. And I always did tease her."

"Was it grandma?"

"No, it was another little girl. She'll be 75 now. We used to hear from her regular when your grandma was alive and did the writing. Since she went, I'm such a poor hand to write letters, I just naturally let it slip, till first I knew I wan't getting any more letters from Sarah. But I'd surely like to hear from her once more; yes, and from a lot of old friends back in Vermont, if there are any left," grandpa broke off suddenly, his faded blue eyes wistfully gazing into space. Janie, for the moment forgotten, slipped away to the kitchen, where her mother was still busy with the Saturday baking.

"It isn't half past eleven yet, but I've thought of the splendidest scheme for grandpa's birthday!" she cried.

"Do you know about a Sarah somebody he and grandma used to know?"

"Why, yes, Sarah Livingstone. What about her?"

"Could we find her address, do you suppose?"

"Yes; it is in grandma's old address-book. But tell your curious mummy about your plan."

"Well, I'm going to spend my dime on ten postal cards, which I will send to Sarah Livingstone to use to write to grandpa's old friends, and ask them to please write in time for his birthday. Each one is to tell anybody back there who used to know him, about his birthday, and he'll have one grand shower, won't he?"

"What a splendid idea! And we'll tell people here, and they can all help. Run away now and write Mrs. Livingstone her letter and get it in the one o'clock mail. I'll hurry and find her address."

Grandpa was still on the porch in the sun when Janie skipped by with her precious letter, all duly addressed and stamped. Janie felt a little pang as she looked at him. He was so feeble and so dear. She was glad for all the happiness his birthday would bring.

And truly the birthday was a most wonderful day from its beginning to its end. Janie was simply bursting with suppressed excitement. A card had come some days ago from Mrs. Livingstone in reply to her letter, saying she would do her best. And yesterday a fat letter addressed in her handwriting had come for grandpa, together with several cards from others. These Janie brought to him after breakfast as he sat down for his usual sunning on the porch.

"Eh, for me?" he asked. "Where's my glasses? Who ever will be writing to an old feller like me?"

But he could scarcely adjust the glasses for excitement. He read the fat letter with many chuckles and exclamations.

"Same old Sarah," he said, "cute and sassy as they make 'em. Says she doesn't own to her last 25 years. That makes her only 50. Ha! ha!"

He read the cards with growing enthusiasm.

"Hi, hi! Card from Jess Perkins, who went away to war when I did. Good old Jess! Him and me—"

And so it went until all the cards were read. Deep-hidden old memories were stirring in grandpa's mind when he had finished. He was leaning his hands on his cane in a reverie when Janie danced up the path with more letters and cards in her hand.

"Wonder who hatched all this up for me? Guess it was hatched under some curls and a cap," said grandpa.

"Maybe 'twas, grandpa," said Janie, with one of her joyous laughs. "And look, theres alread twenty-six cards and four letters, and two more trains from the East today. It's a truly shower, isn't it.—Religious Herald.

A Long List

List the things you're thankful for,
Write them in a row;
Extra paper you will need,
First thing you know.

You'll be very much surprised.
(Another pencil, please!)
Start with things you love outdoors—
Roses, birds and trees.

Add the sun, the moon, and stars,
Don't forget the brook;
Goodness me, before you're through,
You will fill a book.

Keep right on and go inside,
Look around a while;
All your playthings, home itself,
Mother's loving smile.

Mind you, don't leave out a thing,
Write it down in ink;
Every blessing, big and small—
Did I see you blink?

You can't do it possibly!
Row on row on row—
Well, I didn't think you could!
Aren't you thankful though?

—DAISY STEPHENSON,
in *Druid Hills Methodist Messenger.*

VERSE

Petition

Come to me, O my God, in night's still hours
When sleep enfolds the minds of men
And I alone send forth my questing powers
To search for things beyond our feeble ken.

Hast Thou forsaken us to Evil's reign?
The rule of force? the cult of the unjust?
While sad humanity, in kinship's pain,
Seeks vainly for a heavenly trust?

Come forth, O Lord of hosts, and lead the way
Through broken hearts to higher life
While men shall learn Thy hand will never stay
Its might till peace shall end our strife.

—METTA FOLGER TOWNSEND.
Lenoir, N. C.

The Quest

"Follow me," coaxed the phantom of pleasure;
I pursued her, only to learn
That she was a cold, grasping mistress,
Taking all—giving naught in return.

"Worship me," urged the faint voice of knowledge,
So I sought her depths to divine;
I found there only confusion
As I knelt at her impotent shrine.

Then I followed the dim light of reason
To find that I followed a wraith.
Dismayed, I prayed Heaven for guidance;
Then found the clear light of faith.

—GILMER A. JONES.
Franklin, N. C.

Our Guest

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."—Psalm 118: 24.

Our blessed Lord is here today
To be our honored guest,
To help us while we work and pray
And watch us while we rest.
Enemies may hover near,
Black clouds bedim the sky,
But nothing now need cause us fear
With Jesus standing by.

Humbly though we entertain
With nothing rich or grand,
He'll lead us to a higher plane,
Into a pleasant land
Where neither fear nor strife prevail
Or discord block our way;
And with his help we cannot fail,
For he is here today.

—LAURA E. STACY.
Glen Alpine, N. C.

Conference to Seek Large Sum for Mission Specials; Moseley Retreat; Raleigh Institute; Appointments

N. C. CONFERENCE ADVANCE COMMITTEE SETS $100,000 MISSION SPECIAL GOAL

By C. W. Robbins

THE acceptance of $100,000 in mission specials for each year of the present quadrennium and the selection of Europe and Korea as fields for special missionary effort were voted unanimously last week by members of the North Carolina Conference Advance Committee in session at St. Pauls Church, Goldsboro. In the all-day meeting presided over by Rev. W. L. Clegg, chairman, the committee recommended that of this total amount $60,000 would be used in the two foreign fields; $30,000 used for home missions, with $27,000 to be used for Conference projects, and $3,000 for home mission Conference causes. The committee voted to ask the churches of the Conference to receive the offering for overseas relief on or around Sunday, February 6, and to climax the Week of Dedication with an offering on Sunday, March 20.

Bishop Peele and the district superintendents were authorized to select the conference mission specials, and the conference board of missions and church extension was authorized to administer the conference specials. It was announced that both the foreign and home specials would be available around Easter.

Attending the meeting were Bishop W. W. Peele, Dr. Richard E. Hanson and Dr. B. P. Murphy, both of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, all of whom gave valuable information on the Advance program.

Announcement of district meetings to promote the Advance beginning January 17 was made.

MOSELEY TO LEAD MINISTERS' RETREAT AT GOLDSBORO FEBRUARY 1-4

WALSTONBURG. — (Special). Rufus Moseley will lead another annual spiritual retreat for the ministers of the North Carolina Conference on February 1, 2, 3, 4.

The meeting will be at Daniels Memorial Methodist Church at Goldsboro. The church is located two miles out of Goldsboro on the Kinston highway. Sessions will begin Tuesday, February 1, at 2:30 p.m. and will close Friday, February 4, at noon. Write to Rev. Wade Goldston, Route 3, Goldsboro, for hotel reservation.

Mr. Moseley, together with Glenn Clark, led a spiritual mission team through several European nations last summer, and should have fresh news on the spiritual state of that area, as well as fresh insights into the nature and life of the kingdom of heaven.

THE TENTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

RALEIGH'S annual Institute of Religion, a community forum initiated and sponsored by The United Church, will begin its tenth year on January 24. Five of the sessions will be held on succeeding Monday evenings, and the sixth and final session on Tuesday, March 1. The program on each of these evenings includes a fellowship dinner at 6 p.m., study courses at 7 p.m., and featured addresses at 8 p.m. Dinner reservations may be made by writing The United Church, Corner Hillsboro and Dawson Streets. The speakers to be presented are:

January 24, 8 p.m.—Dr. Henry Steele Commager, noted historian of Columbia University, whose subject is "Safeguarding Civil Liberties—Why and How-"

January 31, 8 p.m. — Harold E. Fey, managing editor of **The Christian Century,** who will appraise the significance of the World Council of Churches meeting in Amsterdam last summer. Dr. Fey's subject is "A World Church in a World Crisis."

February 7, 8 p.m.—Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. The election of Estes Kefauver to the United States Senate last November, despite all the efforts to defeat him made by "Boss Crump," has been hailed as a great victory for political liberalism. Senator Kefauver has had a notable record of service for five terms in the House of Representatives from the Third Tennessee Congressional District, and represents the best and highest type of political leadership not only in the South but in the nation. His subject will be "The Recuperating South."

February 14, 8 p.m.—Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor of applied Christianity, Union Theological Seminary, New York. Dr. Niebuhr has achieved world distinction as a theologian and is one of the most stimulating and challenging thinkers of contemporary Christendom. His topic is "The Spiritual and Political Dimension of the World Crisis."

February 21, 8 p.m.—Dr. Carl Hermann Voss. Dr. Voss is extension secretary of the World Alliance for International Friendship Throught the Churches and chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee. From 1935 to 1938 he was pastor of The United Church in Raleigh. He will speak on the subject: "A Christian Looks at the New Israel."

March 1, 8 p.m.—Madame Rajan Nehru. Madame Nehru's husband is a nephew of Prime Minister Jawarahal Nehru, and until recently has been Indian Minister to the United States, and is now Indian Minister to Sweden. Madame Nehru is one of the most vital leaders of women in the New India. Her subject will be "What Is Happening in India?"

The United Church and the Institute of Religion extend a cordial welcome to all who may be able to come to Raleigh for any or all of these sessions.

CHANGE IN N. C. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Peele authorizes the following appointments, effective February 1, 1949:

Editor and manager of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, Cecil W. Robbins.

Warrenton, J. E. Garlington.

Conway, L. C. Vereen.

C. D. BARCLIFT, Secretary.

W.N.C. CONFERENCE IN ADVANCE MEETINGS

As the Advocate goes to press, ministers and laymen of the Western N. C. Conference are meeting in Asheville Jan. 18 or getting ready to go to Statesville Jan. 20 for the presentation of the Advance for Christ and His Church under the leadership of Bishop Costen J. Harrell.



MORE BARS—BIGGER JAILS

In the Limelight

MRS. B. T. MORRIS, Gastonia, sent in her 57th consecutive renewal to the ADVOCATE this week.

TRINITY Church, Durham, mourns the loss of Southgate Jones, Sr., who died January 6.

REV. WILLIAM BOBBITT, JR., formerly at High Point College, is now living at Thomasville. His post office box number is 58.

REIDSVILLE, Main Street, has recently installed a hearing aid set of ten phones, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dailey and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blackwell by Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Dailey.

REV. W. R. JOHNSON has been named as supply pastor of the Seven Springs charge, succeeding Rev. R. N. Fitts, who was transferred to Marshallberg last November.

REV. AND MRS. J. D. A. AUTRY were welcomed back for their sixth year at LaGrange with an old-time pounding, many gifts at Christmas time, and a raise of $200 in pastor's salary, making it $3,200.

MOORE County Methodist youth had a monthly subdistrict meeting at Pinebluff last week with 113 present. Miss Marion Warren of Cameron presided over a business session in which a report of funds raised for Camp Don-Lee was made.

MRS. PATTIE DIMMETTE TOWNSLEY, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Dimmette of Laurinburg, is now at Lusambo, Belgian Congo, Africa. The Townsleys have a little boy, Robert Hughlett, born September 10, 1948.

CANTON, First Church, continues a program of building and improvement. Latest addition is a new Hammond organ recently installed. A Christmas pounding filled the parsonage pantry with groceries and the hearts of Rev. L. E. Mabry and family with gratitude.

MILLBROOK charge, Raleigh district, welcomed Rev. H. H. Cash and family back for their second year with heavy poundings. Church school and worship service attendance shows a marked increase. The new church being built at Knightdale is now being roofed. It will be one of the best small town churches in the conference. Millbrook church has installed a new oil furnace and has underpinned the building. The pastor's salary was raised $500 at the first quarterly conference.

A CALL for 50 young men and women to give three years of service each in India or Pakistan, in educational, pastoral, medical, nursing, relief, or in technical services to "newly freed peoples," was issued last week by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. The call asked for men and women, unmarried, between 21 and 28 years of age, college trained, active members of some church (not necessarily Methodist), and with recommendations as to their Christian character and desire to serve others. The recruits will have six weeks of intensive preparation in New York City during July and August. They will sail early in the fall.

OXFORD Methodists have raised about $25,000 toward a proposed education building, according to Chairman John A. Myers. His committee, including W. L. Vaught and Fred Webb, Jr., has been authorized to survey needs and secure estimates of the cost of the new building.

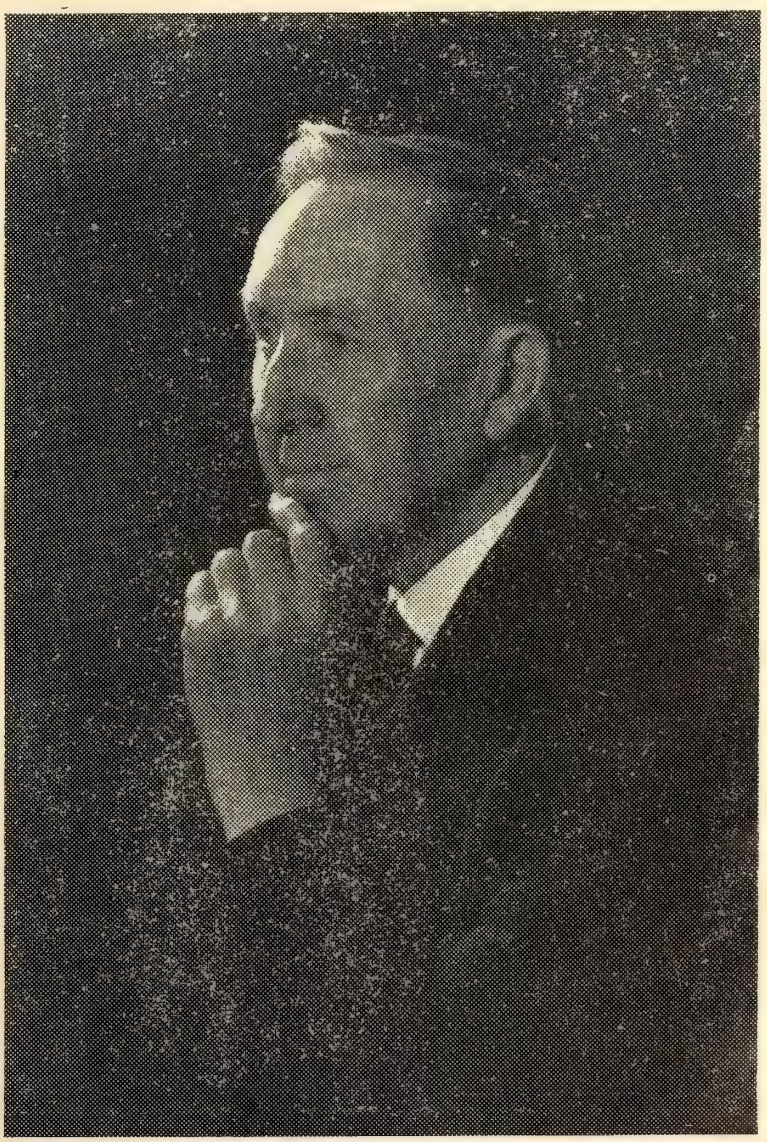
THE DURHAM Methodist Hour, which has been broadcast for the last 53 weeks, features Dr. Russell L. Dicks of Duke Divinity School in a current series of four talks on religion and mental health. The program is heard over radio stations WTIK and WSSB of Durham at 2:30 each Sunday afternoon.

MISS DOROTHY ANN SLOAN of Franklin, graduate of Woman's College, former director of Christian education at Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, and at Monument Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., began her duties as director at Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, on January 1.

WALTER F. ANDERSON, director of the State Bureau of Investigation and active Edenton Street Methodist churchman, was elected January 16 to head Wake County's chapter of the Allied Church League. The state meeting of the League takes place in Raleigh today. Bishop Wilbur Hammaker of Washington D. C., will address a mass meeting there tonight.

DR. KARL K. QUIMBY of New York will be the featured speaker for the district-wide Advance meetings at Rocky Mount, Jan. 18; Elizabeth City, Jan. 19; Kinston, Jan. 20; Wilmington, Jan. 21; Raleigh, Jan. 24; and Aberdeen, Jan. 25. He was a representative at the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam last summer, and is an outstanding lecturer and preacher, field secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church.

HAW RIVER charge, Greensboro district, has plans under way for a new church at Friendship and for a new parsonage. The old 7-room parsonage will be sold at public auction on the premises Saturday, January 29, at 2 p.m. The charge plans a forward spiritual emphasis in which laymen will be enlisted for home evangelism. Rev. Roy C. Putnam and his people are to be commended for their zeal and fine spirit.



DR. W. C. HOUSTON

Concord layman to whom the Western North Carolina Conference Journal for 1948, just off the press, is dedicated by vote of the Annual Conference, in recognition of "his long, loving, and efficient service and contribution to the cause of our Conference Claimants."

Collect Coupons for Bethlehem Center; Pfeiffer Meet Opens; WSG Grows; Advance for Children

Edited by MRS. E. L. BALLARD
Walker Road, Winston-Salem 4, N. C.

BETHLEHEM CENTER—CHARLOTTE

The Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, wishes to thank its many friends for their splendid cooperation during the past year. The increased interest that has been shown in the work, particularly during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, has been most gratifying. During the Christmas season, the boys and girls have been busy with their various club activities, in addition to choir and dramatic groups. The younger children have been invited to visit many church groups in the city, and we have welcomed these opportunities to present our work. The waiting list for our kindergarten continues to grow, and we are hoping that we may soon offer this valuable experience to all who wish it.

We also serve other groups besides the boys' and girls' clubs and our kindergarten. The Parent-Teacher Association, Boy and Girl Scout organizations, and the Red Cross nursing groups are just a few of the organizations that use the Center as a meeting place. The Center is also the scene of many interracial groups working and planning together for the good of all.

—Iva McCarter.

An appeal has also come from Mrs. W. W. Hagood for coupons to be sent in at once for the Charlotte Bethlehem Center, although it came too late to be included in the annual report. These coupons are good at any time, and our women over the Conference are urged to send them in. Institutions can get a much greater redeemable value than individuals, and our greatest problem seems to be—remembering to collect them.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

An executive meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is being held at Pfeiffer College January 20-21, 1949. This is an important meeting and every member is expected to attend. The first meal will be served at 6 o'clock Thursday night, and the first session will begin at 7:15 p.m.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

A brief resume of the work done in the supply department of the Winston-Salem district, with Mrs. C. E. Rozzelle secretary, shows that at total of $942.04 had been given for foreign supply work, $200.46 given to Miss Evelyn Strader as a love gift, and 8,437 coupons given to the Winston-Salem Bethlehem Center. Miss Strader did not sail the first of the year for India, but is spending the time doing some special work preparatory to her service in India, and will sail in the summer or early fall. She has taken time to write to the individual societies a most appreciative letter for their interest in her and the work she expects to do, and for gifts of money at Christmas.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD GROWS

The above heading caught the attention of your editor as she scanned the pages of "The Pastor's Journal," a magazine of church administration published by the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

The article goes on to say that the total gifts to the Woman's Division by the Wesleyan Service Guild promise to be three times as great in 1948 as they were in 1941, according to Mrs. Charles W. Mead, of Omaha, Neb., chairman of the national standing committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

"The experience of these past years in actively promoting the program of the Wesleyan Service Guild and aggressively striving for new Guild units, has shown us clearly that field work for such an advance is a MUST for the Guild," Mrs. Mead says. "We have found that field work repays dividends in increased interest and membership."

Speaking of the place of the employed woman in the new Program of Advance for the Woman's Division, Mrs. Mead says: "This program points directly to the gainfully employed women within the constituency of our church as the richest and least worked field of opportunity for this increase. . . . The women of our church constituency must be reached and their concern for the building of the kingdom of God quickened if our Program of Advance is to be any more than a mediocre success. To accomplish this purpose, the Wesleyan Service Guild through its standing committee has committed itself to use whatever skill, experience and insight it may have in making real to the gainfully employed women the fact that the church is a living thing; its power is derived of God, and its spirit the only spirit which will bring to this troubled world the kingdom of our Father."

The new features of Guild organization which went into effect with this new quadrennium speak for much greater cooperation between the Guild and the Woman's Society.

The promotion secretary of the Guild—who replaces the corresponding secretary in each local unit—will work closely with the promotion secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in seeking out new members and new missionary personnel.

Beginning with the annual report in December 1948, the membership of the local Wesleyan Service Guild will be added to the membership of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, thus giving the total adult membership in the women's work of the local church. In the same way, the money paid by the local unit of the Guild will be added to that of the Woman's Society, giving the total paid by the women of the church toward the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Our secretary of children's work, Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, has sent to local secretaries some fine material and suggestions for children's work for the Program of Advance as well as the work in general. She calls attention to the World Friendship Bulletin, which has valuable information to use in preparation for teaching the missionary units on China in January and February.

It has been suggested that the children be given an opportunity to make a love offering to the children of China as they study this series. This year, the Woman's Society of Christian Service in our Conference is asking that their love offerings go to rebuild and refurnish the Laura Haygood School in China. This is to be a memorial to Miss Kate Hackney and other missionaries in our Conference who have been faithful workers in this school. We feel that the children's love offerings should go there, too, for Laura Haygood is a school where Chinese girls are trained to be teachers of Chinese children.

Mrs. Rhyne has taken this matter up with Miss Van Hooser, Division secretary of children's work, and she has talked with Miss Louise Robinson, Division executive secretary for China. They suggest that our love offerings for the Chinese children go to purchase supplies and equipment for the kindergarten and playground at the Laura Haygood School. Those desiring to share in this love offering will send their money through their local treasurer to the Conference treasurer, Mrs. David Smiley, designating their gift as the Children's Love Offering for the Chinese Children. On your report blanks you will list this amount as "Cash Supplies."

PROGRAM OF ADVANCE

As a part of the Program of Advance for children, the following objectives have been set:

1. For each child a Christian home.
2. For each child a church which carries on a program of Christian education of which missionary education is a vital and definite part.
3. For each child a community which is free from physical and moral hazards—this community extends to the remotest corner of the world.

To realize these objectives should be the aim of every W.S.C.S. in the Western North Carolina Conference. This is how it can be done:

By electing in every society a secretary of children's work. (A great many societies have not done this, and many of those who have do not send in reports; many who send in reports do not send them on time; and many who send reports reveal that the plan for missionary education of children is not being carried out in the local church.)

This secretary should be one who is already working in the Children's Division and who is capable of carrying out the program in the following ways: (1) For the child in the home—by working with the secretary of Christian social relations in the Society (for the secretary of children's work is now a member of the Christian social relations committee) to help make Christian homes. How? home visitation to reach every family for the church, distribution of religious literature, family night programs at church; (2) For the child in the church—secretary should plan missionary education of children with council of children's workers, provide approved missionary materials for use in additional sessions, give children an opportunity to have a part in missionary activities and projects which will develop attitudes of world friendliness, provide opportunities for children to share their gifts of money at additional sessions (to be divided by the leader, 40 per cent to W.S.C.S. treasurer, 40 per cent to church school treasurer, 20 per cent used as leader and children desire), the giving of the opportunity for children to share with the missionaries and institutions of the Woman's Division through supplies, by reporting children's work at regular reporting time.

May we remember that "children are the hope of the world" and "what we do for children must be done TODAY, for children do not wait."

Opportunities for New Year; Senior Adults Will Have Assembly; Children's Directors Meet

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

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OUR JOB FOR 1949

The possessive pronoun in the heading above is intended to refer to all of the ministers and laymen in the North Carolina Conference who are interested and active in Christian education. Of course, the responsibility for the job mentioned falls very heavily on the board of education staff and the board of education itself. We hope, however, that the list of duties and opportunities given below will appeal to all of our people as a conference-wide opportunity for 1949:

1. Help to circulate our Christian literature, particularly the **North Carolina Christian Advocate.**

2. Help to promote missions in connection with the Advance for Christ and His Church.

3. Help to promote the cause of higher Christian education by giving every possible support to the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.

4. Bring our work in the Christian education of children back to its full strength after the polio epidemic and after two years of stronger emphasis on other fields of work.

5. Formal opening of Camp Don-Lee for camping activities in the conference.

6. Help to recruit ministerial supply in our conference.

7. Help to give the senior adults (65 years of age and over) their proper place in our conference-wide program.

8. Join in the present emphasis on developing our Town and Country work in all its phases.

9. Keep up with growing demand for leadership education in our churches with special emphasis on the basic nature of our Christian faith.

ALL OF THSES ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT

There has been no attempt to list these various parts of the work of Christian education in 1949 in order of importance. If you are especially interested in something that comes from down around 7, 8 or 9, please do not think that we are laying that aside until other things are looked after. The chief handicap in makink a list of important items is that you cannot put everything down first.

THE FIRST ONE

It does seem logical to list the opportunity of helping to circulate our Christain literature, especially the **North Caroline Christian Advocate,** at the head of this list. Putting this at the head of the line gives a good chance to say a word of appreciation of the outstanding work of Dr. Henry Sprinkle, Jr., as editor of the **Advocate** for the last several years. Since this will be the last time our North Carolina Conference board of education page will appear in the **Advocate** while Dr. Sprinkle is serving as editor, we want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for his assistance and encouragement in everything we have tried to do in the field of Christian education. He has gladly cooperated in every way that we have requested, and has taken a strong and helpful personal interest in everything which he has understood to be of particular importance in the line of our work. We wish for Dr. and Mrs. Sprinkle the greatest success in their new responsibilities in New York City, where Dr. Sprinkle will be assistant editor of **World Outlook.** Since the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** gives indispensable support and emphasis to every phase of the work of our church in North Carolina, it occurs to us that the various agencies of the church should do a good deal more to help promote and circulate the **Advocate.** We shall try to make it more than just the usual type of New Year's resolution when we list the circulation of the **Advocate** as one of our real opportunities for 1949.

FROM TWO THROUGH NINE

Since the space available for this presentation of the work for 1949 is not sufficient to go into detail about all of the items we will have to place stress on different feature from time to time. Number 7 perhaps needs to be clarified a little by statement that we have a definite project in mind as a beginning in this emphasis. At Louisburg College this coming summer, we will have our first conference-wide assembly for senior adults, and anyone enrolling as a delegate will need to be 65 years of age or over. Anyone slightly under 65 will need to hurry along and get there before this coming July.

NEWS FROM MISS SUTTON

In the following paragraphs you will find news and suggestions concerning our children's work and our youth work, written by Miss Doris Sutton, our conference director of children's work. She has just been at Warrenton in a training school, working with Rev. Cecil Robbins, the incoming editor of the **Advocate,** and other ministers in Warren County. So far as our work is concerned, it is quite pleasing to have helped Cecil Robbins round out his work for the present in the pastorate in an unusually successful training school for church school workers.

WARRENTON TRAINING SCHOOL

The first training school of the year in our conference was held in Warrenton January 9-12. Three charges cooperating were Warrenton, Warren, and Norlina, making a total of 13 churches. Approximately 100 people were enrolled and about 50 received credit. This, of course, is very commendable for a school of this type, and especially when those who attend come from such a wide area.

The curriculum followed the accustomed pattern, and the courses offered were "Christian Faith" taught by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe; "Young Adults," taught by John Meares; "Teaching Youth," taught by Rev. Troy Barrett; and "Teaching Children," taught by Doris Sutton. The latter class had the privilege of having with them on Tuesday night Miss Emma Jane Krammer, who was in Warrenton for another conference at the time.

It is hoped that more churches will plan for these schools during coming months and years. It is one method of training our teachers, and helping our churches and church schools to better serve the members.

CHILDREN'S DISTRICT DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

The district directors of children's work met in Warrenton January 11-12. Those attending were Mrs. Tom Collins of the Elizabeth City district, Mrs. O. L. Hardwick of the Wilmington district, Miss Elizabeth Dixon Johnson of the New Bern district. Two others visited with us and also helped in the planning: Mrs. W. H. Jessup of Elizabethtown and Mrs. T. M. Terrel of Warrenton. Emma Jane Krammer of the Nashville office was with us at this time and was most instrumental in the plans made. These workers and Miss Doris Sutton, children's director of the conference, were in session together from noon on Tuesday through noon on Wednesday. Following are only a few of the plans made:

Laboratory School

A four-departmental laboratory school for the conference will be held in June. The location is indefinite, but it will be in a town that accommodations can be made both for the school and for those attending. The exact date will depend upon the availability of the faculty, but it will be in June. It is very important that all districts be represented, and as many local churches as possible.

Vacation Church School

During the latter part of February, we will have one-day training conferences in both the eastern and western parts of our conference. A team of workers from each district will be chosen and will, at this conference, be taught the units which are being recommended for use this summer in vacation church school.

In turn, these teams will go out into their respective districts during March to teach workers these same units. Each district will have conferences in each subdistrict. This will be a most important thing, and although your choice for study may not be the same as recommended, there will be many suggestions which you will get from such a meeting, and they will be priceless in your planning.

The courses chosen for study are:

Kindergarten—"The World About Us," Bickel.

Primary—"Working with God in His World," Ward.

Junior—"Finding God Through Work and Worship," McWhirter (new).

Intermediate—"God's World and Ours," (new).

These texts were chosen in keeping with the theme of our Advance program: "Our Faith." Please plan now to attend or have representatives from your church.

Many other things were discussed, and plans made, all of which will come to you all along. Please know that we are at your service and anxious to serve at all times.

THE Service Department of The Methodist Church last year handled 2,005,389 pieces of mail and 156,349 parcel post packages, according to a report submitted to the Council of Secretaries by Jesse I. Gibson, manager.

Recreation Program Wholesome; Visit to Daniels Memorial; Alumni Maintain Interest in Home

By L. C. LARKIN

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

We tried to arrange a series of wholesome recreational feature for our family during the Christmas season. In the afternoon of Christmas Day, we had our annual Christmas tree program in the chapel, where all members of the family gathered for a visit from Santa Claus.

The week following Christmas Day, school was not in session, so we had the evenings free for play.

On Monday night, the high school students met in the gymnasium for games, and some of the younger girls had a party with Mrs. Rives in the Jackson cottage.

Tuesday afternoon, the high school girls accepted an invitation to visit the Oxford Orphanage, where they were graciously entertained by our neighbors at Oxford. Our girls remained for a good supper and a program of recreation. The same afternoon, our boys' basketball team went to the Junior Order Children's Home at Lexington for a basketball game. The boys and their coach spent the night with our friends at the Junior Order Home. For the younger members of the family, who stayed here, we had two pictures in the chapel, "Christmas Rhapsody" and "Night Before Christmas."

Wednesday evening, the Raleigh Orchestra, under the direction of Harold Burt, gave a recital for us in the chapel. Some of our good friends of Duke Memorial Church in Durham provided for Wallace the Magician to give us a program on Thursday night.

Friday afternoon and evening, the Oxford Orphanage high school girls visited with us. They were accompanied by Superintendent and Mrs. Gray, and Miss Pender. They ate supper with us and were our guests to see our basketball teams play the Cary teams.

The holiday season was brought to a close with a New Year's devotional service in the chapel on Saturday night. The program was entitled, "Let Us Keep the Light of Christ Shining in 1949," and was directed by Miss Ann Larkin. It is believed that we had an enjoyable, wholesome and profitable program of recreation during the Christmas season.

VISIT TO DANIELS MEMORIAL

At the invitation of the pastor, Wade Goldston, a group of us visited Daniels Memorial Church at Goldsboro January 2. Four of our girls had a part on the worship program. Barbara Edwards, Barbara Ann Pierce, Peggy Patton and Freddie Carraway, made the trip with me. The members of this church gave us a warm welcome and opened their homes to us.

We are grateful to our friends at Daniels Memorial Church, and we wish for them a happy and successful new year.

ALUMNI VISITS

Several of our former students who are now in college visited with us during the holidays. We were glad to have Bill Britt from Duke, Hoover Britt from the University of Richmond, Jean Colson, Edna Clark, George Clark, Jack McGowan and Thomas Morris from High Point College, Henry Jones, Parker Stagg and Russell Clay from the University of North Carolina, Bill Long and Roy Smith from Appalachian State, Grover Weaver and Claude Floyed from Hardbarger's Business School, and Lee Carr Sutton from the Navy.

The Methodist Orphanage
RALEIGH, N. C.

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FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby will and bequeath to the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C., contemplated by the charter under Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina (here designate the bequest) . . .

CHARGES—IN FULL

Eight charges were reported before Christmas as paying their apportionment in full. We are happy to add five more charges to those on this Honor Roll:

Washington, First Church, C. F. Heath
Leasburg, E. F. Smith
Siler City, First Church, E. R. Clegg
Norlina, W. G. Farrar
Evansdale, W. N. Vaughan

CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

Professor Blaine Madison, principal of our school, was asked to represent the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church at the Conference on Christian Vocations at Anderson Street Methodist Church in Briston, Tenn., on December 31 to January 2. This conference was sponsored by the Inter-Board Council of the Holston Conference in cooperation with the boards of ministerial training, missions and church expansion, education, and the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mr. Madison served as a resource person at the conference and reports a great meeting.

ALUMNI PARTY

The Raleigh Alumni Chapter held its January meeting at the home of the superintendent here on the compus Wednesday night, January 12. The informal program was dedicated to the president of the chapter, Felton Tilley, who was married at Edenton Street Church Saturday night, January 15.

Mrs. Larkin and Ann Larkin were assisted by Mrs. Alice Thomas and Mrs. A. W. Pridgen in serving the refreshments. It is a privilege and genuine pleasure to have these fine young men and young women in our home. The February meeting will be held with Mrs. Elsie Lee Butler.

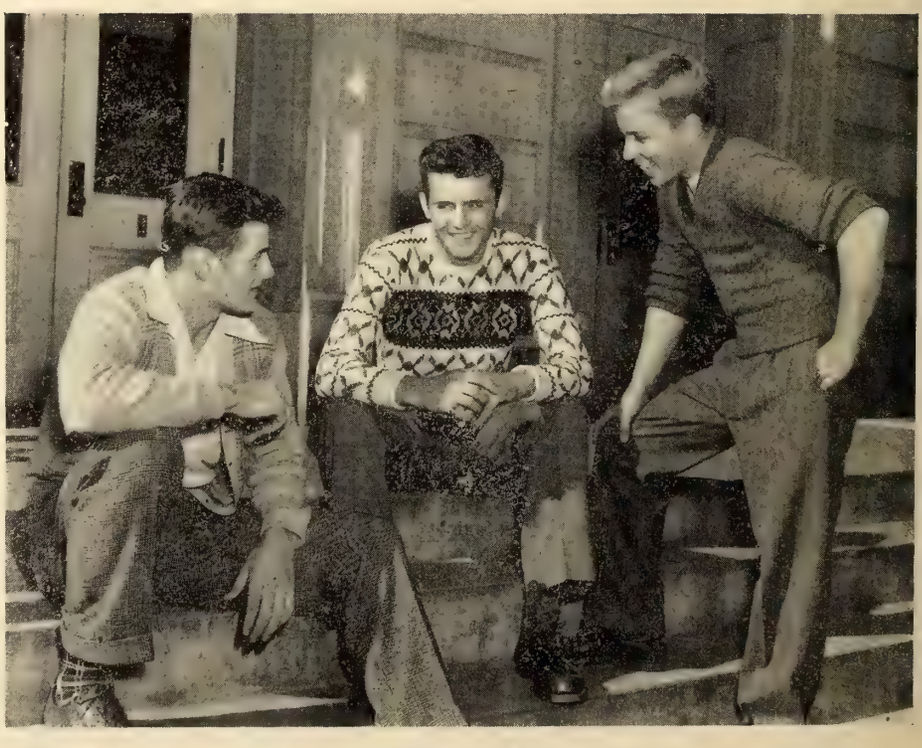
REFRESHMENT HOUR

One little girl was giving a glowing report on a party they had at her cottage. "The President sent us a lot of cake and punch." This treat did not come from the President, but from the hostess at the Governor's mansion. Our children did not attend the inaugural reception, but were permitted to enjoy some of the cake and punch that was left over.

A Child's Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep
"I pray Thee, Lord, the souls to keep
Of other children, far away,
Who have no homes in which to stay
Nor know where is their daily bread
Nor where at night to lay their head
But wander through a broken land
Alone and helpless—
Take their hand!"

(According to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the prayer printed above was found in a printed message of thanks from the German children. The author's name is not known. It was taken from a printed leaflet printed by Das Hilfswerk, and addressed to "Dear Christians in America, dear helpers big and small.")



CLASS PRESIDENTS
Left to right: Sophomore Charles Maultsby, Junior Billy Glover, and Senior Walter Smith

Jesus and the Wilderness Prophet

Matthew 3: 4-17

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The appearance of John the Baptist in the desert region of Judea proclaiming the immediate coming of the Messiah, and calling on all men to repent and prepare for the great blessing he was to bring to mankind, is one of the extraordinary phenomena of history. John did not go up to Jerusalem where the crowds were. He simply began to preach to the villages and to desert travelers encamped for the night, and the eloquence and fire of his message was so extraordinary that when they came to Jerusalem and the other cities of Judea, they told about it excitedly. And so the people streamed out to hear the great prophet. John was a volcano, and people are always attracted by a volcano. His message aroused both fear and hope: fear of the drastic judgment that the Messiah would execute upon all hypocrites, and hope of the glorious new day that the Messiah would usher in.

So they were baptized of John in the Jordan, confessing their sins. It is notable that John loaded no heavy burden of ceremonial rites and sacrifices on those who inquired, What must we do to be saved? The besetting sin of the publicans was to wrest from the people more taxes than they had the legal right to collect. John knew that if a tax collector resisted this temptation he had wholeheartedly turned to righteousness. So he simply said, Collect no more than is appointed to you. And when the soldiers said, What must we do? John knew that if a soldier resisted the temptation to use his sword to extort tribute from the defenseless peasants, he had sincerely turned to God. So he simply said, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and do not attempt to eke out your wages with graft. And to all classes of the people John said, He that hath two coats let him give to him that hath none. This simplification of God's requirements seems like a matter of course to us, but in that day of stress on all kinds of nonessentials it showed a divinely inspired originality of mind.

And now comes the surprising incident. Amid the drunkards and harlots Jesus appears asking for baptism. He wished John to immerse him in water that had been roiled by the baptism of these reprobates. And when John would have forbidden him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, Jesus answered, Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Jesus wished by this act to pay honor to John as God's prophet. He wished also to set an example that it behooved all men to follow. And he wished likewise to get under every burden that sinful men needed to bear. As those who were immersed by John declared by submission to baptism that they would turn from their sins and look to God for cleansing, so Jesus by submitting to baptism declared that he would get under the burden of humanity's guilt, and look to God for power to deliver them from their sins. Later on he speaks of submitting to be nailed to the cross as a baptism (Mark 10: 38).

We come now to a startling contrast. Jesus has just humiliated himself to the last degree by identifying himself with poor sinful humanity. And now suddenly there is a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. When Jesus is most humbly human the heavenly Father pronounced him divine. And a unique and extraordinary endowment of the Holy Spirit comes upon him. It is notable that later on in his ministry when Jesus again summons himself to get under the sins of the world and bear the cross, the same divine voice glorifies him (Luke 9:18-36; John 12: 27, 28).

What is the lesson for us today? Like Jesus we should recognize and honor the true messengers of God in our own generation. Like Jesus we should attend those means of grace which are necessary for the well-being of the mass of our fellow men. If the teacher of the Bible class in our church knows less of the Bible than we do, we should nevertheless be respectful listeners for the sake of our influence on those who need his teaching, and also to encourage him. But more than that, for our own sake; for great blessing always comes to those who humble themselves and unite in closest communion with the brotherhood. Many a faithful soul who attends preaching services that are a bore and Bible classes that are barren, has heard a voice as the service concluded that said unmistakably, "Thou art my beloved son—or thou are my beloved daughter; in thee I am well pleased.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. J. C. HUMBLE

HAMLET.—Mrs. Elizabeth Walters Humble, wife of the late Rev. John C. Humble and a daughter of the late George W. Walters and Elizabeth Powers Walters, was born in Chatham County January 29, 1871. She departed this life Tuesday morning, December 21, 1948, following six years of failing health. She lived with us here on earth 77 years 10 months and 22 days. Mrs. Humble's body was buried by the side of her husband, out from Siler City in Chatham County. Brother Humble died August 14, 1948.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Norman Ethdidge of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Stacy Lewis of Cambridge, Md.; one sisters, Miss Rosa Walters of Greensboro; and two grandchildren.

The writer of this memoir fell in love with Rev. and Mrs. Humble when he was a boy and loved them during all these years. No minister among us led more souls to Christ than did John Humble. Mrs. Humble was consecrated and made possible the world her husband lived in, and her children grew up in. This home was a typical Methdist minister's home. May God's blessings and his richest benedictions be upon the heads and hearts of the two children and grandchildren.—J. J. BOONE.

DAVID ROBERT ANDERSON

WELDON.—The Golden Rule, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye so unto them," is a beautiful word picture of the life of our brother, David Robert Anderson, who departed this life into a life of peace and rest on Thursday, December 2, 1948.

Mr. Anderson was born in Halifax County on March 25, 1873, the son of John Epps and Laura Weeks Anderson. He believed in and maintained a Christian home, and was loyal beyond all measure to his Sunday school and church.

The passing of Mr. Anderson marks the end of a tireless and faithful life dedicated to service in the Weldon Methodist Church and the Weldon community. In the year 1900, during the pastorate of Rev. J. D. Bundy, Mr. Anderson came to the Weldon Church by letter. Mr. Anderson has served as an official in both the church school and other church organizations. He was a most faithful and active member of the Men's Baraca Class, and has in the arms of our Lord entered upon the larger life above; and

Whereas we, the members of the Men's Baraca Class of the Weldon Methodist Church, note with sincere regret but with grateful memory, the passing of our esteemed fellow worker and friend; and

Whereas we have witnessed and admired his ability and effectiveness as a member and superintendent of Sunday school, steward, trustee, member and chairman of important committees, and at the time of his death as chairman of the board of trustees; and

Whereas we wish to honor the loving memory of our departed friend and co-worker in Christ's kingdom; and heartily commend to our class members and to all people for daily emulation the genuine virtues of strong conviction, personal integrity, dependability, faithfulness and unselfishness in service to humanity and abundant generosity of heart and purse as exemplified in the life of David Robert Anderson, therefore, be it resolved,

First, That we make in the records of the Men's Baraca Class of the Weldon Methodist Sunday School a permanent entry of the appraisal expressed by the Baraca Class to the life and character of David Robert Anderson, deceased; and

Second, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the widow and family of the deceased as an expression of our high esteem for him and his family; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutin be given to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, Men's Baraca Class, Weldon Methodist Church.

REV. W. I. HUGHES

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE.—Rev. William Irvin Hughes, son of George Atkins Hughes and Mary Rebecca Greer Hughes of Jackson County, died in a local hospital Sunday morning, January 2, at 11:05, of a heart ailment. Having been in failing health for more than year, his death was not entirely unexpected.

Mr. Hughes was born April 28, 1871, in Cocke County, Tenn., from which place his parents moved to Asheville and resided a number of years, and thence to Jackson County. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in 1909 at Hickory, and served the following appointments: Franklin Circuit, Whittier, Canton, Murphy, Old Bethel (Cabarrus County), First Street (Albemarle), Weaverville, Marshall, Macon Circuit, Weaverville Circuit, Spring Creek (Madison County), Moravian Falls, Micaville, Ivy (Madison County), retiring from active service in 1929 at the High Point session of Conference. He moved to Rutherford College in November of that year, maintaining his home here, and serving as teacher of the Men's Bible Class of Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church for ten or more years, until he became incapacitated on account of failing health about two years ago.

Rev. Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Anna Dowdle of Franklin County on September 6, 1910, and to this union were born Mrs. Onnie Pons, Valdese; Mrs. Harry Cooke, Mrs. Preston Canno and Mrs. Ralph Cook, of Rutherford College; and Greer and Grace of the home; Mrs. Wayne Lowman of Radford, Va.; and a son, Williams Hughes of Maryland, by a former marriage. Nine grandchildren survive. A sister, Mrs. W. N. Golden of Sylva, also survives.—JAS. A. BURRUS.

MRS. R. D. DAVIS

The Gleaners Class of Duke Memorial Church, Durham, N. C., pays loving tribute to Mrs. R. D. Davis, whom God called to her heavenly home on December 20, 1948. Mrs. Davis was a faithful member of our class, the church and the missionary society, contributing regularly and serving in any way she could. She loved people and always had a cheerful smile and word for everyone. We extend sympathy to her family and relatives in their great loss.—MRS. H. C. SATTERFIELD, MRS. J. H. RUTLEDGE, MRS. J. B. EVANS.

ISAAC W. DURHAM

RALEIGH.—Just before Christmas, while God was preparing anew to give to us the best of all gifts, we gave to Him for eternal keeping our dear father—who had blessed the earth for 94 years.

The only reason for writing to the Advocate about him is the fact that the Advocate was next to the Bible in his home, coupled with the fact that he was known by almost all the ministers and laymen of the North Carolina Conference. He was almost as faithful in attending the conferences as a minister; and when the time for the Love Feast came, he was right there to give his true Christian testimony. Through those testimonies multitudes came to know and to love him. Those of us who knew him best appreciated these testimonies most; for we knew that if ever a man lived a life in keeping with his ringing testimonies, this was the man. He was one of the most faithful, kind, patient, thoughtful, and consecrated fathers that a family ever knew.

The family altar was begun the first day of his married life, and the fires of that altar never died down. Even at times during his prolonged illness in bed, he called the family to prayer; and when he knew almost nothing else, he knew how to pray.

No sweeter funeral was ever conducted than that one—first in the little church at Carrboro, where he spent the last 25 years of his life, and then in Brown's-Chapel near Pittsboro, where he served so long and so well—as steward and Sunday school teacher. These four ministers were at their best in the services: Rev. M. E. Tyson, Rev. V. E. Queen, Rev. J. J. Boone, and Rev. W T. Phipps.

Underscored heavily in his old Bible are these words, found in II Timothy 4: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." No man ever believed more firmly in heaven and the Christian's crown. He knew he was "going to heaven," and he knew the crown awaited him. He wears that crown today, and he will be shouting while wearing it, when we who are faithful meet him there. —HIS SON, ERNEST.

ROYCE CLIFTON BROCK

GREENSBORO.—Royce Clifton Brock, 53, born and reared in Richlands, Onslow County, N. C., was the son of the late F. M. L. Brock and Mary Carolina Rhodes Brock. As a retired mill operator and farmer he moved to Greensboro during June of 1948. After ill health for several months, he died at his home, 215 Westover Terrace, Greensboro, on Sunday morning, January 9, 1949. The funeral service was conducted at the Hanes Chapel in Greensboro on Monday, January 10, at 4 p.m., by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president emeritus of Greensboro College, assisted by Dr. E. C. Few, pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church, and Dr. R. A. Smith, head of the department of religious education at Greensboro College. The burial service was conducted at Richlands by Rev. W. A. Crow, pastor of Richlands Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Quigley, pastor of the Christian Church at Richlands.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice A. Watts Brock of Richlands; one brother, John Rhodes Brock of Fullerton Calif.; and three sisters Miss Sarah Lee Brock, teacher in the county schools; Miss Letha Brock, Greensboro College registrar; and Miss Mary Brock, Greensboro College alumnae secretary.

GOLDEN CROSS REPORT

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

(Amounts paid in 1948)

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Acton	$ 42.63
Asheville:	
Abernethy	26.10
Asbury Memorial	48.20
Biltmore	71.00
Central	250.00
French Broad	10.00
Haywood Street	184.40
Hillside-Merrimon	157.50
Oakley	
West Asheville	103.00
Asheville Circuit	117.00
Bald Creek	12.25
Balfour	39.90
Black Mountain	25.00
Brevard	26.25
Burnsville	
Candler	71.10
East Flat Rock	34.45
Ecusta	15.00
Etowah	
Fairview	
Fletcher	50.00
Hendersonville	150.00
Hot Springs	21.30
Ivy	5.00
Leicester	22.00
Marshall	30.00
Mills River	36.00
Newdale	2.50
Piney Mountain	
Pisgah	
Rosman	
Saluda	
Sandy	
Skyland	
Swannanoa Station	
Swannanoa Circuit	11.00
Tryon	12.60
Weaverville	37.50
Weaverville Circuit	22.00
Total	$1,633.77

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Ansonville	51.35
Asbury-Oak Grove	76.50
Bethlehem	23.00
Big Spring	50.22
Charlotte:	
Belmont Park	100.00
Brevard Street	29.00
Calvary	32.00
Central Avenue	77.65
Chadwick	36.00
Commonwealth	10.00
Dilworth	392.52
Duncan Memorial	10.00
First	318.93
Hawthorne Lane	546.35
Kilgo	20.00
Morris Field	50.00
Mouzon	28.00
Myers Park	300.00
Purcell	5.00
St. James	22.41
St. Johns	10.00
Spencer Memorial	50.00
Wesley Heights	57.70
Davidson-Fairview	35.00
Derita	20.40
Hickory Grove	100.00
Homestead-Pleasant Grove	53.00
Huntersville	8.00
Indian Trail-Stallings	24.00
Lilesville	64.87
Marshville	25.39
Matthews	72.30
Monroe:	
Central	10.00
N. Monroe-Benton Heights	20.00
Moores Chapel	10.00
Morven	43.16
Mount Zion	69.00
New Hope-Bethel	30.24
Peachland	42.95
Pineville	78.00
Polkton	20.00
Prospect	47.00
Thrift	13.00
Trinity	51.00
Unionville	22.00
Wadesboro	130.00
Waxhaw	45.00
Weddington	23.70
Total	$3,354.64

GASTONIA DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Asbury Circuit	41.45
Belmont:	
Ebenezer	66.50
Main Street	25.00
Park Street	25.00
Belwood	55.50
Bessemer City: Bethea	10.00
Odell Memorial	22.00
Boger City	100.00
Cherryville	25.00
Cherryville Circuit	15.00
Cleveland Circuit	25.00
Concord-El Bethel	36.20
Cramerton	50.00
Crouse	35.00
Dallas	50.00
Fallston	123.26
Gastonia:	
Bradley Memorial	57.00
East End	23.00
Main Street	800.00
Maylo-Smyre	49.11
Myrtle	25.00
Trinity	25.00
West End	27.25
Kings Mountain:	
Central	50.00
Grace	102.00
Lincoln Circuit	63.75
Lincolnton:	
First	55.00
Rhyne Heights	40.00
Lowell	63.22
Lowesville	45.00
McAdenville	43.00
Mount Holly	31.65
Polkville	120.55
Rock Springs	88.00
Sharon	42.00
Shelby:	
Central	100.00
Hoyle Memorial	10.00
Lafayette Street	30.00
Martin Street	15.00
Shelby Circuit	
South Fork	73.00
Stanley	23.00
Sulphur Springs	5.00
Vale	60.49
Total	$2,771.93

Reidsville:	
Lindsey Street	33.00
Main Street	177.65
Reidsville Circuit	122.00
Ruffin	45.50
Sandy Ridge	15.00
Spray	32.00
Stokesdale Station	10.00
Stokesdale Circuit	50.00
Stoneville	25.00
Summerfield	49.55
Tabernacle-Julian	55.00
Total	$3,185.99

MARION DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Avery	24.83
Avondale-Alexander	22.60
Bakersville	25.00
Boone	124.60
Boone Circuit	35.00
Bostic	35.50
Broad River	60.00
Cliffside	49.00
Connelly Springs	75.15
Creston	
Drexel	31.00
Elk Park	28.00
Forest City	150.00
Gilkey	59.80
Glen Alpine	36.00
Green Valley	8.00
Henrietta	63.00
Linville Falls	26.35
Marion:	
Cross Mills	33.65
East Marion	25.00
First	100.00
Marion Circuit	40.00
McDowell	16.00
Mill Spring	10.00
Morganton:	
First	172.85
North Forest	35.00
St. Matthews-Old Zion	16.00
Morganton Circuit	41.85
Nebo-Clinchfield	10.00
Old Fort	12.00
Old Fort Circuit	38.84
Pleasant Grove	15.00
Roberta	35.00
Rocky Ridge	32.50
Rowan-Rock Grove	26.54
Salem	6.25
Salisbury:	
Coburn Memorial	74.71
First	271.14
Main Street	55.00
Park Avenue	31.00
Spencer: Central	31.25
Stanfield	20.00
Woodleaf	66.49
Total	$2,640.18

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Balls Creek	90.00
Catawba	69.30
Claremont-Shiloh	100.00
Cool Springs	75.22
Dudley Shoals	67.93
Elmwood	
Grace-Rhodhiss	25.00
Granite Falls	162.35
Green Valley	
Harmony	25.00
Harpers	13.00
Helton	21.32
Hickory:	
Bethel	40.00
First	376.72
Highland	100.00
Westview	19.40
Hiddenite	25.00
Hudson	48.00
Jefferson	70.00
Laurel Springs	
Lenoir: First	180.00
Lenoir Circuit	200.00
Maiden	50.00
McKendree	29.80
Millers Creek	71.05
Monticello-Rose Chapel	32.50
Mooresville:	
Broad Street	37.00
Central	102.50
Jones Memorial	15.00
Mooresville Circuit	54.00
Moravian Falls	
Mocksville: First	25.00
Mocksville Circuit	57.65
Mount Vernon	70.78
North Davidson	117.61
Old Union	13.00
Pleasant Grove	
Ramseur-Franklinville	91.29
Randleman: First	29.45
Randleman Circuit	30.35
Randolph-Gray's Chapel	52.23
Richland	33.52
Seagrove	12.70
Shiloh	132.11
South Davidson	75.00
South Randolph	34.00
Thomasville:	
First	43.00
Memorial	172.00
Trinity-Bethel	53.00
West End	125.00
Thomasville Circuit	140.00
Trinity	42.93
Unity-Fair Grove	53.10
Welcome	80.00
West Randolph	15.00
Total	$2,638.07

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Andrews	33.40
Bethel	25.00
Bryson City	20.00
Canton:	
Central	100.00
First	21.50
Cherokee	2.00
Clyde	22.55
Crabtree	16.00
Cullowhee	25.00
Dellwood	18.00
Fines Creek	5.00
Franklin	72.60
Franklin Circuit	15.00
Hayesville	42.34
Hazelwood	7.13
Hiawassee	2.00
Highlands	
Junaluska-Longs Chapel	31.70
Macon	60.75
Morning Star	24.46
Murphy	15.00
Murphy Circuit	20.00
Pigeon Valley	14.22
Robbinsville-Fontana	8.00
Rockwood	40.00
Shady Grove	8.00
Shooting Creek	10.15
Sylva	61.30
Waynesville	43.19
Webster	15.00
West Macon	
Whittier	
Total	$ 779.29

> "The enrollment in the Methodist Golden Cross Society shall be held annually in order to secure interest in and support of hospitals and homes in every congregation in such manner and on such date as determined by the patronizing Annual Conferences."—DISCIPLINE, 1948, Par. 1529.

Newton:	
First	100.00
Abernethy Memorial	50.00
North Wilkesboro	50.00
Olin	28.00
Shepherds	60.40
Statesville:	
Boulevard	35.00
Broad Street	200.00
Race Street	100.00
Statesville Circuit	42.50
Stony Point	48.95
Taylorsville	86.06
Troutman	38.50
Union Grove-Zion	21.00
Warrensville	30.00
West Jefferson	50.00
Whitnel	28.17
Wilkesboro	21.00
Total	$3,089.67

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Advance	27.80
Archdale	48.39
Asheboro:	
Central	145.20
First	120.76
West Bend	12.18
Asheboro Circuit	31.13
Cid	
Coleridge	21.11
Cooleemee	24.00
Davie	128.00
Davidson	81.42
Denton	55.85
Denton Circuit	6.08
Eldorado	9.91
Fairfield	
Farmer	17.00
Farmington	24.65
Greer-Mt. Carmel	37.37
Lexington:	
Erlanger	25.00
First	150.00
Trinity	10.00
Liberty: First	18.00
Liberty Circuit	
Linwood	37.00
Midway	108.50
Red Hill-Tipton Hill	
Rutherford College	62.10
Rutherfordton	108.00
Spindale	25.00
Spruce Pine	22.82
Sunshine	16.00
Table Rock	22.12
Todd	94.00
Valdese	23.25
Watauga	67.00
Total	$1,860.31

SALISBURY DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Albemarle:	
Central	131.00
First Street	
Main Street	35.00
Albemarle Circuit	114.74
Badin-New London	20.00
Bethel	47.57
Bethpage-Shiloh	25.10
China Grove	25.00
Concord:	
Ann Street	54.93
Central	332.93
Epworth	19.25
Forest Hill	100.00
Harmony	42.60
Kerr Street	52.84
Westford	55.00
Concord Circuit	15.00
Friendship	25.50
Gold Hill	41.45
Granite Quarry	46.56
Kannapolis:	
Jackson Park	50.00
Midway	50.00
North Kannapolis	25.00
Trinity	175.00
Landis	27.00
Long Street-Yadkin	34.00
Midland	27.50
Mt. Mitchell	38.50
Mt. Olivet	120.00
Mt. Pleasant	56.00
New London Circuit	44.28
Norwood	25.00
Norwood Circuit	36.00
Pfeiffer	97.55

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Bethlehem-Rehobeth	48.00
Draper	20.00
Flat Rock	41.00
Friendship-Hickory Grove	55.00
Gibsonville	50.00
Greensboro:	
Bessemer	55.61
Bethel	10.00
Calvary	75.00
Carraway Memorial	40.00
Centenary	200.00
College Place	150.00
Glenwood	26.00
Grace	108.35
Midway-Groometown	20.00
Mount Pisgah	10.00
Muirs Chapel	54.74
Newlyn Street	32.00
Proximity	50.00
St. Pauls	
West End	35.00
West Market St.	300.00
Guilford Circuit	50.00
Haw River	71.00
High Point:	
Calvary	22.00
First	90.00
Highland	33.00
Lebanon	16.70
Lindsay Memorial	40.00
Main Street	
Oak View	20.47
Rankin Memorial	17.00
Ward Street	100.00
Welch Memorial	25.00
Wesley Memorial	300.00
Jamestown	25.00
Leaksville	50.00
Lee's Chapel	15.00
Madison	60.00
Mayodan	19.12
Meadow View	5.00
Michells Grove	25.00
Moriah	30.00
Mt. Pleasant Station	82.05
Mt. Pleasant Circuit	25.00
Oakdale	20.00
Oak Ridge	11.25
Pleasant Garden	38.00

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

CHARGE	Amount Paid
Concord-Sharon	
Crews-Sedge Garden	107.63
Danbury	30.00
Dobson-Mountain Park Circuit	69.00
East Bend	37.35
Elkin	1,431.10
Elkin Circuit	21.01
Hanes-Clemmons	59.10
Jonesville	10.00
Kernersville	43.15
Kernersville Circuit	47.00
Level Cross Circuit	20.00
Lewisville	54.37
Maple Springs	45.00
Marvin	68.00
Mount Airy:	
Central	262.35
Franklin	19.09
Rockford Street	50.50
Mount Carmel	58.87
Mount Pleasant	51.50
Mount Tabor	61.97
New Hope Circuit	
New Hope-Oak Summit	54.68
Oak Grove Circuit	36.00
Ogburn Memorial	43.92
Pilot Mountain	14.00
Pinnacle	62.40
Rural Hall	58.00
Salem Circuit	3.50
Shoals Circuit	13.00
Smithtown	13.90
Sparta	
St. Pauls	41.00
Surry Circuit	30.00
Union Ridge-Hiatt	44.00
Walkertown:	
Loves	37.40
Morris Chapel	94.50
Walnut Cove	17.00
West Forsyth	56.20
Winston-Salem:	
Ardmore	150.00
Burkhead	210.00
Centenary	750.00
Central Terrace	150.00
First	25.00
Green Street	5.00
Yadkinville	369.62
Total	$3,826.11

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHARLOTTE AREA
Bishop Costen J. Harrell, First Methodist Church, Charlotte

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
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January

St. James, 7:30 21
Matthews, 11 23
Marshville: Gilboa, 3 23
Lilesville: Wade, 7:30 23
Indian Trail-Stallings: Stallings, 11 30
Morven: Shiloh, 3 30
Polkton, 7:30 30

February

Weddington: Wesley's Chapel, 11 6
North Monroe-Benton Heights: Benton Heights, 3 6
Thrift, 7:30 6
Calvary, 7:30 7
Memorial Church, Kannapolis, 11 13
Huntersville, 7:30 13
Dilworth, 11 20
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Training School, 3 20
Monroe: Central, 7:30 20
Bethlehem, 11 27
St. John's, 7:30 27

SALISBURY DISTRICT
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January

Epworth, 11 23
Concord Circuit: Bogers Chapel, 3 23
Harmony, 7 23
Kannapolis, North, 11 30
Kannapolis, Midway, 7 30

February

Concord, Central, 7 2
Pfeiffer: Wesley Chapel, 11 6
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 6
Jackson Park, 11 20
Mount Mitchell, 7 20
Mount Olivet, 11 27
Roberta, 7 27

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January

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Roxboro Circuit: Longhurst, 3 23
Rougemont: Rougemont, 7:30 23
Haw River: Haw River, 7:30 25
Brooksdale: Brooksdale, 7:30 26

February

Cedar Grove: Cedar Grove, 11 6
Orange: Efland, 3 6
Durham, Lakewood, 7:30 6
Durham Circuit: McMannens, 7:30 9
Eno: Eno, 7:30 10

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
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January

Perquimans: Cedar Grove, 11 and 1 22
Mattamuskeet: Englehard, 11 23
Swan Quarter: Epworth, 3 23
Murfreesboro: Murfreesboro, 11 30
Edenton, 7:30 30

February

Plymouth, 11 6
Roper: Roper, 7:30 6
Chowan: Anderson, 11 13
Hertford, 7:30 13
Washington, 11 20
Bath: Bath, 3 20
Columbia: Wesley Memorial, 11 27
Creswell: Creswell, 7:30 27

March

Manteo, 11 6
Stumpy Point: Manns Harbor, 3:30 6
Belhaven: Pantego, 11 13

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January

Parkton: Parkton, 11 23
St. Paul: St. Paul, 7:30 23
Laurel Hill: Sneads Grove, 11 30
Caledonia: Central, 7:30 30

February

Rowland, 11 6
Red Springs, 7:30 6
Rockingham, 11 13
Cordova (place to be selected), 3 13
Hamlet, 7:30 13
West End, 11 20
Biscoe: Candor, 7:30 20
Carthage: Cameron, 11 27
Stedman: Cokesbury, 7:30 27

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January

Goldsboro Circuit: Pine Forest, 11 23
Hookerton: Rainbow, 7:30 23
Dover, 11 30
New Bern, Centenary, 7:30 30

February

Atlantic, 11 6
Straits: Williston, 7 6
Beaufort Circuit: Merrimon, 11 13
Newport, 7:30 13
Marshallberg, 11 20
Beaufort, 7:30 20
Bridgeton, 11:15 27
Snow Hill: Calvary, 7:30 27

March

Morehead City, First, 11 6
Franklin Memorial, 7:30 6
Trenton: Shady Grove, 11 13

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January

Henderson, First Church, 11 23
Vance: Harris Chapel, 3 23
Henderson, White Memorial, 7:30 23
Advance for Christ and His Church Institute, Edenton Street, Raleigh, 10 24
Newton Grove: Wesleys, 11 30
Selma, 7:30 30

February

Raleigh, Hayes-Barton, 7:30 4
Louisburg, 11 6
Louisburg Circuit: Bunn, 7:30 6
Mamers, 11 13
Fuquay, 7:30 13
Tar River: Kittrell, 11 20
Zebulon-Wendell: Wendell, 7:30 20
Oxford, 11 27
Oxford Circuit: Herman, 3 27
Stem, 7:30 27

March

Westover: Pleasant Grove, 11 6
Raleigh, Trinity, 7:30 6
Princeton, 11 13
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 13
Clayton, 11 20

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January

Spring Hope: Spring Hope, 11 23
St. Paul: Gold Valley, 3 23
Pinetops: Pinetops, 7:30 23
Kenly: Kenly, 3 25
Farmville, 7:30 25

February

Marvin: Marvin, 7:30 6
Halifax: Halifax, 11 13
Rosemary, 3 13

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Advance for Christ and His Church Institute at Trinity Church, Wilmington, 10 21
Hallsboro, 11 23
Whiteville, 7:30 23
Elizabethtown, 11 30
Rose Hill, 7:30 30

February

Fairmont, 11 6
Chadbourn: Evergreen, 7 6
Carvers Creek: Bladen Springs, 11 13
Tabor City, 7:30 13
Garland, 11 20
Bladen: Windsor, 7 20
Maysville: Pollocksville, 11 27
Swansboro, 7 27

March

Duplin: Wesleys, 10 6
Wallace, 7:30 6
Pembroke: Calvary, 11 13
South Robeson: Bethesda, 7:30 13
Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 20
(Dedication of parsonage in the afternoon)
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I Am Staying in China . . .

By AMBER VAN
Missionary in Peiping, China

I AM planning to stay on in North China. There is still work to do. Until such time as the new (Communist) regime is actually here there are tremendous opportunities and needs made all the more acute because some had to leave.

We do not know what the future holds, but we move on confidently. We are laying in a few food supplies so that we won't be a burden to anyone during the time to turnover, when everything will probably be confusing. People from other areas tell us there are four things that people planing to carry on work in Communist areas find necessary: (1) extreme simplicity of living in food, clothing, etc.; (2) you must earn your own living; (3) seven to eight persons out of ten must testify that you are a good person, or you are wiped out; (4) you must have such depth of faith that you can stand under persecution and still grow in your Christian life and exhibit it in daily life. Everyone from those areas insists that Christian nurture in the home may be the only way of sustaining the Christian life. They also have stressed the fact that millions will never know any philosophy of life other than communism except as Christians give their testimony of a way of life beyond it . . .

China is in the pangs of a new birth. Greed, corruption, profiteering, selfishness must go. Will materialistic communism with its economic determinism be the way, or is there yet hope of changes which will take cognizance of the value of a man, of the spiritual factors in his being? We do not know. We see some evidences of changes in policy of the communists which, if genuine, give us hope to believe we may continue to work. When we cannot carry on work in our usual ways, we can still live Christ. God's work of saving men will never stop. Because my work is here, I am staying in China.

Because some Chinese colleagues have assured me that they feel my witness can be used of God and my staying will bring moral strength and support to them and other Chinese Christians, I am staying.

Living outside of God's will, no matter what the physical comforts or environment, is utter darkness. He called me to work in China. Sooner or later, around the world everywhere, Christianity must face the same challenge that we now face. It is here that I am called to make my witness and go on in confidence with God's power. Because God's will for me now seems clear, I am staying.

Follow-Up of the Amsterdam Assembly

Meetings are now being organized in every country to give church members an insight into the work done by the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam.

A very large audience met in the Temple de l'Oratoire, Paris, France, on October 7, presided over by Pastor Marc Boegner, one of the presidents of the World Council. Accounts of the Assembly were given by two people who had been alternates at Amsterdam, and everyone used the same word, "miracle," to describe this union of friends, this family atmosphere among the members from all over the world. Everyone recognized the Assembly as a great hope for the future.

On October 1, two meetings were held in Dublin, Ireland, to bring to the churches the message of Amsterdam. The Archbishop of Dublin took the chair at both. In the afternoon, Bishop Neill spoke to the clergy and ministers about the follow-up of Amsterdam, and the tasks that the Assembly desires to lay on the churches. For the evening meeting, the hall was packed out, many people having to stand, and others to sit on the edge of the platform. There was evidently a spirit of real interest and enthuiasm, making it clear that the churches in Ireland are awake to the significance of the ecumenical movement. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Dr. J. A. H. Irwin (Presbyterian Church of Ireland), and Bishop Neill, both of whom spoke of their own experiences at the Assembly, and tried to bring to their hearers something of the spirit and the achievements of the Amsterdam meeting. Plans have been made to hold similar meetings at many other places in Ireland in the course of the next few months.

On Sunday, October 23, the French Protestant Federation held a meeting at Strasbourg, where Dr. Visser 't Hooft was the speaker.

And in Geneva, Switzerland, on November 4, a meeting was held in the Salle de la Réformation, at which Dr. Visser 't Hooft gave an address. The Assembly film was shown for the first time, together with gramophone recordings of some of the speeches made at Amsterdam.—*E.P.S.*

From Sorrow to Joy

The church was filled on yesterday
With those whose hearts are sad;
A friend all loved has gone away—
Can life again be glad?
True words of hope and cheer
From pulpit have been said,
But only God can make things clear,
Through brighter days ahead.

Next day the church entire
Fills up with people gay;
A brown-eyed beauty of the choir
Comes to her wedding day.
All wish her happy years,
In a home of love that's true;
May God's great mercy dry all tears,
And keep your skies all blue.

So the night of death will end,
For the day of endless life;
Our sufferings with our Savior's blend—
He feels our pain and strife.
It is our Father's plan:
That sorrow bring release—
Through tears we'll see a Fairer Land,
And find eternal peace!

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THE ORANGE COUNTY BUS CASE

From Asheville, a letter from a respected friend protests editorial comment in a recent issue under the title, "The Case Against the Snake Handlers," in part as follows:

"The Orange County bus case can be summarized rather briefly . . . When the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that segregation in interstate commerce is unconstitutional, the F. O. R. arranged this trip, not in violation of the law, but to ascertain whether the law would be respected and obeyed in this particular, as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

"My understanding of the case is that the group were riding on 'through tickets' at all times. That should have established beyond question that they were in interstate commerce . . .

"The Orange County court claimed that they were not in interstate commerce, by virtue of the fact that they stopped over and spent the night in North Carolina. Of course, the only way they could be convicted would be to prove that they were not in interstate commerce.

"Mr. Felmet, who is a recent graduate of the Claude Love Law School (which has a good rating), tells me there is an abundance of legal precedents for claiming that cargo or passengers are in interstate commerce if their origin and destination are in different states, even though the trip be interrupted or delayed within a given state. He says the courts have ruled repeatedly that such cargo is in interstate commerce, even when it has been delayed in transit for a week or longer; further, that taxation on passenger fares is based on that assumption.

"I do not know what evidence led Judge Stacy and his associates to conclude that they were not in interstate commerce. However, of the seven instances in which they were arrested on this trip, the Orrange County case is the only one which has ever been brought to trial. Evidently, the judges or solicitors in the other instances clearly recognize that, in view of the Supreme Court ruling, they have no legal basis on which to bring charges against the four.

"Joe Felmet's worst failing is his deep concern for the under-privileged and the down-trodden. He has sincere and burning convictions, for which he is willing to suffer, and for which he has suffered on more occasions than one. Indeed, he has been somewhat disappointed in the church for its frequent reluctance to stand for the ethical precepts of Jesus. He would be further disappointed, I think, to learn that his own **Advocate** had joined the host who denounce him for his efforts to get a better deal for the Negro."

The **Advocate** comment, based on news accounts which were, of course, rather incomplete, was by no means a denunciation of anybody, but rather an effort to point out that the community has a right to legal protection from those who handle sources of social danger without due regard to the possible consequences, and that an unusual religious faith does not entitle anybody to violate the law. Perhaps the Durham evangelist and the Fellowship of Reconciliation party, alike, deserve commendation for their efforts in so far as their purpose was to ascertain what the law is. They are subject to punishment only in so far as they were guilty of disobeying laws enacted for the protection of the public.

NO "MAJOR" OR "MINOR" INTERESTS

By D. Stewart Patterson
(Vice-President General Board of Lay Activities)

Recently, one of our denominational journals carried headlines referring to "Methodism's Major Board." Undoubtedly, the reference to "major" was to the **largest** (numerically and organizationally) board. However, this reference poses a significant point of discussion, namely: have we now come to that place in the life of our church where we are to classify our interests and work as major and minor?

What constitutes "major and minor"—numbers, complexity of organization, finance, extent of field?

It is well to become evangelism-minded, or temperance-minded, or mission-minded. But to become exclusively-minded in one area is a danger we should seek to avoid. Because the General Conference has allocated certain responsibilities to certain groups, organized so as to divide the administrative and functional load of work, does this create "major" and minor" boards and causes?

If missions is major, then is evangelism minor? or education? or temperance? or Christian relations and world peace? or the training of ministers to carry forward the work of the church? or the training of the laity from whose ranks must come the recruits for all branches of the service and the finance and general support of the church?

These questions do not reflect a quarrel with any agency or cause of the church. This word is written only to make a plea that in this desperately critical time—a time in which the church needs a singleness of mind and unity of purpose—that there be no unwitting separation of thought and effort into "major" and "minor."

Methodism should seek to create among its membership a support of, and interest in, its total program. We need to see to it that what we do is neither major nor minor, but contributes to the whole central purpose of our being—that purpose, as John Wesley put it, is "to save souls," and to create the kind of society in which men may live safely once they have been saved. **How** and **where** are not of greatest importance. The fact that **we do** save men and **do** create a Christian society is of supreme importance.

If we can bring light into darkened places, it is a major achievement. If, by stopping war and contributing to world peace, we can save lives and souls, that is major work. If we can bring men to a "new and living way" in business, social, and personal living, that is major. If we can save men from appetite and greed and lust, that is of major importance. If we can teach men of, and bring them to a practice of stewardship of all of life and cause them to expend their lives in devotion to Christ and to the church, that is major work.

In the Kingdom of God there is no "major" or "minor"—all is central. Let us keep it so in our individual interests, in our work and in our connectional activities.

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Our Greatest Waste and Danger

Many North Carolinians have been ashamed of the record of exemptions for illiteracy revealed by the military draft in this State. How could it be, with our compulsory education laws? Now comes the report of the special 18-man commission appointed in 1947 to study the schools of the State, and we have the answer. Despite its boasted progress in education, the good State of North Carolina has been actually grinding its seed corn in terms of human welfare and progress.

There are in this State 1,000 Negro school buildings and 400 white schools that, by any decent standards, ought to be closed for the health and safety of those who use them. The teacher-load—number of pupils per teacher—is the highest in the land. Many pupils are discouraged from attending school instead of being compelled to go. The State is actually lowest in the country in the percentage of 5 to 17-year-old pupils in the schools. With an annual turnover of 1,500 teachers a year in white elementary schools, less than 200 teachers were prepared for this most needy field by our training schools last year, and only 150 actually went into it.

What doth it profit a people to build great universities if the children are left untaught?

John Arch McMillan

The ADVOCATE can add but little to the chorus of praise and high tribute which has followed the announcement that John Arch McMillan is dead. The January 20 issue of *Charity and Children,* which he had edited for 14 years until his death early this month, is filled with such an impressive array of comments from the press and tributes from friends and associates that we wish merely to recommend it to those of our readers who do not receive this valued exchange. The whole State has lost a valuable citizen, his denomination a leader of breadth and vision, and religious journalism one of its ablest editors.

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Dare We Be Truly Christian?

To take the yoke of Christ and learn of him is the easiest thing in the world—the most joyous experience imaginable. His yoke is easy, and his burden is light. His presence and his gentle governance are balm to the soul. For one who has really surrendered to him, there is only one way to live. But if one imagines that this way of life means physical ease and social recognition and financial success and worldly contentment with things as they are, he must have overlooked the cross. Only those who are willing to endure hardness as good soldiers, only those who are ready to give up everything the world prizes, only those who are able to see the invisible and touch the immaterial and believe in the eternal may know the full joy of his kingdom. To seek this priceless benefit requires courage to endure and faith to overcome. It calls for sacrifice and toil and pain, from the point of view of the world. The "come-outers," the holiness people, and the kind of Methodists that laid the foundations for a great church in the American wilderness, have proved that it costs something to be Christian. Too often they have not grasped the full meaning of the price one must pay. An emphasis on the trivialities of life and conduct, however well meant, cannot but obscure and fall short of the true ends of Christian living, which are nothing less than realizing God's rule in every part of life, and especially at its centers of greatest power and deepest need.

The Advance Begins Here and Now

During the period of prayer and preparation for the great forward movement to which Methodism is committed during the next four years, there is an inescapable obligation resting on all members of the church. Self-examination is in order. People who are satisfied with their past achievements will make no great contribution to further progress. Those who face their own personal shortcomings and failures in the spirit of true repentance will make contact with sources of new power. Becoming better informed about the work the Church is seeking to do in these days of social change and decision is equally essential. The Advance will begin when people catch the vision of the magnificent program of service and redemption before us. To follow Christ is to go forward in company with a joyful host of dedicated men and women whose faith envisages a world redeemed.

Au Revoir

Next week this page will be written by another hand. This scribe will become the new editor's assistant for a few weeks. Then on February 19 he will report for a month's duty as chaplain aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt before taking up the work of another challenging task. Being editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE has been fun. Being manager has been hard work. But every week has brought a sacred privilege of service for which we thank God and the Methodists of North Carolina. Kind words, good wishes, congratulations, and the prayers of the ADVOCATE family, all of which are deeply appreciated, and the assurance that this important work will be carried forward by capable and devoted hands make this farewell a happy one. With warm gratitude to the members of the Board of Publication, to R. R. Mitchell, the production manager, and to the entire staff of workers at the plant, the best team we ever played on, we say good-bye until we meet again.

Religion and Health . . .

How Our Minds Make Us Sick

By RUSSELL L. DICKS

Associate Professor of Pastoral Care, Duke University Divinity School

SOMEONE once said to Dr. Walter Cannon, Harvard University Medical School's late great physiologist, "When you see all the diseases it's possible to have, you wonder how anyone is ever well."

Dr. Cannon replied, "Oh, no, when you know about the tremendous resources for health that are active within the human body, you wonder why anyone is ever sick." For, Dr. Cannon was fond of pointing out, the human body is constructed so as to go on functioning almost indefinitely without becoming ill. If this is true, and every doctor knows that it is, then we have to ask the question, "Why do we become sick?"

Medical science during the past 50 years has made steady advances in conquering the great disease killers. Already, pneumonia, one of the major killers, has been brought largely under control. The drugs which will stamp out tuberculosis, the killer of young people, are believed to be even now in the laboratories in the experimental stages of development; while it is expected that cancer, the most vicious of all diseases, will be brought largely under control within the next 10 to 15 years. There still will remain heart disease, the number one killer; but heart disease is brought on, and its course determined, by emotion—that strong and vital force which sweeps through the human body either to strengthen it or to destroy it.

Why do we become sick with any of the several hundred physical or mental diseases which we may have? Medical science does not answer this question, except in a very restricted sense. It does not explain why one person becomes sick and another, exposed to the same infections, does not; why one develops arthritis, and another stones in the gall bladder; why one person's liver becomes diseased and another's lung collapses; why one becomes depressed and takes his life, while another retreats into a dream world and imagines himself to be the brother of Jesus, a few weeks later Jesus, and, finally, God himself: a state of ill health from which he is incapable of recovering. While still another person does not become seriously depressed, does not withdraw into a dream state, but is miserable and anxious, afraid to be alone and cannot sleep at night because numerous thoughts race through his mind to disturb his sleep. While still another drinks himself into insensibility and is unable to do his job or care for his family. All these people are sick: some are physically ill and others mentally ill, but all are sick. Why a given person develops the kind of illness he does we do not know; medical science does not know, not upon a scientific, objective basis, at least.

We do know that illness, both physical and mental, is a serious problem. Dr. Eric Berne, a psychiatric writer, in his book entitled *The Mind in Action* (Simon-Schuster, publisher) has said that a *third* of the *nation's total population* is sick in one way or another. This, in spite of the fact that man has made more progress in the conquest of pain during the last 100 years than in all the rest of human history; despite the fact that approximately 20 years has been added to the length of life of each person in the United States since the turn of the century; despite the tremendous resources for health, which Dr. Cannon understood so well, which function within each person, and which should enable everyone to have health.

Within the past 25 years there has been developed a type of investigation into the cause of illness which suggests the reason that we become ill, and that is, that the emotional wear and tear of living makes us ill. What are emotions? Emotions are our responses to various situations which we face, and to various desires which rise up within us. According to my analysis, there are four and only four negative emotions and their positive counterparts. One is pain: pure physical pain which is brought about from hunger, cold or heat, disease and injury. Once caught in pain our response to the condition may bring on other and often more severe illness. The second is fear: the difference between fear and anxiety and apprehension and worry is only one of degree. Anger and hostility and resentment all stem from fear also. We do not become angry at a person until we fear him or until he threatens us in some way or another. We may feel hostility or resentment toward a member of our own family, a neighbor, the boss, the labor union, or the government because we are dependent upon these persons, or groups, and have no control over their actions. We may either express our feelings openly, with dire and often unpleasant consequences, or we may permit them to dam up inside us, brooding about them, stewing about them, losing sleep and weight until our bodies or our minds become sick.

We had a woman who came periodically as a patient to a hospital where I was chaplain with a painful flare-up of her arthritis. The interesting thing was that she became ill whenever her mother-in-law came to visit her, and she did not like her mother-in-law. The severe flare-up of her disease is understandable in the light of our recognition that the disease resisting resources of her body, which operated to hold the disease in check ordinarily, were consumed in the woman's silent hatred and anger toward her mother-in-law.

The third emotion is what we call guilt feelings, or a sense of having failed. It is often said that this feeling and the emotion of fear are closely related, and I grant that is true, but I am also sure that one can observe little fear or anxiety in many people, yet they suffer from a sense of failure. In its extreme form this emotion is responsible for mental depressions which send many of our people to the psychiatrist and the mental hospital.

A man was brought to our hospital for a so-called minor operation. Following the operation, he did not do well and in a short time, despite all efforts to help him, he was dead. A few weeks later the business firm of which he was a member was indicted because of the business practices it was using. This man did not die because of his surgery. The operation was a success. His might be called a "moral" death. It is interesting to note that he was a member of the official board of his church. Did anyone ever tell you that this business of religion is dangerous? A person can get hurt fooling with it.

Following the death of a girl, the doctor said to the girl's mother, "I have to say to you quite frankly, we do not know what killed your daughter." The mother replied rather easily, "Oh, Doctor, you don't need to tell me; I know why she died; she died of a broken heart. The young man to whom she was engaged was killed a few weeks ago in an automobile accident. Since that time my daughter has had no interest in anything."

The connection between this situation and the one cited a moment ago is that both these persons lost their sense of dignity and a belief in the worthwhileness of life. Thus, I would say, they both were suffering from a sense of isolation and from a sense of failure.

In 12 years as a hospital chaplain I have known six persons who died without good reason from the standpoint of

the physician, and yet in light of the social situation of each person's life, there were excellent reasons why they should not want to recover. It does not happen often, but it is entirely possible to die, to literally commit suicide, without lifting one's hand against oneself.

The fourth emotion which may lead to illness, either directly or indirectly, is a feeling of loneliness, or a sense of isolation. In some respects this emotion, when it is not relieved, is the most vicious of all, often leading to behavior which is destructive. This feeling underlies a great deal of excessive drinking, or alcoholism, in which the individual seeks to build up his sense of adequacy, his feeling of worth, of being a person who has the wit and intelligence to do that which he feels unable to do when sober.

These four emotions, pain, fear, guilt, and loneliness, have emotional counterparts: freedom from pain, courage and confidence, a feeling of dignity and worthfulness, and affection, love, a feeling of companionship. These emotions are constructive; they rebuild and maintain life. The others are destructive, tearing down, exhausting, burning up life-energy. The one group leads to health; the other to illness.

They lead to illness because they block the forces that make for health, that operate within us and in our behalf: forces that are persistent and reliable, which the doctor calls "nature," and which he comes to trust and rely upon. The French physician Pere is reported to have said, "I dress the wound. God heals it."

Dr. Ebaugh of the University of Colorado Medical School maintains that a third of all causes of illness in general hospitals are clearly organic in nature and onset, one-third are a combination of emotional and organic, and one-third are clearly emotional. Flanders Dunbar, author of *Mind and Body* (Random House, publisher), has said, "It is not a question of whether an illness is physical or emotional, but how much of each."

I am inclined to agree with Dunbar. Every illness has tremendously important emotional factors, if not causative, then vitally important in assisting or delaying the rate of recovery. An illness may be emotional in its onset, but once it is established it must be treated as an organic illness; if the patient is to recover, the illness must be treated as a physical illness as well as an emotional one. All too often, however, because we are scientifically oriented, we overlook the importance of the role of the emotions, both in the cause and the recovery of the illness.

It can be said that *tension,* emotional tension, is the major disease of this generation. We live at a more rapid pace and are exposed to more pressure than any generation before us. A recent survey has estimated that each of us is bombarded by 750,000 words per minute through the radio, the press, through newspaper, magazines, and books. We may sit at our radio and listen to reports from all over the world. Later this week I will get on a plane and go to Detroit, give two lectures, return to Durham, and only be away two days; and it can be done in less time than that. If I stopped to think about it I couldn't do it, not because it presents any physical difficulty—at least I hope not—but because emotionally I couldn't accept this aeroplane business, for as a youngster I grew up in a horse-and-buggy community where it took two days to get into the next county. I solve the problem by not thinking about it. The trouble is that a lot of problems we face cannot be solved that way. We do think about them, worry about them, feel resentful about them; we literally shake ourselves to pieces in one way and another. The problem of health in our generation is not one of controlling bacterial infections. Rats and lice, the carriers of infections, have about had their day so far as influencing the course of history is concerned. The problem of health as we face it is one of mastering the emotional side of ourselves.

That throws the problem of health into the field of religion, for religion, directly and indirectly, has a great deal to say at this point. That is our subject of next Sunday under the title, "Thy Health Shall Spring Forth."

Eternal God, Creator and Sustainer of us all, we recognize that we are strange and mysterious creatures; marvelously and amazingly created. Thou hast breathed into us the breath of life and called us forth to creative tasks. Support us in our efforts and renew a right spirit within us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Every Church Should Carry Through

Race Relations Sunday, which comes this year on February 13, deserves adequate recognition and observance in every church in Methodism. It is designed, by General Conference action, to contribute toward the achievement of two great objectives, namely, more interracial good will and understanding and more generous financial support for the Negro colleges of The Methodist Church.

Every pastor has recently received a packet of Race Relations Sunday materials, including posters, samples of the worship service for the "Day," and other items needed in planning and conducting an impressive and fitting Race Relations service. An order card is enclosed for the pastor's use in obtaining such supplies as may be needed. In addition, several letters from high officials of the church, who are close to our Negro institutions and know their needs and their worthiness, have been sent to our pastors.

Special articles on Race Relations Sunday are to be found in the February numbers of most of the papers and periodicals of the church. The January-February number of Christian Education Magazine is a special Race Relations Sunday issue. The General Board of Education of the church, through its Division of Educational Institutions, has done a thorough piece of work in preparing Race Relations Sunday materials and making them available to the local churches. It is also to be commended for so vigorously calling this important day in the Methodist calendar to the attention of the church.

The real effectiveness of these efforts, however, will be measured by what happens in our local congregations. Will there result some changed attitudes toward people of other races? Will understanding of other peoples be increased and will new appreciations of their finer qualities come into being? Will the offerings be more liberal and will they attract contributions from congregations and individuals who have not contributed before?

On these matters the local church should carry through.

Education

O seeker of the truth, seek on!
Seek now, before your youth is gone;
All truth and light come from above,
God is the source of light and love—
Light only changes dark to dawn!

Shun not the light, but watch lest you
Seize error held as truth to view;
Fear not real truth; it comes from God,
And leads to freedom, not the rod;
Truth leads to Christ, the ever true!

Seek kindness, love and sympathy—
Your heart should educated be;
Of greater worth than brilliant brain,
This making Christ your daily gain
Will make you loved by all who see!

Seek service real for God and man,
Advancing love and right your plan;
This aim will bring you peace within,
And gladness, mid earth's strife and din,
That life's best learning you began!

—John Cline.

"Nobody Works Like Him"

By BISHOP W. EARL LEDDEN

I SAW JESUS WORKING IN AFRICA . . . It was Sunday morning service at Old Umtali. After I had preached the sermon, the student choir rose and sang the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. We all stood with them—the student body, the delegates to the Central Conference, and others—and we were all deeply stirred. Indeed, I was so profoundly moved that I dared not trust my voice to pronounce the benediction, but motioned Bishop Booth to do it for me. I had seen the villages from which these students had come, had sensed their previous limitation of outlook and opportunity—and could hardly believe my ears when they stood and sang with artistry and reverence, and without notes, that supreme expression of Christendom's adoration.

But after the benediction, when they sang softly as the congregation filed silently out, I was even more profoundly moved by the Negro spirituals they interpreted. For it was really their very own version of the Hallelujah Chorus:

"He is King of Kings,
He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, first and last,
Nobody works like Him."

Handel had them sing, "King of Kings, and Lord of lords"; they added their own rhythm and sang, "He is King of Kings, He is Lord of Lords." Handel would have preferred "Alpha and Omega"; they sang simply, "first and last." Handel proclaimed "He shall reign forever and ever"; they asserted "Nobody works like Him."

Here is an elemental insight: *"Nobody works like Him."* The African is a son of toil, and it means something special to him that Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." All over central and southern Africa I saw Christ work.

I saw Him working in the Congo . . . My first day was spent in Leopoldville where I found a remarkable example of Christian cooperation. We have no Methodist work there, so I had my first meal with missionaries of several denominations in the union mission house . . . The territory is divided among the denominations to the satisfaction of all and there is no competition among them. The missionaries are manifesting a sacrificial concern, a real affection, a desire to serve in the name of Christ—and "Nobody works like Him."

I hear that theme again whenever I think of the leper colony conducted at Minga, the first Methodist center I visited. The nurse who is giving her life to this ministry conducted me through the colony. Many of the lepers were loathsome evidence of their dread disease, but the nurse greeted them all by name, with a radiant smile and genuine affection. The lepers themselves have named this colony "The Village of Happiness."

At this same station there is a doctor greatly overworked, lacking equipment that he needs, ministering sacrificially and cheerfully to hundreds of native patients who come to him in their poverty and physical distress. One day I saw him in consultation with Lukuki, an African medicine man of the Otetela tribe. He explained to me later that this medicine man—to be sharply distinguished from a witch doctor—had the reputation of administering some really helpful remedies to the natives. The Christian doctor was not too proud to learn from any source, and he sent the leaves and remedies used by this medicine man to a great pharmaceutical company in the United States for analysis.

One of the most memorable experiences in Central Congo was the dedication of the site for the proposed Lambuth Memorial Hospital at Wembo Nyama. The Central New York Conference had raised about $40,000 to provide drills and motors and other items—including a sawmill—to be used in the erection of this hospital. Last year there were 41,000 treatments given, and 400 maternity cases, in a small, inadequately equipped hospital there. There is no doctor in residence, only the nurse. At times, she is called upon to perform emergency operations at night by the light of kerosene lamps. Her courage and resourcefulness are amazing. But doctors are needed, and they will be ready by the time the hospital is completed—one is already in Belgium completing his preparation for this important post.

Wembo Nyama has a large and beautiful compound and renders a varied ministry through its Lambuth Memorial Church, Trinity Bible School, normal school, elementary school for boys and girls, its girls' home, mission press and industrial plant, in addition to its hospital.

Among the stations visited in the Southern Congo Provisional Annual Conference was Kapanga, which has a leper colony in addition to other institutions.

At Mulungwishi, another center which I visited in southern Congo, Bishop Springer has built a comfortable home and, with Mrs. Springer, lives on a hilltop overlooking the large and beautiful grounds. After chapel service, Bishop Springer pointed to a hillside adjoining the mission compound and told me the story of Msidi, a native chief who lived there—within the span of my own lifetime—and ruled all that countryside with savage cruelty. A missionary, Mr. Swan, saw him at one of his barbarous games one day. He had four women stand in a row. Then, at a signal, four young men rushed up to them, cut their hearts out and dashed back to the chief to see who would be first to put a throbbing heart into his waiting hands. The missionary afterward remonstrated, but the chief shrugged the matter off with the comment, "Oh, they're only women!" . . . Now, in that very place, Mulungwishi, the Woman's Division of Christian Service is about to build a home for its workers. Soon there will be a school for girls there at Mulungwishi.

Christian missions have redeemed that land so long accursed. But the work of this station is just beginning. It is situated in a position of great opportunity for the training of Christian leaders. The Springer Institute is the only advanced school for Protestant students in a province three times the size of New York State. It is the only center for the training of pastors and teachers in the Southern Congo Conference. Its plans call also for the training of Christian laymen in the fields of agriculture, industrial skills and business.

When one sees the pitiful poverty of these millions of Africans, remembers their history of cruel exploitation at the hands of white men, feels the persisting racial prejudice against them, he cannot expect them much longer to endure their lot in silence. They are ripe and ready for the missionaries of atheistic Communism. Thoughtful citizens are seeing this. Christian leaders must recognize it. Complacency in the face of such a situation is apostasy. While there are obvious limitations to the political activity of the churches, it must always be made manifest that Christian leaders are protesting injustice and the degradation of human personality; that we are maintaining Christian attitudes in all our dealings with native Africans; that we are redoubling our efforts to interpret to them the love of God and provide them with such religious resources and educational opportunities as shall enable them to rise to the full height of their powers and to demonstrate their capacity to assume full and equal responsibility in the onward march of civilization—a civilization of which they are an honored and inseparable part.

The church in Africa is making notable progress. But the question that disturbs those who take all the conflicting forces into account is whether we are making progress fast enough to prevent the explosion of social violence which is the natural result of long-maintained segregation, repression and injustice. If prevented, it will be largely to the credit of missionaries and to the glory of God.

(Editor's Note: Bishop Ledden, Syracuse (N.Y.) Area, recently visited Methodist missions in Central Africa. This article gives some of his experiences and observations there.)

Western North Carolina Conference Advance Rallies in Asheville and Statesville Feature Bishops

NEW PROJECTS ANNOUNCED FOR W. N. C. CONFERENCE AS ADVANCE RALLIES HEAR LEADERS PRESENT QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM

IN A MEETING of the Advance Committee of the Western N. C. Conference, presided over by Bishop Costen J. Harrell at Central Church, Asheville, on Monday, January 17, it was voted to request the sum of $100,000 in foreign projects, particularly in Poland and North Africa, to be made available as Advance Specials for local churches. The committee requested Bishop Harrell to invite Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Geneva Area to speak throughout the ten districts in promotion of these foreign specials.

Each year in the quadrennium there will be a minimum of $85,000 in Advance Specials, which will be divided among foreign, home, and overseas relief on a 60-30-10 per cent basis. The home mission specials will be divided between general and home projects on a 50 per cent basis, with the sum of $15,000 being designated towards the Cherokee Indian Mission, which mission will be approved as one of the home specials.

The list of specials will be announced within a few weeks, the allocation by districts to be made by the Bishop and Cabinet. A special brochure will be printed, with Rev. Walter J. Miller compiling the home missions data for the booklet.

Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer and Dr. B. P. Murphy of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension spoke to the committee. Rev. Wilson O. Weldon of Thomasville was elected secretary by the 27 members of the committee present.

These plans were announced at two great rallies, one held at Asheville and a second at Statesvillle on Thursday.

Bishop Titus Lowe, former president of the Methodist Council of Bishops and at present director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, brought messages on "Distress Across the Sea" at Asheville on Tuesday morning, and at Statesville on Thursday. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, resident bishop of the Charlotte Area and one of the general directors of the quadrennial program of American Methodism, spoke on the meaning, organization, and purposes of this program, known as the Advance for Christ and His Church.

The Western North Carolina Conference Advance committee decided upon the projects in Poland, Algeria, and Tunisia because they are in the Geneva Area, of which Bishop Paul N. Garber is head. Bishop Garber is an honorary member of this conference and was elected to the episcopacy from it.

Dr. Chilton Bennett of Chicago, an outstanding Methodist layman, spoke to the rallies on "The Week of Dedication," a period to be observed in the spring for deepening the church's commitment to the Advance.

Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, spoke at both rallies on "Undergirding the Faith of the Church." Rev. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Salisbury district, and Rev. W. J. Miller, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, Charlotte, were featured speakers during the afternoon sessions, presenting the challenge and the opportunities now open for missionary specials.

Devotional messages were given by Rev. E. K. McLarty, Jr., of Morganton at Asheville, and by Rev. Herman Duncan of Concord at Statesville.

DISTRICT ADVANCE MEETING IN ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

ELIZABETH CITY. — Ministers of the Elizabeth City district, with a strong representation of laymen from their churches, met in First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 19, for instruction and inspiration relating to the Methodist Advance for Christ and His Church.

About 250 gathered at the call of District Superintendent J. H. Miller. After a devotional in which the host pastor, Rev. Mark Lawrence, developed the thought that Methodists were privileged to witness for the "continuing Christ," speakers



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during the morning emphasized important aspects of the Advance.

Rev. W. L. Clegg, pastor of Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington, spoke concerning the purpose and meaning of the entire program. He mentioned, particularly, the teaching, preaching, and financial objectives involved. A lucid outline, step by step, of the development of the program for the year 1949, was given by Clegg. "Until October," he said, "we will be in the 'Period of Preparation'." He also emphasized that the Advance would be "pragmatic in Christian emphasis."

The concern for mission specials, to be adopted by local churches during the year, was discussed by Rev. Dwight Fouts, pastor of the Methodist church at Hertford. Methodists will be given the opportunity to support the missionary work of their church, both at home and abroad, with special projects of their choosing. North Carolina churches that are in need, and congregations in Europe and in Korea will share in the benevolent giving of Methodists in North Carolina.

"The Week of Dedication," scheduled for March 13-20 in Methodist churches in the United States, was presented by Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville. Using the poetic symbolism of the prophet Isaiah, Mr. Russell stressed the need for both a "lengthening of the cords," and a "strengthening of the stakes."

Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of New Bern told the assembled group of plans that have been made for the cooperation of the women in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. A fourfold plan, in which the goal would be to "enlist every Methodist woman in the Woman's Society or the Wesleyan Guild, to increase subscriptions to the **World Outlook** and the **Methodist Woman,** to send 1,000 new missionaries to other countries, and to increase giving to the Woman's Society by one-third over present giving," was presented. "We rededicate our lives to him through whom God's grace may flow," she continued.

Following a spirited presentation of "The Advance and Evangelism" by Dr. Fred Paschall of the Laurinburg church, a period of discussion of pertinent facts in the Advance program was led by Clegg and Russell. Superintendent Miller offered precautions and advice concerning the instrumentation of the Advance to the ministers present. "Inform yourselves during this period," he said, "and do not go ahead of the program."

The meeting was brought to a great climax through the inspirational message of Dr. Karl Quimby, from the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. Dr. Quimby, just returned from a trip to Europe, stated that we are in a "new crisis, and we will have no more than ten years, at most, to meet it." Out of the crisis, he showed that great opportunity for service would present itself. He appealed to Methodists to bear the "burden of a tremendous amount of missionary cultivation" in these years, and concluded his message with a description of the plight of people whom he visited in Europe. "Christianity," he stated, "is the world's greatest passport." He urged his listeners "to use it—Christianity is the most powerful force in the world."

Rev. B. B. Slaughter, district superintendent of the New Bern district, closed the morning session with a prayer of dedication. The meeting adjourned, and the hospitality of the women of the First Methodist Church, who served luncheon to the visitors, was enjoyed.

HARRELL ADDRESSES METHODIST MEN OF ASHEVILLE

ASHEVILLE. — (Special). On Monday night, January 17, approximately 225 laymen of the Asheville district met in the dining room of Central Methodist Church at a dinner meeting honoring Bishop Costen J. Harrell. The meeting was sponsored by the United Methodist Men, an organization made up of 12 of the Methodist churches in and close to Asheville.

Bishop Harrell took as his subject, "The Whole Church Moves Forward." He reminded those present that man moves forward only with that to which he is connected. He stated that a group such as the one present had great potential powers because it was connected with the church. He brought out that in a time of crisis like this, the church must have a message. This message is the plan for the next quadrennium incorporated in the Advance for Christ and His Church. This plan is twofold. First, the spiritual undergirding of the people; and, second, a service to the rest of mankind beyond that which is required of them.

Among other visiting guests was Chilton G. Bennett, executive secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago.

Bishop Harrell was introduced by Rev. R. Dwight Ware, superintendent of the Asheville district.

Rural Churches in State Give 1,440,907 Pounds to CROP; Durham District to Have Advance Team

NORTH CAROLINIANS CONTRIBUTE 47 CARLOADS OF FOOD FOR FRIENDSHIP TRAIN

THOUGH all collections are not yet finished, North Carolina's part in the Friendship Train is nearly complete. By Christmas, town and country people, working together throughout the State, had shipped 47 carloads of food to Norfolk, Va., for export overseas. Seventy-eight counties of the State participated; 66 held their collections before Christmas; 12 others are having collections in January and February.

According to reports received at the state CROP office, shipments to date total 1,440,907 pounds of wheat, corn, canned milk, canned foods, flour, sugar, peanuts, and many other foods. Cotton and even some wool for use in the manufacture of desperately needed clothing in factories overseas were also among the North Carolina gifts. The $4,802.66 contributed in cash can be used to purchase at least two or three more carloads of foods. When all collections now under way are carried out, it is expected that North Carolina will have 55 carloads to its credit.

Iredell, Duplin, Rowan, Gaston, Forsyth, and Greene Counties were among the leading counties in cash and food contributions to the Friendship Train. Iredell's contribution was the largest in cash value. Duplin led in bulk contribution with 116,500 pounds.

From a national viewpoint, the CROP Christmas trains were long and significant. According to the latest report from the Chicago CROP office, 1,500 freight carloads of food, representing the gifts of a million and a half farmers throughout the nation, have been shipped to date.

The CROP Christmas trains represent the largest effort of this kind ever undertaken by the rural church people of America. It reveals that church can and will transcend denominational lines when faced with a need too great for effective separate action.

Shipments made from the Christmas train collections constitute one of the most hopeful ventures in applied Christianity to spring from the American soil. For thousands this gift of food will carry with it a message of love which will create health where there was sickness and misery, hope where there was the stupor of despair, and light where darkness enveloped all.

ADVANCE TEAM WILL VISIT CHURCHES IN DURHAM DISTRICT FEB. 7-11

By J. S. McCartt

WITH E. L. Hillman, district superintendent, presiding, the pastors and delegated laymen of the Durham district met at Asbury Church in Durham on January 17 to gain information and inspiration concerning the Advance for Christ and His Church. After devotions conducted by O. L. Hathaway, district missionary secretary, W. L. Clegg, chairman of the conference committee on the Advance, presented the program of the Advance, emphasizing the preaching and teaching mission. Two hundred seven ministers and laymen answered to the roll call. The group sang together the new hymn, "Advance, O Church of God." Briefly, the district superintendent presented the cause of the "specials," urging each charge to sponsor home and foreign missionary projects.

Leon Russell, conference missionary secretary, spoke of the Week of Dedication from March 13-20. Mrs. E. L. Hillman, a member of the General Conference Committee on the Advance, described the part of the women's organizations in the Advance.

It was announced that a team would visit churches throughout the district concerning the Advance, as follows: Feb. 7, at 7:30 Trinity, Durham; Feb. 8, 10:00, Rougemont, at 7:30, Long Memorial in Roxboro; Feb. 9, at 10:00, Yanceyville, at 7:30, Fairview; Feb. 10, at 10:00, Saxapahaw, at 7:30, Front Street in Burlington; Feb. 11, at 10:00, Pittsboro, at 7:30, Hillsboro. Pastors and laymen are urged to attend the meeting nearest them. Brother Clegg announced that envelopes for the February 6 offering for overseas relief can be obtained from the district superintendent. This offering is to be sent to M. J. Cowell, 1417 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount.

After a question and answer period led by Mrs. Hillman, Leon Russell and W. L. Clegg, Dr. Karl Quimby, representing the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, made the concluding address. Using illustrations from his recent visit to Europe, Dr. Quimby described Christianity as "the world's best passport."

HOLTON AND GOBBEL ATTEND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

NEW YORK. — College presidents and other officials representing almost all of the 125 educational institutions related to The Methodist Church met in Hotel Commodore here January 12-14, following the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges. Presidents Sam Holton of Louisburg College and L. L. Gobbel of Greensboro College were among those present. Primary matters given consideration were student religious life and the implementation of General Conference legislation aimed at increasing the denomination's financial support for her colleges. Dr. Gobbel read a paper on the relation between the college and the program of the church.

The organization, known as the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church, is sponsored by the Division of Educational Institutions of the denomination's Board of Education. Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn., recently succeeded Dr. Harry W. McPherson as executive secretary of the Division. Officials of theological seminaries, junior colleges and public relations departments held meetings in conjunction with the association's sessions.

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, new president of the Board of Education and himself a former college president, pleaded for "the essential oneness which must exist between religion and education if the power to save, given our generation, is not turned into the power to destroy." In his address on "The Church's Responsibility to the Colleges as an Arm of the Church," Bishop Corson stated his belief that not more than one in every eight or nine Methodists have one real contact with any church-related college in any 12 months. He urged upon colleges the wisdom of strengthening their ties with the church and upon the churches the necessity of restoring the deteriorated sense of responsibility for her colleges. He proposed a plan that, toward the end of the quadrennium, may tie in the colleges with the Advance movement.



DEDICATING THE FRIENDSHIP CAR IN IREDELL COUNTY

Left to right: Rev. E. H. Lowman, county chairman; Rev. E. W. Fox, who delivered the dedication address; children of Rev. E. H. Lowman; P. M. Barger, Statesville chairman; Rowe McNeely, county vice-chairman; Rev. J. H. Armbrust, district superintendent, who led the prayer; Fred Sills; Rev. O. G. Swicegood, who read the Scripture; Mrs. Paige King; Howard Stamey; Mrs. E. H. Lowman; Sam Miller, county township chairman; Paige King; Rev. G. A. Broola, who gave the benediction.

In the Limelight

REV. B. A. SISK of Gastonia, East End Church, undewent a major operation at Duke Hospital, Durham, January 18.

CENTRAL Church, Concord, and all North Carolina suffered a severe loss in the death af W. M. Shuford, 66, in an automobile accident January 22.

REV. B. H. ZIGLAR of Fairview has compiled a valuable temperance leaflet full of striking quotations. Write him at Box 38, Fairview, N. C., for a copy of this leaflet.

BROAD STREET Church, Statesville, is operating a church-related kindergarten to serve the children of the congregation. Its growth has been most gratifying. Rev. C. P. Bowles instituted the program.

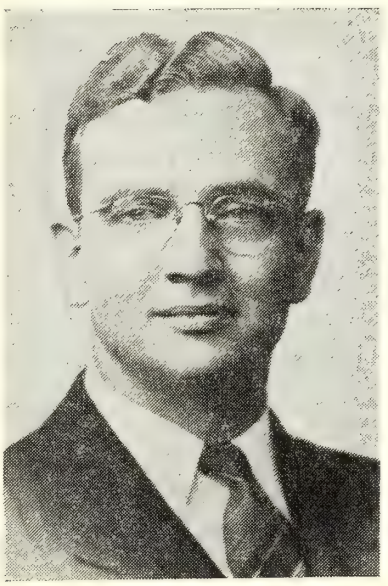
A BIBLE Film Forum featuring a series of 12 films on the life of Christ will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock in First Church, Charlotte, January 26 to April 13.

WIRE recordings were made of the addresses of Bishops Harrell and Lowe at the Statesville Advance meeting. These recordings will be used in churches on the district in order that more people can have the benefit of the addresses.

EDENTON STREET Methodist Youth Fellowship, Raleigh, has recently begun a series of programs on "Power Through Prayer." Dr. H. P. Powell spoke Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Other speakers will be Rev. E. M. Hall, Feb. 6; Mrs. A. C. Jones, Feb. 20; Rev. Grady H. Whicker, Feb. 27; Alma Muse, March 6; Walter F. Anderson, March 13; and Dr. Powell on March 20. The Fellowship meets at 6 p.m. for supper, followed by the program 45 minutes later.

THE METHODIST MEN of Weldon held fellowship supper Friday evening in the basement of the church with some 80 men in attendance. Luther W. Wells, Richmond, Va., lay leader of the Virginia Conference, spoke on the challenge confronting the Methodist Church and how we propose to meet it. It was a most enjoyable get-together meeting of the men of the church. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: Robert Allen, president; John Carter, vice-president; Dr. M. A. Garriss, secretary and treasurer.

HAY STREET Methodist Church, Fayetteville, under the expert administration of Rev. A. S. Parker, is one of the best organized churches in North Carolina. The Christian literature committee, G. C. Davidson, chairman, sponsored the morning worship service last Sunday, and the editor of the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** spoke concerning the meeting of the World Council of Churches and the campaign for an informed Protestantism. The service was broadcast over the local radio station as usual. Hay Street led the North Carolina Conference in Advocate subscriptions, among other important achievements, last year. The church has the largest congregation in the city and one of the most active Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the State. Judge Q. K. Nimocks has taught the men's Bible class for a number of years, and it is one of the largest and most influential men's groups in the area. Horace Sisk, known throughout the State as an educational leader, is one of the leaders in this great church.



Dr. Eugene L. Smith

Recently elected executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, Board of Missions and Church Extension, The Methodist Church

RECENTLY, Rev. Edgar Cochrane of the Prospect charge spoke at Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, his home church.

DR. FRED ADEN, director of Colegio Ward, Buenos Aires, Argentina, recently sent thanks to Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, whom he represents on the mission field, for a new Chevrolet.

DR. RUSSELL L. DICKS of Duke University will speak on "My Soul Is Weaned," third topic in his series of addresses on religion and health for the Durham Methodist Hour, heard by radio at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, January 30.

BETHEL Church, Hickory, has purchased a building formerly housing a hosiery mill for use as a social and educational building. The building is situated opposite the sanctuary. The hall is 34 by 60 feet, and has all conveniences. This facility will afford space for a long-felt need. Rev. W. Reid Harris is leading his people in many worthwhile endeavors.

MRS. SAM MOSS, wife of the pastor at Boone, suffered a serious injury, including a fractured vertebra Friday morning at her home, when she fell on ice-coated steps while getting the morning paper. She was taken to Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, for treatment. Before their wedding three weeks ago, Mrs. Moss was Miss Margaret Bundy of Clio, S. C.

FIRST STREET, Albemarle, Methodists celebrated the opening of the new Denning educational building with an open house Sunday afternoon. Visitors were welcomed by members of the W.S.C.S., shown through the building, and served refreshments in the basement. The new structure is named in honor of T. M. Denning, for 50 years a member of the church. It has 20 classrooms, offices, chapel, assembly room, kitchen, dining room, social room, rest rooms, and furnace rooms. The church has recently purchased new visual education equipment. Rev. Karl Koestline is pastor.

DR. F. S. LOVE, superintendent of the Junaluska Methodist Assembly, announces that a $50,000 sanitation program at the Lake is to be completed by June 1.

WESTFORD charge, Concord, credited with no members received on profession of faith in the 1948 Conference Journal, actually received 33 in that category, according to Rev. C. L. Grant.

BISHOP Wilbur Hammaker of Washington, D. C., will preach in Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. In the afternoon he will address a great temperance rally at the First Baptist Church.

THE ELIZABETH CITY District MYF will convene in First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City on January 29 and 30 with approximately 100 members of the district and three of the State council in attendance. The meeting will get under way at 10 o'clock Saturday morning immediately following the registration. Clint Harris and Jimmy Matheson of Duke,, Robin Scroggs of N. C. State, and Rev. Troy Barrett of Durham, director of youth work in the N. C. Conference, are expected to attend the meeting, to which all MFY members in the district are invited.

BRUCE LIVENGOOD, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Livengood of 1712 Springdale Avenue, Charlotte, has been appointed a member of the music faculty of Brevard College, effective at the beginning of the second semester, January 24, Dr. E. J. Coltrane, president of the college, announced last week. He will teach piano and pipe organ, and have charge of the general work in vocal music, which is offered all students in the college. Mr. Livengood, a member of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, was graduated at Central High School, Chattanooga, Tenn. He studied piano with the late Dr. J. R. Ninnis of Queens College; James Crosland of Jacksonville College of Music; Frederick H. Parker at Columbia College; and Miss Amy Lee and Dr. Karol Liszniewski at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, from which he received his bachelor of music degree in January 1948. This month he is receiving his master of music degree there, where he is a member of the faculty. He served in the United States Army in Word War II. He and Mrs. Livengood, the former Miss Mary Louise Baer of Cincinnati, have arrived in Brevard.

THE LADY ON THE COVER

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks of Mount Vernon, Iowa, was elected last month to be president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church. She spent the early years of her life in Pittsburgh, Pa. A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., she has had successful experience as a college professor and has traveled in Europe and the Orient. She and her husband were members of the faculty of Oklahoma University for a number of years, and her husband is now a professor at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. They have a daughter, married and living in California, and two grandchildren. Mrs. Brooks has served as treasurer of the Iowa Conference Woman's Society, as a member of the Woman's Division and a member of the committee on finance and estimates, of which she was secretary until her election two years ago as vice-president of the Division and chairman of the department of work in foreign fields. The Advocate hails the new president as a dynamic leader in this all-important work of the women in the church.

Executive Board Meets; WSCS Conference April 5-7 to Be in Burlington; WSG April 9-10 in Rocky Mount

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EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ORPHANAGE

The executive board of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh on Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin of Whitakers, conference president, presided at all sessions. The theme for the meeting was Advance for Christ and His Church.

Members of the board attending were: Mrs. Cutchin, Mrs. H. I. Glass of Kinston, Mrs. C. D. Barclift of Wilmington, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger of Raleigh, Mrs. J. M. Jerome of Rose Hill, Mrs. N. P. Edens of Kittrell, Mrs. W. P. Moore of Greenville, Mrs. H. R. Odom of Gibson, Mrs. M. W. Warren of Scotland Neck, Mrs. C. H. Walston of Walstonburg, Mrs. F. L. Johnson of Conway, Mrs. E. G. Cothran of Raleigh, Mrs. L. A. Watts of Nashville, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern, Mrs. A. H. Borland of Durham, Mrs. A. M. Gates of Durham, Mrs. L. C. Larkin of Raleigh, Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham, Mrs. Edd C. Thomas of Mebane, Mrs. George Jackson of Elizabeth City, Mrs. L. P. Cox of Sanford, Mrs. R. L. Cox of Mount Olive, Mrs. H. A. Davis of Raleigh, Mrs. Henry Maddrey of Severn, and Mrs. J. T. Doughtie of Clinton.

Special guests of the board were the presidents of the districts: Mrs. G. B. Robbins of Graham, Mrs. E. R. Meekins of Tyner, Mrs. D. E. Earnhardt of Rockingham, Mrs. Darden Eure of Morehead City, Mrs. T. G. Stem of Oxford, and Mrs. Russell Johnson of Conway.

Other guests and visitors were: Mrs. Nathan Long of Burlington, president of Front Street W.S.C.S; Mrs. W. C. Mosier of Burlington, who will be general chairman of the conference to be held in Front Street Church; Mrs. Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh, immediate past president of the conference; Mrs. S. A. Maxwell, past secretary of children's work; and Mrs. W. N. Davis of Goldsboro, who has consented to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Larkin as secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds until a permanent secretary can be named.

MRS. SLAUGHTER ILL

Due to illness, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, secretary of spiritual life, could not leave her home in New Bern to attend the board meeting. She prepared the meditations for the meetings, and Mrs. W. C. Chadwick presented them. The theme of the three meditations was love, I Corinthians 13. She had it well worked out and it was most searching. Love compared, love analyzed, and love defended.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN FRONT STREET CHURCH

The conference will be held in Front Street Church, Burlington, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 5, 6 and 7, 1949. The final date for the sending of the registration is March 25. The registration fee this year is $6, and is to be sent to Mrs. E. S. W. Dameron, Union Avenue, Burlington. As soon as each local society elects its delegate, send this registration fee at once to Mrs. Dameron with the name of the delegate and the name of the church.

GUILD CONFERENCE TO BE IN ROCKY MOUNT

Mrs. L. C. Larkin, conference secretary of the Guilds, announced that the dates were set for their conference, April 9 and 10, to be held in Rocky Mount.

MEMORIAL LISTS

All local societies are asked to send the names of their deceased members for 1948 to their district secretary of promotion as soon as possible for the conference memorial roll. The names will be read at conference and then printed in the minutes.

PLANS FOR THE ADVANCE

After conference will come the annual district meetings, dates of which are as follows: April 19, Wilmington; April 20, New Bern; April 21, Elizabeth City; April 22, Rocky Mount; April 26, Fayetteville; April 27, Raleigh; and April 28, Durham. The places of these meetings will be announced later.

After the district meetings will come the zone meetings, which are to be training days for the officers of the local societies. These are planned to be held before June 1, when the new year begins. The conference training day for the district officers will be held in Goldsboro, St. Paul Church, at 10:30, Wednesday, March 16.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT PFEIFFER

The School of Missions is to be held at Pfeiffer Junior College again this year. The dates for the spiritual life retreat are June 10 through 12; for the school of missions, June 12 through 17; and for the Wesleyan Service Guild week-end, June 17 through 19.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT 100% REPORTING

Wilmington district, under the leadership of Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, the promotion secretary, and Mrs. A. D. Craig, the president, is to be congratulated on 100 per cent reporting to the promotion secretary. This is the first time this has been done in the conference. We are all justly proud of this fine record.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING AT CONFERENCE

The sacrificial offering to be laid on the altar at conference will go for the hungry and suffering children of Europe.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT ASKINGS FOR 1949

The district assignments for the Woman's Society in the supply department are given by quarters as follows: DURHAM—1st: home, student center at E.C.T.C; foreign, China; 2nd: Latin America; 3rd: home, rural work; foreign, India and Pakistan; 4th: Korea. ELIZABETH CITY—1st: home, industrial work; foreign, Latin America; 2nd: Africa; 3rd: home, Scarritt College; foreign, China; 4th: Japan. FAYETTEVILLE—1st: home, Bennett College; foreign, India and Pakistan; 2nd: China; 3rd: home, Hospital International; foreign, Korea; 4th: Africa. NEW BERN — 1st: home, student center at E.C.T.C.; foreign, Philippines; 2nd: Korea; 3rd: home, rural work; foreign, Japan; 4th: Africa. RALEIGH—1st: home, Scarritt College; foreign, Africa; 2nd: India and Pakistan; 3rd: home, industrial work; foreign, Philippines; 4th: Latin America. ROCKY MOUNT—1st: home, Bennett College; foreign, Korea; 2nd: China; 3rd: home, Hospital International; foreign, Latin America; 4th: India and Pakistan. WILMINGTON—1st: home, student center E.C.T.C.; foreign, Japan; 2nd: Philippines; 3rd: home, Scarritt College; foreign, Africa; 4th: China.

PLEDGES MADE BY THE DISTRICTS AND W. S. G.

The pledges made by the districts at the board meeting show the fine spirit developing for the Advance for the 33⅓ per cent increase in giving: Durham, $14,000; Elizabeth City, $6,600; Fayetteville, $12,000; New Bern, $12,000; Raleigh, $9,500; Rocky Mount, $13,000; Wilmington, $7,350; and the Wesleyan Service Guild, $10,000; making a total for the conference of $84,450.

1949 PROGRAM OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The N. C. Conference W.S.C.S. is a member of the State Legislative Council. The program for 1949 has been drawn up and approved and was presented to the executive board, while in session at the Orphanage, by Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, executive secretary of the legislative council.

The program has five points: (1) provide an effective system, with adequate financial support, for improving the enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law; (2) provide for minimum wage and maximum hour standards for women and minors; (3) provide for State participation in general assistance for persons between 16 and 65 years of age in need of financial assistance; (4) provide, through the School-Health Coordinating Service, for complete physical examinations for all school children at reasonable intervals with a definite plan for referrals for the necessary follow-up treatment; and (5) provide for strengthening the marriage requirements and safeguarding the divorce laws; and that in divorce proceedings involving a definite plan for the care and custody of any child under 18 years of age must be presented to the judge hearing the case.

The conference representatives on this council are Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, Mrs. J. M. Jerome, Mrs. Graham B. Egerton and Mrs. H. A. Davis.

SUGGESTION FROM THE EDITOR

This page is so important this week that it is suggested it be filed for future reference.

CLOSED TO BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

The American Bible Society reports that the only parts of the world that are closed to Bible distribution are Tibet, Afghanistan, Baluchistan and parts of Arabia.

How to secure qualified teachers and leaders still constitutes the greatest problem in religious education, according to the Department of Leadership Education of the General Board of Education.

Executive Secretary Visits Cuban Methodism's 50th Anniversary Celebration; Notes Educational Gains

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THE PRIVILEGE OF A LIFETIME

Between 1938 and 1940, Carlos Perez and Mrs. Perez, along with several students from Cuba, studied at Scarritt College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Perez attended our camps and assemblies at Hendersonville and at Lake Junaluska. As a result of the friendships formed and the contacts maintained through the years, it was my very happy privilege to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Perez during the Annual Conference at Havana, January 1-6, celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Methodist Church in Cuba. Fifty years is approximately the life service span of an individual. Several persons have been closely identified with our Methodist work in Cuba from the beginning in 1898. Dr. S. A. Neblitt, now retired and living in Nashville, has given the best years of his life to the Cuban people whom he loves devotedly. Dr. Garfield Evans, Dr. Carl D. Steward, Dr. Bardwell, president of Candler College, and a host of others have given unreservedly of their talents. Many native men and women have been trained in our schools in Cuba and in America and are now carrying the major responsibilities in the various pastoral appointments and teaching positions.

GO PREACH — GO TEACH

Our Methodist work in Cuba is a noble effort in carrying out the commands of our Master "to preach" and "to teach." The work of the early missionaries, along with the inspiration and leadership of Bishop Warren A. Candler, has firmly established our Methodist Church in Cuba. Following the evangelistic work of the first missionaries, the need for schools and colleges became evident. The work of a pastoral charge often carries responsibility for a parochial school. In a very real sense, the work is a preaching and a teaching mission.

THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

With more than 600 Protestant students enrolled at the University of Havana, the Methodist Mission is committed to constructive ministry to these students. From this student group will come the future Protestant leaders of Cuba. In 1946, a site was purchased for a new church and a student center. Approximately $40,000 has been raised locally for this building. It is hoped that additional funds necessary to complete the building will be forthcoming from the Week of Dedication offering in March. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on Sunday afternoon of the conference. The social, recreational, educational and evangelistic activities of this church offer unlimited possibilities with the future leadership of the church and of Cuba.

THE AMERICAN CHURCH

The American colony in Havana consists of business executives and persons with various other professional responsibilities. Our Methodist Church, with a membership of 199, serves these people excellently in an interdenominational way. Irving Smith, a recent graduate of Southern Methodist University, is the very efficient and successful pastor of this church at present. The American church will also meet in the proposed new University Church. A schedule of two services with one in Spanish and another in English is now in practice. Parsonage provisions are being made for both the Cuban and English speaking pastors. The investment in this church will bring maximum returns in service to a Spanish congregation, an English speaking congregation, and to student activities.

CANDLER COLLEGE AND BUENAVISTA

These two schools located on opposite sides of the street and operated cooperatively for boys and girls minister to approximately 1,000 students annually. It is in these schools that many of the finest youths of Cuba get their early education for service as ministers, teachers, doctors, nurses, and as other public servants. The long range churchmanship of Bishop Warren A. Candler and of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is evident in the service rendered by these two institutions of higher learning today.

The Irene Toland School at Matanzas, the Eliza Bowman School at Cienfeugos, the Agricultural School in Oriente, and other mission projects, as well as native parochial schools, are wrestling aggressively and successfully with tremendous educational opportunities and responsibilities. Ministers and teachers are doing double duty. With this heroic response, there were not enough men for all the established appointments.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

One of the outstanding contributions to our work in Cuba is the theological seminary established at Matanzas by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. Both Methodist and Presbyterian ministers are being trained in this seminary. A good faculty, reasonably adequate buildings, and an enthusiastic group of students working interdenominationally provides a worthy project in Christian education which will ultimately provide the answer to the needs for better trained Protestant ministers in Cuba.

CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE

Ministers and church school workers are embarrassed and handicapped in their work because they do not have literature for their pupils. The creation and publication of church school literature in Spanish is one of the pressing needs of our work in Cuba at present. Such literature, properly developed, could render an invaluable service in several Latin American conferences.

DOCTORS AND NURSES NEEDED

During the past 15 years, modest efforts have been made to provide a dispensary and clinical service at a few points in the island. These have been heroic efforts by our missionaries and by the Board of Missions of our church. A hospital, along with better trained nurses and doctors, is a great need. Dr. S. A. Neblitt is eager to have some church adopt a medical student at the University of Havana as a mission special. This young Cuban student wishes to complete his medical training and to give his life in medical service to the rural people of Cuba.

FACTUAL INFORMATION OF THE CONFERENCE PREPARED BY DR. GARFIELD EVANS

Amidst the clicking of cameras and their flashlights, the 50th session of the Cuban Annual Conference was begun in the historic city of Havana. Coinciding with Cuba's sesquicentennial celebration, five bishops took part in different ways in directing the affairs of the conference. Although Bishop Roy H. Short had been named bishop of the Florida Area, which embraces Cuba, Bishop Costen J. Harrell presided over the conference carrying out certain enterprises which had been started earlier in the quadrennium.

The University Church

Ground was broken one afternoon of the conference on the spacious lots in the center of the city for the University Church and Hostel. Already there is approximately $200,000 on hand for its construction. Of this amount, over $30,000 has been raised by the American congregation of Havana.

Ordinations

Juan Sanfiel was voted into full connection, and Jorge Leyva was ordained elder. Rogelio Bovet, student at Vanderbilt Uniersity, was voted deacon's orders. Augustin Nodal was granted the superannuate relation after 38 years of service. He has been recognized as the first circuit rider of Cuba. Having never attended school for more than six months, he educated himself by reading while riding his circuits on horseback.

Statistical Information

The statistical report showed that there are 56 congregations, and 48 pastoral charges with 35 itinerant and supply pastors. The total membership is 6,700, which represents an increase of 350 members this year. The total amount raised for all purposes during the year was $57,000.

Planning Ahead

Among the outstanding projects for the coming year is a program of rural evangelism and the sending of Bible colporteurs in rural areas, also the holding of training schools for rural workers.

Notable addresses of the conference were given by Bishop Fred P. Corson, president of the College of Bishops; Bishop Paul B. Kern, who had previously served in Cuba, and Bishop Eleazar Guerra of Mexico.

Florida and Cuba will be more closely related by having an inter-conference commission and an exchange of cabinet activities.

THE Methodist Church should have 9,000,000 church school members by 1952. There are 20,000,000 persons in the nation for whom the Methodists are directly responsible. Methodist church school membership is now over 5,600,000.

NOTICE—

Statesville District Pastors:

Pastor in rural areas who desire the services of Duke students this coming summer are asked to send your name to me at once.—J. H. ARMBRUST, D.S.

Fifth Sundays Bring Needed Aid to Children's Home
Dollars Must Do Double Duty in Inflationary Time

By O. V. WOOSLEY

PARAGRAPH ONE

Another fifth Sunday, a Children's Home Sunday, is almost here. This Sunday can be made most meaningful. Sharing with our boys and girls can be made attractive to boys and girls. The value of sharing with our family can be understandingly responded to by the older members of church schools.

PARAGRAPH TWO

Our bank balance is the lowest it has been in over a decade. We are, therefore, noting with grateful thanks and deep appreciation every incoming receipt. Our purchases during the past year have been more extensive and more expensive than any recent similar period of time.

PARAGRAPH THREE

Wearing apparel and equipment, so difficult to get during the past several years, therefore reduced to a very limited extent, have called for extensive purchasing to supply the actual needs of our situation. These purchases call for an expenditure of large sums of money. Your liberal sharing at this season of the year can be made most beneficial to us.

PARAGRAPH FOUR

We have the hope that you will inform the various groups in your church school about our situation and encourage them to share with our family in such a way as may be pleasing to them. We continue to make a dollar go further and buy more than is true in some similar child caring institutions.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

One of our pastors writes: "A mother, deceived by a profligate, now incarcerated, has an eight-year-old son about whom she is very much alarmed. He fights on the way home from school, smokes cigarettes and has a tendency to take things. He has a tendency to ride freight trains and go places. The mother admits that the lad is too much for her. She comes to us appealing for help lest the lad follow in his father's footsteps. He is resourceful and needs proper direction. He has been known to get out on the highway and direct traffic for the joy of the adventure."

We have visited this enterprising lad and found him very challenging. He stated that he had a fight that day at school but that the other boy got the worst of it, both in the fight and in the punishment the teacher gave. The lad goes to a Methodist Sunday school.

BUCK'S HOGS

At the close of the day yesterday this scribe happened by the meat house, where the men and the boys were finishing with the slaughtering of the 11th big hog, a good day's work. Fourteen-year-old Buck was there. He had looked after the feeding of the hogs since they were little pigs. He noted with pride the results of his good care. Buck stated that his 75 hogs would average over 350 pounds each, whereas last year, when another boy was looking after them, they averaged less than 300 pounds each. The lad swelled with pride as he figured on what he had made for the Home through his careful hog tending. Buck is that sort of a boy.

The Children's Home
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.
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A home for the homeless. Owned and maintained by the Western North Carolina Conference
O. V. WOOSLEY, Superintendent



They Have One Another

JOY BELL RINGERS

During the past week the following congregations and pastors have caused us to ring the joy bell. They have forwarded an amount equal to either their basic or total askings for the Children's Home family for the present conference year. Good friends, the cause of this joy bell ringing is very meaningful to us now. Note the ringers and join us in grateful thanks:

Central, Asheville, L. F. Tuttle.
Crews-Sedge Garden, T. G. Madison.
Main St., Salisbury, J. B. Hurley.
Baltimore, East Bend Ct., W. C. Eastridge.
Bethel, Hanes-Clemmons Ct., G. L. Wilkinson.
Broad St., Statesville, C. P. Bowles.
Cox Chapel and Potato Creek, Sparta circuit, W. H. Yokeley.

TWO SISTERS

The picture this week is that of Margaret and Ruby Burnett, age 10 and 12 years, respectively, and doing well in the fifth and seventh grades. Well do we remember the interest Dr. Charles C. Weaver had in these two girls as their situation was presented to us during his lifetime. Margaret lives in the High Point cottage and Ruby in the Julia Higgins cottage. They are sponsored by the Young Woman's Class of First Church, Charlotte, Mrs. A. J. Little being the correspondent.

ACROSS THE RIVER

The mother deserted three little girls. The father has a reasonably good traveling position and is on the road a great deal of the time. The little girls are left with relatives, two on one side of the river and the other some miles away on the other side of the river. In both instances some hardships are involved. The mother's mind may be impaired. At least, her actions indicate a decided unbalancing. The children attend a Methodist Sunday school, and the Methodist minister wants to know if the little girls can be united in security at The Children's Home, with no river between them.

OH GOODY, TAKE ME!

It was a very rainy day when we went to see a nine-year-old lad who with his praying mother have been waiting for months to know if he could be admitted into the Children's Home. The mother is out of work, and the boy is out of resources. When the door was opened and the man appeared the boy exclaimed, "Oh, goody! here he is. Take me now." The lad, a fine specimen of young boyhood, could not be given the assurance he so much desired. But he is on our mind, and we would like to admit him into our Home. He needs a home.

UP HILL GOING

Our varsity basketball teams have not been faring so well in the beginning of this season, having lost two doubleheaders. The youngsters recount that it has been five years since they have lost a doubleheader, always managing in this period of time to bring home at least one victory. Last year the boys came out on top in their conference rating and the girls were near the top. This year they have a lot of climbing to do, since both teams are in the rebuilding process. Doubtless in the run of time more trophies will be added to those we already have in various places because of lack of space in the trophy room.

THE WEATHER WORKS

The good weather for the past while has worked wonders with us. Following the Christmas rush and the inclement weather that succeeded it, we were handicapped with fatigue. Disciplinary troubles seemed to appear in large proportions. The change of the weather and the change of attitudes have worked wonders.

NONE FOR ADOPTION

With more or less frequency we have requests for the placement of a child for adoption. To all such requests our reply is that we have no child for adoption. In the first place, the Children's Home is not a child placing agency and is, therefore, not licensed to place children for adoption. In the next place, we very seldom have a child enrolled who does not have some relative who has requested that he not be placed for adoption. Added to the foregoing is the fact that we have no children under two years of age, the best adoptive time. We sometimes know of infant children who may be placed for adoption but it is not a matter of any frequency. The Children's Home Society of Greensboro is a child placing agency whose function it is to place children for adoption.

Meeting and Mastering Temptation

Luke 4: 1-13

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

During the forty days of fasting in the wilderness Jesus did the greatest piece of concentrated thinking the world has ever known, but at the end his body reasserted itself. He was an-hungered. The supreme and subtle temptations come when we are physically exhausted.

If thou art the Son of God, said the tempter, command these stones that they be made bread. But Jesus had come into the world to be the Savior of hungry people who did not have the power to command stones to be made bread. If he had worked a miracle to feed himself, famishing men could not say that he was tempted in all points like as we are. So Jesus resisted this temptation and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

He thus shows us that when what we deem necessary to life is denied there is always some resource to sustain us until at length our physical needs are supplied. Jesus says, I am the bread of life; he that believeth on me shall not hunger, and he that cometh unto me shall never thirst. Paul had learned the Master's lesson when in the prison at Rome he said, In everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want; I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me (Philippians 4: 11-13).

Then Satan caused to flash before the imagination of our Lord the greatest and most wonderful picture of a world empire that ever thrilled the mind of man. Jesus knew that with his genius he could conquer it all if only he used the bloody methods of an Alexander or a Caesar. Then, having subdued the nations, he could send forth his ministers of justice and defend the rights of the poor and establish righteousness in the earth. This is precisely the temptation to which the Communists are yielding. They seek a good end by ruthless means. Strange, isn't it, that Jesus was actually tempted to be a Communist? But he saw that this would be using Satan's methods to accomplish God's work. So he said, It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.

Then the tempter took Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple. He was now to be tempted to religious fanaticism. Note that the temptation came, as it often does, in the form of a quotation from Holy Scripture. Cast thyself down, for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to guard thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus knew that if he cast himself down from the pinnacle of the temple and landed safely in the midst of the crowd in the temple court, they would bow to him at once and accept him as the Messiah. But he knew that to trust to angel parachutes to help him in his descent when there was a perfectly good stairway, was wild presumption; and in answering he quoted another Scripture, Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God. Which means, You are not to experiment on God presumptuously, but only to prove him along the lines to which in his grace he has summoned you (Malachi 3: 10).

Devout Christians are tempted to fanaticism in many forms. They ignore the laws of health and expect God to keep them well; and when they are sick they say, The Lord is my physician; and refuse to take remedies that God through modern science has revealed as effective for their disease. And young men feel called to preach, and not called to hard, patient study in preparing to preach. They quote the Scripture which says, Be not anxious how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that hour what ye shall speak.

It is especially to be noted that during his temptation the Son of God answered every insidious suggestion of the evil one by quoting Scripture. Jesus, of course, was greater than any of the writers of Holy Scripture, but in a time of mental and physical exhaustion he held with desperation to the assured results of the thinking of the ages. And if our Lord required the reinforcement of Holy Scripture in his time of trial, how much more shall we! In this season of world confusion and collapsing ideals it is unspeakably important that all the sons of God should get the firmest possible grasp on the things that the centuries have settled, and above all, upon the teachings of Jesus who uniquely exemplified the wisdom of the ages.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. KATE BROCKWELL MOONEY

We, the members of the Gleaners Class of Duke Memorial Church, Durham, N. C., lost a faithful member in the passing of Mrs. Kate Brockwell Mooney on December 1, 1948. Mrs. Mooney was a kind and loving mother, a loyal member of the church, and attended regularly when her health permitted. We humbly thank God for her Christian life, her devotion to our class and her willingness to serve her Master at all times. We extend sympathy to her son and other loved ones. Respectfully submitted — MRS. A. L. KIRKLAND, MRS. T. B. ANDREWS, LESSIE WHITAKER.

JESSE J. WARREN (1857-1948)

WARREN'S CHAPEL.—Jesse J. Warren was born February 24, 1857, the son of Jesse J. and Georgia Warren of Blounts Creek. His funeral at the chapel named for him was conducted October 13, 1948. Dr. M. O. Fletcher's eulogy at this service referred to the name of the chapel. "How well he deserved that honor and what a tribute to his life and character. This man's name will never be inscribed on public monuments and erected in national and international centers of the world; but his name has been written on the tablets of eternity with a pen dipped in the ink of unselfish service, and in his faith in God and humanity."

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. A. N. Lewis, Mrs. George Diamond, Mrs. F. R. Yarborough, and Mrs. Robert Pickard; and five sons, O. M., Drs. B. P. and J. M., Ad E., and Rev. M. W Warren He made his home with his two doctor sons in Laurel, Md, following the death of his wife in 1931. He was married to Helen Ricks of Grimesland.

MRS. BETTY CAPPS

TRYON.—Mrs. Betty Capps, 81, widow of Benjamin F. Capps, died December 25, 1948, at her home in Tryon. The service was from the Methodist Church December 26, at 2 p.m., Rev. John C. Vernon officiating, assisted by Dr. George F. Taylor, a longtime friend of the family. She will long be remembered for her faithfulness to family, friends, and the Methodist Church. She bore her suffering with patience and faith in the goodness of God. And on Christmas morning she went to her heavenly home.

Surviving are seven daughters, Mrs. R. A. Leonard, Mrs. U. G. Patterson, Miss Margie Capps, Mrs. Joe Anderson, Mrs. Marvin Brendall, all of Tryon; Mrs. R. A. Carruth of Landrum, S. C.; and Mrs. W. B. Arledge of Myrtle Beach, S. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Newman and Miss Montery Thompson of Saluda, and Mrs. Rebecca Overman of Goldsboro; and one brother, Mitchel K. Thompson of Flat Rock. There are eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.—JOHN C. VERNON.

CHRISTOPHER (KIT) GASKILL (1865-1948)

OCRACOKE.—Christopher (Kit) Gaskill of Ocracoke, born March 9, 1865, died quietly at his home December 22, 1948. Being blessed by living to the age of 83, he leaves an only daughter, Mrs. Cynthria Scarborough of Ocracoke; two grandsons, Allen Scarborough of Ocracoke and Jack Scarborough of Boston, Mass. Mr. Gaskill spent most of his life on Ocracoke engaging in the sea food activity, living his life in an humble and unselfish way. He was a regular attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. But since the churches united, being unable to be active, he spent his remaining years living quietly and patiently at home.—CHAS. J. TILLEY.

GAT WALKER

RALEIGH.—Just about the largest crowd ever seen at Pleasant Green Church was there December 29 for Brother Gat Walker's funeral. Hundreds of people in Orange and Durham Counties knew him as one of God's noblemen. It could be truthfully said of him that "He lived by the side of the road and was a friend of man." His church never had a more loyal member, sincerely interested in all its work, liberal, very active. For thirty years I have thought of him as among my best friends. When I have been tempted to think that everything was falling apart, I would think of men like Gat and take courage. He certainly deserves to be in that company the Master spoke of as being "the salt of the earth." These unsung heroes never make the headlines of the papers, but it is their life and deeds that create the atmosphere in which real men and women grow up.

Mrs. Walker was, before her marriage, Miss Mertie Umstead. What would the Pleasant Green community have been without the Umstead family! They had no children of their own, but no two people were ever more interested in or did more for the young people of their church than Gat and Mertie. Our friend is only absent in the body; his spirit will continue to have its influence. We shall miss his hearty laugh which always acted as a tonic to us. We sorrow but not as those who have no hope. We know where we shall find him, and until such time as we shall see him again may his Master and ours lead us step by step. We shall try to fill the lonely place he has left with memories and good deeds.—H. C. SMITH.

OTIS DASCAR HATFIELD

CRESWELL.—Otis Dascar Hatfield, son of the late Wilson T. and Anna Davenport Hatfield, was born on November 15, 1885, and died August 13, 1948. He was first married to Miss Lillian Starr, who preceded him to the grave four years ago. To this union were born three children: Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton, Mrs. Hal Reynolds and William T. Hatfield. He was married again January 28, 1946, to Mrs. Alice Holton, who survives him. Brother Hatfield joined the Methodist church at Creswell in early manhood and remained a loyal member until death. He served in the capacities of Sunday school superintendent, charge lay leader, steward, and church treasurer. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone and was always willing to serve his church and fellow man in any way possible. May the blessing of God rest upon the loved ones left behind, and may they strive to meet him in the Sweet By and By.—THE MEMBERS OF HIS CHURCH.

MRS. FRED M. CRAWFORD

SANFORD.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Steele Street Methodist Church, Sanford, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved member, Mrs. Fred M. Crawford, who passed away on Saturday, January 8, 1949. In her going our society has lost a faithful and loyal member.

Mrs. Crawford was ever cheerful and ready in the service she rendered and by her happy disposition won the esteem of all who knew her. Truly, to know her was to love her.

In appreciation of her consecrated life and devoted service, we, the members of the Society of Christian Service bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father. We shall miss her loyal devotion to her church, and we offer in love the following resolutions:

First, That in her passing we have lost one of our most beloved members and extend to her family our deepest sympathy;

Second, That we feel deeply the loss of her whose memory we shall cherish; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be placed on our records, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—MRS. F. Y. HANNER, MRS. W. L. SEAWELL.

MRS. J. H. MILLER

WINFALL.—Mrs. Alethia White Miller, widow of the late J. H. Miller, died December 16, 1948, at her home near Winfall, N. C., and was buried on Sunday afternoon, December 19. Mrs. Miller was almost 90 years of age, having been born March 3, 1859. She had been a faithful member of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Perquimans charge, for about 60 years. Until the last few years of her life, she was active in affairs of the church, and maintained her interest in the church until her death. She was patient and cheerful while she was confined to her home. It was an inspiration to know her, of such long years, with such faith. Her children belong to the Methodist Church. One of them, the Reverend J. Herbert Miller, is district superintendent of the Elizabeth City district of the North Carolina Conference. All are active in the work of their church. Other children who survive are Bryan M., Elmer L. and Evart W. Miller, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. H. T. West of Ayden; and Mrs. J. E. Perry of Perquimans County. Also surviving are two sisters: Misses Annie and Eliza White of Winfall.

Mrs. Miller and her husband had lived together 60 years. Their labors for the church during this time are reflected in the accomplishments of Cedar Grove Church and Perquimans charge over the years, and in the faith of their children.

—EARL B. EDWARDS.

Pat Plays the Game

By GRETA GASKIN BIDLAKE

Frances and Mary were playing with the ball, bouncing it against the side of the house. Frances threw it so high that it struck the roof, rolled down and stuck in the gutter of the rain pipe.

"Father will have to get it out with a long pole," said Mary. "He did once before; but he's down in the field after a load of potatoes and won't be home till dinner time, so we'll have to wait. I'll tell you what to play. Let's have a game of hide-and-go-seek. I know two dandy places that nobody can ever guess."

"All right," said Frances.

Pat, the big farm collie, jumped up from where he lay half asleep and snapping at the flies on his nose. He bounded over beside the two girls. Pat knew what the words "hide-and-seek" meant as well as he knew his own name, and he could play it, too. He was dandy at finding people and could smell you out no matter where you hid.

"Pat wants to play, too," laughed Mary. "Let's make him be It."

"All right, Pat. You stay there. We're going to hide," directed Frances.

Pat stayed perfectly still until a low "Whoo-hoo!" from somewhere around the house came to his ears. It wasn't much more than a whisper, but Pats quick ears caught it. Off he dashed and in a minute had Mary out from a corner behind the potato barrels standing just inside the big open door of the woodshed. That was the dandy hiding place number one. He had tracked Frances to the crab apple tree and caught sight of one brown shoe among the branches. "Come down!" he barked. And as she dropped skillfully from a lower limb and raced for the goal he raced after her and reached it first.

"I'd like to know where a person could hide that Pat wouldn't find them," laughed Frances, out of breath. She tossed back her hair from her eyes. "He has to be It again, doesn't he?"

"Every time,' said Mary. "That's the only way he knows. He likes to hunt us out, and we can never make him understand how to hide. Besides, he wouldn't like it a bit."

Just then a loud, shrill whistle called. Pat dashed off instantly. It was Mary's father, who wanted the dog to do something in the field down under the hill. Pat loved to help with the farm chores and always ran immediately whenever called. It was a cow which had gotten into the turnip field, and cows to be driven out were Pat's joy.

"Well, I'll be It, then," offered Mary. "You hide, Frances."

Then it was Mary's turn. For some time they played happily, and then at the end of ten minutes or so, when Frances was hiding her eyes, Mary decided to use the second dandy place she had thought of. So she crawled under a huge pile of brown maple leaves raked up on the lawn and giggled quietly as she heard Frances coming. Up and down, all around, Frances looked everywhere. She was getting tired of playing and so when she saw her mother come out on the front porch next door looking for her she ran over quickly without saying good-bye. Mary stayed hidden under the leaves, waiting till all was quiet and Frances had given up before creeping out and making a run for the home goal. She did not stir or look out because she wanted to be sure. If she ran in this time when Frances was out of sight she could hide there again some time and keep her guessing. It was a lovely feeling to have bushels of rustly leaves piled on top of you. They lay so soft and light. They tickled her face and she sneezed a smothered "kerchooch!"

The rattle of team horses came up the road, and father's voice was heard at the gate. Pat ran along beside the loaded wagon barking. He seemed to be trying to turn the horses aside.

"Get down, Pat!" ordered Mary's father. "Keep out of the way."

Pat only barked harder. He sprang in front of the horses and jumped up to seize the bridle. "Keep back. Keep back!" was what he meant and was trying his best to tell them.

The big horses swerved aside at this so suddenly that the barrels in the wagon bounced, and the front wheel nearly doubled under the wagon box.

All this noise made Mary pop out of her hiding place to see what was happening. Pat left the horses' heads and went over to nose her out, but she rose from a pile of leaves just as he arrived. A very rumpled little girl stood before him, with leaves tangled in her hair and hanging to her dress.

"Mary," cried her father sharply in astonishment. "Why don't you know—." Then as Mary ran across to be lifted up over the big wheel and have a ride in the wagon, her father said, "Promise me you will never hide among the leaves again here by the side of the driveway. I'd have run over you sure if it hadn't been for Pat. I thought it was just a pile of leaves."

"I sneezed, only a little one; but I guess Pat heard me," explained Mary. "His ears are very sharp and he must have known I was hiding."

Not until she had grown a good many years older did Mary really understand in what danger she had been that day and that Pat's quickness had saved her. But that night father told her to call Frances over. After supper he made a big bonfire of the pile of leaves while Mary and Frances danced around it and threw handfuls of leaves on the blazing pile. — Junior World.

Winter Days

The leaves have died and blown away,
I haven't seen a bird all day,
And from my window I can see
An empty nest upon a tree.

In April when I saw the nest
And grey brown bird with speckled breast
I thought how lovely is the sight
Of a thrush against the dogwood's white.

No thrush is there now summer's gone,
Nor birdsong in the early dawn,
Upon the dogwood's leafless bough
Only the nest is clinging now.

The little thrush grown weatherwise
Is singing under warmer skies;
But he'll be back, O never fear,
When winter's gone and April's here.

—SOPHIE ROWE.

Durham, N. C.

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MRS. EDITH WILLIS REED (above), wife of the late Reverend W. R. Reed, Luray, Va., will join the staff of the Western North Carolina Conference board of education, Salisbury, in February as the conference director of children's work. Mrs. Reed received her college training at State Teachers College, Farmville, Va. She has taught in the public schools of Virginia and has had valuable experience in the field of Christian education. As a minister's wife, she has had first-hand experience in various pastoral charges, consisting of small, medium and large churches. Mrs. Reed has written church school lesson materials, worship materials for children, and articles of interest to children's workers. She is much in demand as a teacher in training schools throughout the church and is well known for her sympathetic understanding of the problems of parents and teachers. Her many friends in western North Carolina will welcome her to this work. The executive secretary and members of the executive committee of the conference board of education feel that they are extremely fortunate in securing Mrs. Reed for this position, which has been so ably filled by Miss Elizabeth Oliver for several years.

Book Review

The Choice Is Always Ours, edited by Dorothy Berkley Phillips, Lucille M. Nixon, and Elizabeth Boyden Howes. Richard R. Smith, New York, 1948; 535 pages, $4.50.

This anthology represents an unusual achievement. Far from being just a collection of inspired writings, its 430 selections are arranged in meaningful sequence and dynamically integrated around a central theme. Chosen from a wide variety of sources, ranging from the earliest religious records to contemporary interpreters, it fills the needs of those who ask: "How can I live creatively and interdependently in this fear-haunted world? How can I discover my Real Self? How can I find God?" The book achieves a unique synthesis of psychological and religious insight and stresses spiritual progression on the Way which all men seek, few find, few enter, and still fewer progressively follow.

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February

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Thrift, 7:30 6
Calvary, 7:30 7
Memorial Church, Kannapolis, 11 13
Huntersville, 7:30 13
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Monroe: Central, 7:30 20
Bethlehem, 11 27
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January

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February

Concord, Central, 7 2
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Durham Circuit: McMannens, 7:30 9
Eno: Eno, 7:30 10

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January

Murfreesboro: Murfreesboro, 11 30
Edenton, 7:30 30

February

Plymouth, 11 6
Roper: Roper, 7:30 6
Chowan: Anderson, 11 13
Hertford, 7:30 13
Washington, 11 20
Bath: Bath, 3 20
Columbia: Wesley Memorial, 11 27
Creswell: Creswell, 7:30 27

March

Manteo, 11 6
Stumpy Point: Manns Harbor, 3:30 6
Belhaven: Pantego, 11 13

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January

Laurel Hill: Sneads Grove, 11 30
Caledonia: Central, 7:30 30

February

Rowland, 11 6
Red Springs, 7:30 6
Rockingham, 11 13
Cordova (place to be selected), 3 13
Hamlet, 7:30 13
West End, 11 20
Biscoe: Candor, 7:30 20
Carthage: Cameron, 11 27
Stedman: Cokesbury, 7:30 27

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January

Dover, 11 30
New Bern, Centenary, 7:30 30

February

Atlantic, 11 6
Straits: Williston, 7 6
Beaufort Circuit: Merrimon, 11 13
Newport, 7:30 13
Marshallberg, 11 20
Beaufort, 7:30 20
Bridgeton, 11:15 27
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March

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February

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Louisburg Circuit: Bunn, 7:30 6
Mamers, 11 13
Fuquay, 7:30 13
Tar River: Kittrell, 11 20
Zebulon-Wendell: Wendell, 7:30 20
Oxford, 11 27
Oxford Circuit: Herman, 3 27
Stem, 7:30 27

March

Westover: Pleasant Grove, 11 6
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Princeton, 11 13
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 13
Clayton, 11 20

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February

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January

Elizabethtown, 11 30
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February

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Carvers Creek: Bladen Springs, 11 13
Tabor City, 7:30 13
Garland, 11 20
Bladen: Windsor, 7 20
Maysville: Pollocksville, 11 27
Swansboro, 7 27

March

Duplin: Wesleys, 10 6
Wallace, 7:30 6
Pembroke: Calvary, 11 13
South Robeson: Bethesda, 7:30 13
Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 20
(Dedication of parsonage in the afternoon)
Wilmington, Grace, preaching, 11 27
Town Creek: Zion, 7:30 27

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Men Who Make the Advocate

Shown above are some of the men who make the ADVOCATE in the busy, efficient printshop at 427-429 West Gaston Street, Greensboro. Standing is O. D. Park, who sets the type and does whatever needs doing for the ADVOCATE, a local preacher in the Methodist Church who formerly published his own paper at Nashville, N. C. Seated are Robert S. Kemp, graduated G.I. trainee of the shop, and Max Prevost, partially disabled veteran trainee. The shop is under the able direction of R. R. Mitchell, master printer and production manager, whose connection with the ADVOCATE dates back to boyhood and has been constant since he returned from World War I. Foreman of the pressroom is J. M. Fentress, who has been with the shop for more than 25 years. Other old timers are R. J. (Bill) Welch, typographical editor of the paper, Fred Paisley, and F. C. Scarborough. Harold Cox, another G.I. trainee, is the latest addition to the force. Office workers are Miss Nell Clark, Miss Louise Lucas, and Mrs. Pauline Maulden. Robert L. Alexander is bookkeeper and accountant. Not least important is George Washington, the janitor and man-of-all-work, who is now giving the editorial offices a new coat of paint in preparation for the coming of the new editor.

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—By Gustav Anderson, from Ewing Galloway.

"He saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth."—Job 37:6.

REID ON DEDICATION WEEK; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADVOCATE SUBSCRIPTIONS AT FLOOD STAGE

DEDICATION

By W. W. Reid

Methodism's second—and now annual—Week of Dedication is to be observed across the nation from Sunday, March 13, to Sunday, March 20. Specific objectives will be laid before all churches before that week, and we will be hearing much about it for some weeks now.

But I suppose there are two distinct, yet closely related, emphases for these eight days, and especially for the two Sundays' observances. The second Sunday will find pastors stressing certain needs of men for spiritual guidance, for the Christian ministry of the church, and for food, raiment, and shelter. We will be asked to give some tangible evidences of our concern, and something definite that will help ameliorate present conditions.

At the moment, however, I am thinking of the **dedication** of ourselves that we shall be asked to re-make during these days—the dedication upon which our concern and our giving will be based—the dedication of our lives and services, directly or indirectly, to the carrying on of the ministry to needy men that was begun by Christ himself.

May I suggest that each one of us—in a private devotional hour or in group thinking—put in writing a few statements of our own belief, our own philosophy, our own hopes and objectives toward the realization of which we are eager and willing to "throw away our lives"—in other words, make our complete dedication. Such a thinking through and such a wording (no matter how crude or incomplete) will strengthen us for the task ahead.

May I suggest this statement as a "lead"—but make your own in your own way:

"I believe that the Christian way of life—the doing of every act and the meeting of every problem with love, with justice, with the motive of service—is the only path that can lead to happiness, to wholesome living, and to the fruits of peace for my family and for the community in which I live.

"I believe that this Christian way of life must also be the path taken in business dealings, in the professions, in government, and in every trade and activity, if man is to achieve his highest possibilities.

"I believe that the Christian way of life—the living of that way by me and my nation—must be applied to international, inter-racial, inter-cultural relationships: I know no other way that can wipe out hates, and fears, and misunderstandings, and exploitation, and economic enslavement, and other sins that lead to war—war of misled people against misinformed people.

"I believe that the Christian way—and it alone—can bring true peace upon earth, can save me and my family, my community and my nation, from the terrible effects of men's uncontrolled use of scientific discovery and invention; that the annihilation of civilization, perhaps the suicide of the human race, can be prevented within the next few years only by man's obedience to the will of God as shown in Jesus Christ.

"I believe that we cannot put off until tomorrow the walking in the Christian way: I and my family and my nation must decide boldly today to walk with God and help do his work among men; therefore

"I dedicate myself anew to the following of Christ; to the carrying on of the missionary outreach of my church 'to others'; to the giving of a generous portion of my time, my money, my prayer, and my personal service for the proclamation of the Good News of the Christian Way of Life to my neighbors—next door in my town, and afar across the seas."

W. N. C. CONFERENCE SPECIALS GO TO WHOLE GENEVA AREA

The Western North Carolina Advance Committee has chosen the Geneva Area, under Bishop Paul N. Garber, as the place for its foreign mission specials. Special emphasis will be given to Poland and North Africa, but the entire Geneva Area is included.—Wilson O. Weldon, Sec.

ATTENTION PASTORS AND LAYMEN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The Conference Advance Committee urges each church of the conference to receive an offering for Overseas Relief Sunday, February 6, or as near that date as practicable. Send offering to M. J. Cowell, 1417 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.—W. L. Clegg, Chairman.

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DATES CHANGED FOR DURHAM SUB-DISTRICT ADVANCE MEETING

Because of a conflict with "Missions Emphasis Week" at the Duke Divinity School there has been a change of dates for the Sub-district Advance Meetings in the Durham District. The team will visit places as carried in last week's Advocate, but the program will start on March 7 instead of February 7. An announcement accordingly has already gone to each pastor in the District.—E. L. Hillman, District Superintendent.

WANTED: TEMPERANCE ADVANCE

Dear Editor:

. . . I was at the Advance meeting in Statesville Thursday and sat there wanting to hear something about working and praying that the strong drink might be ruled out of the nation and the world. I am sure that would be the most wonderful advance the church has ever made. I just wanted to say something but had no opportunity to speak to the Bishop about it. . . . We are supposed to be a Christian nation; and if we would work and pray as we should, we surely would get it abolished, and all other evils that are so rampant. . . .

MRS. W. H. GAITHER.

CORRECTION

Please run the following correction in the Golden Cross report: Mt. Pleasant Circuit, $82.05; Mt. Pleasant Station, $25.00. This is the correct amounts of the two above.

The $11 credited to Swannanoa Circuit in the Golden Cross report should have been credited to Swannanoa Station.—Julius L. Hall, Sec., Golden Cross Fund.

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Shepherding in a New Field!

I hope I shall be forgiven if this editorial seems to be too personal. I find that I am unable to begin this new relationship with the North Carolina Christian Advocate on any other basis. The editorials that will appear in subsequent issues of the paper, of course, will be less personal.

I come to this position of trust with a profound sense of gratitude. I am particularly grateful to the Methodist Board of Publication for opening this door of opportunity; to those who recommended me; to the good people of Warrenton Charge who graciously consented to release me during the Conference year; to Bishop Peele and Dr. A. J. Hobbs, my District Superintendent, for appointing me; and to the large number of preachers and laymen throughout the state who have extended best wishes and have given assurances of their hearty support. Few men have entered a place of responsibility indebted to so many people! Few men have been under greater obligation to give their best to their work!

Moreover, I am grateful to my illustrious predecessors who have done so much to win for the North Carolina Christian Advocate a position of influence and respect in our Methodist family. I would especially like to mention Dr. A. W. Plyler and Dr. M. T. Plyler, who during their long tenure of service, gave the North Carolina Christian Advocate a place second only to the Holy Bible in many Methodist homes. I would like also to express personal appreciation to my immediate predecessor, Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., who has done such an outstanding job, both as editor and as business manager. Through his rare journalistic gifts, his broad Christian statesmanship, and his great personal charm, Dr. Sprinkle has set a high standard in religious journalism. I want to thank him through these columns for the help he has already given me, and particularly for his willingness to remain several weeks for counsel and assistance. One is fortunate indeed to come into a place with such worthy predecessors!

This editor does not come to this post with an exaggerated sense of its significance. Rather, after a fairly broad pastoral experience, he has definitely concluded that, after all, the pastorate is the most important position in the Christian Church. It offers the largest opportunities for Christian service. Admittedly, there have been times when I have been discouraged, when I would have welcomed an opportunity to escape the ever-increasing responsibilities and burdens of the local parish. However, after viewing the total field from many angles, I am firmly convinced that the work of the pastor is the most significant task in the Church, and that it should be exalted above all other fields of Christian service. Therefore, this editor, ever mindful of this fact, will try to keep the pastor heart, will regard his work still as that of shepherd of the people, and will try to be an assistant pastor to every preacher in the two Conferences.

I confess that this new position is intriguing, for it is in part, at least, the fulfillment of an old compelling dream. From boyhood I wanted to write. In college I chose journalism, but heard the call to preach. For months I faced a hard, agonizing question—the question of whether or not I would use the pen for self-exaltation or my life for Christ. When I was led to choose Christ, I gave up for all time, I concluded, the desire to follow writing as a career. This drastic, unalterable decision, as I see it now, was necessary. To have tried to hold on to both, or to have clung to journalism, would have been disastrous. During the past few years, however, particularly as opportunities to serve the North Carolina Conference through journalism have unfolded, I have had a growing conviction that God was leading me back to a field which I once loved so much, and that my ministry could be more effective by combining writing and preaching. I hope that God has had a hand in opening this opportunity and that my decision is influenced more by His will than by any old driving ambition of my former self.

I am fully aware that this task is larger than my abilities and my consecration. Therefore, I shall need the prayers and sympathy and full support of all my fellow-preachers and all the laymen of both Conferences. This is a task which we must do together. I I pledge my best, but shall be compelled to lean heavily on Christ and His people to produce the kind of periodical that will advance His cause in our State and throughout the world.

The policies of this paper will continue to be broad, democratic, fair, honest, courageous, humane, just. The columns of the North Carolina Christian Advocate will seek to interpret the mind of Christ for our day. There will always be space for the causes of our church and for all who have a message for the people. We shall seek to report accurately the news from the field. We shall try to keep the church paper close to the people. In every way possible we shall try to make the North Carolina Christian Advocate a worthy and useful servant of Christ and His Church.

—C. W. Robbins.

This My Day

Lord, I would look on yesterday
With neither sighing nor regret,
Nor would I dwell in bitterness
On past mistakes. Let me forget.

Let me not sit and idly dream
That chance may somehow bring to me
A wealth of all my heart's desire
In holds of fancied ships at sea.

But I would have my eyes behold
The glory of today's sunrise,
And I would walk with steadfast step
The path that now before me lies.

And if the winds of circumstance
Should blow debris across my way
Let me not falter nor turn back.
Lord, give me strength for this my day!

—Sophie Rowe.

Durham, N. C.

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A RADIO FEATURE

Religion and Health. No. 2 . . .

"Thy Health Shall Spring Forth"

By **RUSSELL L. DICKS**

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AT THIS hour last Sunday, under the title, "How Our Minds Make Us Sick," we analyzed the causes of illness. In the light of our own observations and substantiated by extensive research and the writings of numerous medical investigators, I pointed out that we become ill in a large number of instances, how large no one is prepared to say, because of the wear and tear of our emotions upon our bodies. We believe that the forces, or Force, spelled with a capital F, is sufficient to keep us alive and healthy almost indefinitely, if it were not for the destructive effect of the emotions of pain, fear, guilt, and loneliness. These are the destructive emotions.

Freedom from pain, confidence and trust and hope, a sense of dignity and worthfulness, affection, love, companionship, are the health-giving and health-restoring emotions. These conditions of the spirit have always been the concern of religion and the church, just as religion has always been interested in health. Our Lord gave approximately a third of His time, according to the gospel records, to the sick during the brief years of His intensive ministry. The church was the first to build hospitals and to support medical schools and schools of nursing. Our Lord instructed His followers in the words of "Feed my sheep," and His pleas have been heeded in many lands and under many conditions. Many a young man and young woman have chosen to live lives of service in the light of those words who would otherwise have lived self-interested and self-centered lives. So the contemporary church and the Methodist Hour addresses itself to the subject of Religion and Health, because of research and discoveries of the modern medical physician. It is the doctor, not the professional religionist, who has carried out the investigation, and pointed out the implications of his investigation, who is responsible for such a series of addresses as these. The church has not moved into the field of medicine as much as the physician has moved into the field of religion. Of course, some of us believe that the doctor has always been in the field of religion, for he is a man of faith. He has seen the dependability of the FORCE that makes for health, and his first concern in the care of patients is to *do no harm.* For he knows that the force which he calls *nature,* and which some call *God,* works in behalf of his patient. The doctor's task is to assist that *Force* in anyway that he can.

God wills health. God means that we should have health. We are always blaming God for killing people when He had little or nothing to do with deciding the time of death. When a person dies we say, "It was God's will." Why do we say that? Probably because of the mystery of death; and anything we do not understand we are apt to lay up to God's doing. Approximately twenty years has been added to the length of life of every person in the United States since the turn of the century. Do you know of anything that has happened in the last fifty years that would cause the Divine to want us to live twenty years more than in 1900? I can think of several things that might cause the opposite: that would cause Him to want us to die twenty years sooner. Actually, God probably is not much interested in when we die; we believe He is *very interested* in what we do before we die and how we die.

No, God wills health, not illness, nor death. The evidence, which every doctor is familiar with, is too strong to the contrary. Dr. Richard Cabot, a famous Boston physician with whom I was associated for many years, used to say that his profound belief in God was gained at the autopsy table when he studied dead bodies. There he saw the footprints of God. There he saw scars of battles which the body had won and the patient might never have known that he was sick.

Shortly before I went to the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to serve as chaplain a few years ago, a sixty-year old man was brought into the hospital after having been hit by an automobile. An hour later he died. After the examination the doctor asked the man's wife, "Has your husband been sick a good deal of his life?" The wife replied, "I have known him since he was a child and he has never been sick a day in his life."

Yet what had been found at the post-mortem examination? Evidence of his having had *four major diseases,* any one of which might have killed him. "(1) Healed tuberculosis of both lungs; (2) Cirrhosis of the liver, with all the blood going around by a new set of channels above and below his liver; (3) Chronic kidney trouble, but with enough reserve kidney tissue to carry on the kidney's function perfectly despite the destruction of a large portion of the other kidney; (4) Hardening of the arteries and compensatory enlargement of the heart. No doubt, too, that he had had high blood pressure for a long time."—(From Thy Health Shall Spring Forth, Dicks p. 47, Macmillan Co.)

There are powerful forces that are operating within each of us, day and night, week after week, year after, for health. "A great healing power fights on our side, within our bodies and wins most of our battles for us. When we look around at nature in the mountains, the plains, or the seashore, it is hard to find evidence of a power that cares about our welfare. Seen in that way, nature seems neutral or indifferent. But when we look at that portion of nature closest to us, our own bodies, we look at something very different from neutrality, something with an extraordinary bias in our favor. . . . Scientific medicine is the application of intelligence (also a part of intelligence) to reinforcing and supplementing the natural healing processes. Another way to put it is that in so far as medicine is based on accurate knowledge and produces curative results, it is performing the will of God. God wills health and provides healing forces to produce it. . . The physician helps to prepare the conditions of healing but it is God who heals." (See reference above.)

If God wills health and sets up such powerful forces to produce health then is the ill-health around us a sign of God's failure? I would say it is not so much a case of God's failure as it is a case of *our* failure, for we block the forces, or *Force,* that makes for health through the destructive emotions that sweep through us. Instead of permitting ourselves to be loved and to love, we hate; instead of seeking forgiveness we become depressed and reject the message of understanding and encouragement which stands at the heart of the New Testament; instead of coming into the Christian fellowship we stand outside the church and feel isolated from both God and our fellow creatures; instead of trusting the health giving forces within us we go around feeling our pulses and taking our temperatures.

The message of the gospels is one of "good news" and of faith. It stands directly opposed to the destructive emotions and seeks constantly to release and encourage trust, affection, companionship, love. One day a father brought his sick son to Jesus and said, "Please help us. My son has been ill since he was a small child."

Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, he

can be helped. All things are possible to him that believeth."

The father is reported to have cried out, "I believe. Help thou mine unbelief."

That skeptical father, who had probably gone from one healer to another, with growing doubt as one after the other failed, could not completely reverse his attitude of lack of belief. But he believed as much as he could and prayed that his remaining doubt would be relieved.

The church seeks to instill an attitude of trustfulness in all, believing that through the positive emotions of cheerfulness, hope, affection, confidence, love, health can be restored and maintained. Believing also that the physician is an instrument of God and the healing forces.

It is our purpose this afternoon to suggest ways in which the healing forces within you, around you, and beyond you, may be permitted to flow through your spirits and minds and bodies, to restore you and to support you. It is not a problem of bringing new forces into operation in your behalf. The healing forces are already operating within you. We seek only to strengthen them and to aid you in giving yourself over to them. Our Lord one day said, "The kingdom of heaven is within you." Perhaps the forces of the kingdom Jesus spoke of and those that make for health are closely allied; or perhaps they are but different parts of the same whole. Health means balance and unity. Our desire for you is that you will become a whole person, a unified person, so that you may become, as St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians, "heirs and joint-heirs with God." Thus joining *with God* in the creative process and in fellowship.

Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, pause to join in a few moments of quietness while we "practice the presence of God," when His Spirit shall flood your spirit and renew you. Place your feet upon the floor, sit straight in your chair, letting your arms rest naturally in positions that give them support. Perhaps if you are driving in your car along the road you will not want to participate completely in this exercise; as the Methodist Hour would not want to be responsible for a heavenly vehicle having to transport you to a celestial destination, because you drove into a ditch while listening to this program.

Now as you join with us, relax, let the tension flow out of your bodies and your minds. Let your shoulders relax and let the tension flow down your arms, into your hands, and out your finger tips. . . . Relax, let go of the muscles of your abdomen, your legs, your feet, your toes. . . . and now, think of the muscles of your face . . . let go of that frown between your eyes which is caught in the muscles of your forehead. . . . smile. . . . release the tension behind your eyes. . . . around your throat. . . . deep inside your chest. . . . Breathe deeply as you rest in your chair. . . . Let it support you. . . . It really will you know. . . .

Now turn your mind in quietness to God. . . . Let His Presence overtake you and possess you. . . . Be still and know. . . . Be still and know that God is near you. . . . *Beneath* you. . . . *Beyond* you. . . . *Within* you. . . . Be still and *know*. . . . that God is the Good Shepherd. . . . That He maketh you to lie down in green pastures of the spirit. . . . And to rest beside the cool waters of the soul. . . . Be still and know. . . . That God renews your strength and your hope. . . . Your health and your affections. . . . Lord, we believe, help Thou our unbelief; in the hour of rest our minds are quiet and we are renewed; our spirits are made whole and we are at peace. We are still and know—know that Thou art God our Father, Creator and Supporter, Physician and Friend, Eternal, throughout the earth and beyond the earth, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST Methodist D. P. to arrive under the Displaced Persons Act was Rev. Fricis Timbers, formerly district superintendent in Latvia. He is now serving an appointment in Lakeview, Mich.

"The Crusade Scholar's Report"

DR. R. D. IMMANUEL, Indian faculty member of Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, C.P., India, recently spent a year in graduate study in America as a "Crusade scholar." On his return to his native land, he said that the greatest thing he saw in America was "the American Christian." After Dr. Immanuel's report, Rev. C. Stanley Thoburn, another Leonard faculty member, went home and wrote these verses:

The Crusade Scholar's Report

"What was the greatest thing in your esteem,
When, crossing seven oceans deep and wide,
You reached the land of fabled wealth and pride
And realized thus at last your life-long dream?
You saw its alabaster cities gleam,
You sped on wheels and learned the air to ride,
The magic buttons all your needs supplied—
What lingers last in all your mem'ry's stream?"

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"These things I saw, amazed and wondering,
Yet scarcely profited by sights so grand,
For evil, too, was great, bewildering.
But more, I saw victorious Goodness stand—
I saw the **Christians**—this, the greatest thing:
Like heaven's stars, they shine in every land!"



Hungering After Righteousness

By R. G. TUTTLE

One everlasting whisper day and night repeated;
Something hidden, go and find it,
Go and look beyond the ranges,
Something lost behind the ranges,
Lost and waiting for you, go!

ONE everlasting whisper day and night repeated'' is Kipling's description of man's insatiable search for reality. This instinctive urge beckons us to levels above our present state, and then stirs us to further progress. It is good to ''hunger and thirst after righteousness'' was Jesus' way of putting it. Parents are worried when a child loses its appetite: it can be a dangerous symptom—God is deeply concerned when we lose our longing for goodness: He fills the table, yet we go unfed.

But, forget it not, there are urges that lure to destruction as well as longings that lead to life. Jesus made his statement unmistakable: ''Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.'' Happy are they, hungering after goodness, thirsting after God: for they shall go from life to life. Unhappy are they, lusting after a new thrill, grasping after things: for they shall escape from emptiness to emptiness.

As a new-born babe, by the gravity of its nature, is drawn to its mother for nourishment, so man, by the gravity of his spirit, is instinctively drawn to God. Whether or not we have cultivated the appetite, down deep we feel what the Psalmist felt:

As the heart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God.

This yearning after God is healthful and normal. ''Deep calleth unto deep.'' There is something in the soul of us that vibrates in tune with the soul of God. Blessed is he who keeps this hunger alive.

Dr. George A. Buttrick tells of one cynic writing another: ''Soon the churches will become mere temples of science.'' The other quickly replied: ''I think not so. 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden . . . . . ' There is a mystery here.'' It is this mystery which disturbs us, beckons us, causes us to hunger—and satisfies that hunger.

I see God in his creation, but there he is distant. I read of God in the Bible, but there he is ancient. I discern God's presence in other people, but that is indirect. ''O that I knew where I might find him!''

I close my eyes. I find myself surrounded by a friendly darkness which is infinite. But it is not darkness; warmth and light are there: ''The darkness shall be light about thee.'' I have only to close my eyes and I am in the presence of God—He is always there.

Close your eyes. In the quietness of your soul you can talk with God. Make the conversation real. Put your genuine problems before him. Ask for guidance; guidance is given. The problem that is beyond your power, place it in God's hands. Your friend, your child about whom you are worried, talk with God about them and confidently leave them in his care. The decision you can't make, consider it in God's presence and wait for the light that God will give. In this personal approach to God your heart is filled with strength, and in the experience of his presence your hungerings disappear.

Out of the mystery of the Infinite the secrets of life are revealed. Hence the inventor receives his flashes of insight, the poet his inspiration, the artist his vision, the minister his message, and man an understanding of his destiny.

If we thirst after God, that thirst will be accompanied by a moral hunger. We will seek that basic ethical insight which applies to every detail of living because it transcends all of life in its infinite relationship. In other words, we will yearn for an understanding of that which is right, because it is right, because it is of God. Already we find ourselves wearied by an interpretation of right which gets results today, but brings destruction tomorrow; which profits me, but impoverishes my brother.

To know what is right, this ought to be a major passion in our lives. We do crave a wisdom which will enable us to discern between that which is expedient and that which springs from the Taproot of Reality, to distinguish between that which is the demand of man and that which is the ''Cosmic Demand,'' to judge between that which is wishful thinking and that which is the will of God.

Blessed are they that hunger after the right: for here all differences are dissolved. That which is right, in any tense situation, is the common ground of God where both sides may meet with justice. In the medium of right the causes of war disappear, economic tensions dissolve, and racial prejudices melt away.

A dozen new plans will not save the world. A hundred new organizations will not solve our problems. More wealth, more brains would be of little avail. It is a strange paradox, that only a new hunger can save mankind—until man thirsts after God and hungers after the right, God's hands are tied. For only when man hungers can God meet his need.

Jesus came to stir this hunger to life in the hearts of men. Jesus knew that men, satisfied with something less, would never achieve the fullness of life. He revived in those who heard Him a new thirsting after God, a new hungering after right. The Abundant Life was the result.

There is no lasting satisfaction save in the way of Christ, no peace for the soul save in God. No longer shall we ''escape from emptiness to emptiness''; no longer shall we seek blindly ''beyond the ranges''; for so beckons God—

The spirit and the bride say, Come.
And the hearer, let him too say, Come.
And the thirsty, let him surely come.
Yea, whosoever will, let him come
And take of the water of life freely.

What are you hungering and thirsting after? Now only you and God know your deeper yearnings; later, the world will know by the fruitage of your life. ''Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled''—not all at once, but throughout the years.

Salvage

When the hungry multitude was fed,
And the word of it was brought to Him,
''Gather up the fragments,'' Jesus said.
Lo! they filled twelve baskets to the brim!

God is careful—wasting no small part
Of His whole creation—not a grain
Passed at harvest time, but by His art
Sprouts, and grows, and bringeth forth again.

God is frugal—not a sparrow falls
But He sees, and with infinite care,
Brings the ants from subterranean halls—
Sending them to strip the carcass bare;

Melts with His wise alchemy of rain,
Wind, and earth, and sun, each fragile bone,
Gathering the fragments that remain—
Gently taking back His own.

Keeper of all broken, scattered things,
Glean the far-flung harvest of my tears . . .
Draw Thou home at eventide the wings
Of my lost dreams . . . the feet of my strayed years.

—R. M. LAUGHLIN.
Mitchells Grove Church.

Advance Rallies Concluded; Endowment Increases; Religious Week Held; Harrell on Race Relations

MORE THAN 2,000 HEAR SPEAKERS IN SEVEN DISTRICT MEETINGS

MORE than 2,000 persons attended Advance for Christ meetings held recently in the seven districts of the North Carolina Conference, according to the Rev. W. L. Clegg, Chairman of the Conference Advance Committee. The meetings, which began in Durham January 18 and closed at Aberdeen January 25, brought together practically all the preachers and many representative laymen from every charge of the conference. The district superintendents presided at the sessions which began at 10 o'clock and closed at 1 o'clock.

Dr. Karl Quimby, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, was the featured speaker. Dr. Quimby outlined the needs abroad and assured his hearers that Christianity is a passport into the heart of the world. He spoke particularly of the opportunities in Europe today, which the North Carolina Conference has chosen as a field for special attention during the present quadrennium.

Rev. W. L. Clegg gave the over-all picture of the Advance program, and the Rev. Leon Russell, Conference Missionary Secretary, spoke on the Week of Dedication, which is to come March 13-20. The district missionary secretaries spoke on the mission specials that will be available shortly after Easter. The secretaries and districts they represented include Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Durham; Rev. D. L. Fouts, Elizabeth City; Rev. V. E. Queen, Fayetteville; Rev. A. L. Chaplin, New Bern; Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Raleigh; Rev. W. R. Stevens, Rocky Mount; Rev. W. A. Crow, Wilmington.

The program of the Woman's Society in the Advance was presented by Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham; Mrs. H. O. Lineberger of Raleigh; Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of New Bern, and Mrs. H. I. Glass of Kinston.

The Conference Board of Evangelism was represented by Dr. H. P. Powell, Conference Director of Evangelism, and Rev. F. W. Paschall, Chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism.

Rev. C. W. Robbins, Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, spoke on the place of the Advocate in the Advance.

Opening devotional services were conducted by Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Graham; Dr. T. M. Grant of Rocky Mount; Rev. M. W. Lawrence of Elizabeth City; Rev. H. I. Glass of Kinston; Dr. H. P. Powell of Raleigh; Dr. H. C. Smith of Raleigh, and Rev. G. S. Eubank of Red Springs.

Pastors were urged to receive an offering for Overseas Relief on or around Sunday, February 6, and to send the offering promptly to M. J. Cowell, 1417 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount. The conference goal for this year is $10,000 for Overseas Relief, which is the first financial claim asked for in the Advance program. Foreign and home mission specials will be presented later in the conference year.

"WE earnestly urge the Allied Governments in World War II to expedite the writing of peace treaties between the combatants at the earliest opportunity"—action recently taken by the Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church.

ADDS $1,000 TO THOMAS J. FINCH MEMORIAL

The Methodist Board of Publication, publishers of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, received last week from George D. Finch of Thomasville a $1,000 U. S. Savings Bond to be added to the Thomas J. Finch Memorial Fund as a part of the Advocate endowment. This latest gift of Mr. Finch, prominent layman and member of the Board of Publication of the Methodist Church, brings the total of the memorial fund honoring his father to $4,000. The late Thomas J. Finch, pioneer industrialist and community leader, was a devout churchman and friend of all good causes. His son's gifts to the Advocate endowment are a fitting memorial to one whose interests included the total program of the church. A similarly fitting memorial to Mrs. T. J. Finch, the Hannah Brown Finch Memorial Fund, has been established at Greensboro College for the furtherance of the Christian education of young women. . .

HOLT RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS SPEAKER

REV. D. D. HOLT of Durham is the speaker for Religious Emphasis Week being observed this week at Louisburg College. The theme for the week is "Religion and Life."

Mr. Holt will speak to the student body at the chapel hour each day. In the evening from 7 to 8 o'clock, he will conduct programs for all who desire to attend.

Evening programs are: February 1, "Religion and Music," and a quartet from Wake Forest College; February 2, a forum—"What is Religion?" led by Mr. Holt; February 3, a new religious movie, "Salt of the Earth;" and February 4, a worship and dedication service.

The program began February 1 and will close February 4.

GOAL: SEVEN MILLION

Methodist church school membership increased 18 per cent during the Crusade for Christ (1944-1948). For every 100 members we had in 1944 we now have 118. General Conference wants us to increase 25 per cent in the four years 1948-1952. For every 100 church school members we had in 1948 we are asked to have 125 in 1952. To be safe, that means about 7 per cent increase each year.

Is that reasonable? Consider this:

Take a class which had 15 members in 1948. If it will increase one member each year for four years, its increase will be a little more than 25 per cent. That would mean 16 members in 1949; 17 in 1950; 18 in 1951; and 19 in 1952. Is it asking too much of 15 persons to increase just one member in a whole year's time? It is silly to call that hard work—or even work at all.

With only one American in five a member of a church school and the population increase 2½ millions a year there are plenty of prospects. General Conference has asked us to do a reasonable thing. The only thing wrong with it is that it is too conservative.

The Bishop's Column

By **Costen J. Harrell**

RACE RELATIONS DAY

February 13

THE General Conference has designated the second Sunday in February as Race Relations Day. The question of race has come much to the fore in recent years, and we who live in the South where two races comprise almost the entire population are not unmindful of it. There are no easy and ready answers to the questions involved, but we are all agreed that our only solution is the faithful application of Christian principles and attitudes. Race Relations Day offers an excellent opportunity and occasion to our ministers to discuss from their pulpits the Christian principles that must guide us in our attitudes and practices toward persons of other races—and especially toward those that are among us.

Through its long history American Methodism has been a leader in the field of racial cooperation and understanding. I have this week participated in an Advance meeting in Washington Street Church, Columbia, S. C. I could not forget that under the pulpit rests the body of Bishop William Capers, who early in the nineteenth century started his mission to the slaves. It was possibly the most successful missionary enterprise ever undertaken by our church—so much so that before 1860 approximately one-third the membership of the Southern Methodist Church was Negro. At their request, these were later organized into the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1881, following the War Between the States, Dr. Attticus G. Haygood of our Church, later one of our bishops, published a noteworthy book, bearing the title, "Our Brother in Black." It was among the first to emphasize the Christian approach to problems of race. For many years it has had an honored place in my library. One year later, in 1882, Dr. Warren A. Candler, also destined to become a Methodist bishop, was more than any other person responsible for the organization of Paine College, Augusta, Ga. It is now operated jointly by the Methodist Church and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been for nearly three quarters of a century a notable example of interracial cooperation and understanding. As inheritors of this tradition, we must not fail to declare, by precept and example, the principles of justice and cooperation and good will.

The General Conference has also issued a call that a voluntary offering be received in all our churches on Race Relations Day to support and extend our work among Negroes. The offering from the Western North Carolina Conference will be donated to Bennett College, Greensboro. It is one of our outstanding Negro institutions.

I call on all our pastors to give their people an opportunity to contribute to this worthy fund on February 13, or as near thereto as possible.

WATCH the expiration date on the address of your Advocate, page 16, and use the expiration notice tipped in on page 3 when your subscription is expiring. Help your church paper to serve you better by renewing promptly.

College Graduates 43; To Observe Mission Week; Phillips Chapel Builds; Brunswick Youth Rally

DR. HOBBS ADDRESSES HIGH POINT COLLEGE GRADUATES

DR. A. J. HOBBS, superintendent of the Rocky Mount district, brought the commencement address to the forty-three members of the graduating class at High Point College in exercises held last week. Dr. Hobbs reminded his hearers that the Christian college from which they were graduating had poured out its very soul in order that they might go out to build a world in which right and justice might prevail among men.

Following the address in the college chapel which was filled with students and visitors, Dr. G. I. Humphreys, president of the college, conferred the degrees. Earlier, Rev. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, conducted the devotional. Dr. C. R. Hinshaw, director of instruction, presided.

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL TO OBSERVE MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK

MISSIONS Emphasis Week will be observed by the Duke Divinity School February 8-10, according to Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, Christian World Missions Chairman of the Divinity School Student Body. Featured speakers include Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette of the Yale Divinity School; Dr. Karl Quimby, Educational Secretary of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church; Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Editor of the World Outlook, Methodist missionary publication; Rev. Linwood Blackburn, missionary to Africa; and M. O. Williams. Movies and addresses will be presented during the evenings.

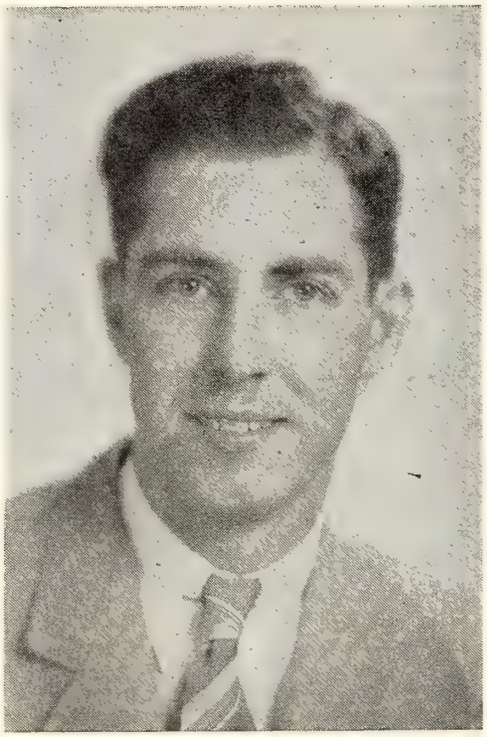
BRUNSWICK COUNTY YOUTH ORGANIZE SUB-DISTRICT

SEVENTY young people from the Southport, Shallotte and Town Creek Charges in Brunswick County met at Trinity Church, Southport, last Wednesday and organized an MYF sub-district for Brunswick County. Participating in the meeting were Rev. L. D. Hayman, Rev. Charles Caudill, Rev. Richard Braunstein, and Miss Wilma Grant, District President of the MYF, who organized the group. Charles Caudill, Jr., was elected president.

METHODIST HOME PICNIC ACCOMMODATIONS

By C. M. Pickens

In the new unit of the Methodist Home, which we are hoping to complete this spring, we are making preparation for groups of people to come for church picnics. All church groups are invited to bring their food, put it out on tables which we furnish, and thus have their fine fellowship together. If they want to play games or give a program or any other entertainment before or after time to eat, there will be room enough for such exercises. If the weather permits, they can eat on the lake side and do such things as they may plan. Such gatherings will be open to any groups, such as Woman's Society of Christian Service, or the circles therein, men's and women's classes, children's and youth organizations or any other group. The facilities in this building will be adequate, not only for one group, but for combination of groups. People may come for their picnics in any sort of weather, either summer or winter. The administration at the Home expects churches in a wide area to use this accommodation. Of course, a date and a schedule will have to be made with the Home in order to avoid conflicts with other groups. We suggest that you begin to make your plans for a gathering at the Home, and in the early spring make your dates with the office at the Home.



Joins Brevard College Faculty

Bruce Livengood of Charlotte began his duties as member of the music faculty at Brevard College Jan. 24. (See last week's ADVOCATE.)

SCHOOL FOR CHURCH USHERS

A SCHOOL for church ushers was held at St. Paul Methodist Church, Durham, last Thursday. Dr. E. L. Hillman, district superintendent, led the discussions.

The 22 ushers who attended were provided with a mimeograph outline of a course of study which covered the following points: (a) the importance of first impressions on guests, (b) the techniques of seating guests, (c) ways of making the guest comfortable, (d) the details of the usher's job.

W. T. Mitchell, head usher at St. Paul, presided. Resource persons were W. C. Bass, R. C. White and Rev. R. E. Brown from Duke Memorial Church. Rev. Leon Couch is the pastor.

METHODISTS PRESENT BIBLE TO VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY

Vice-President Alben W. Barkley was presented a Bible on the occasion of his inauguration by members of Broadway Methodist Church, Peducah, Ky., where he has held membership since youth. Mr. Barkley, an honorary steward, has frequently spoken from the pulpit of the church.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL CHURCH BUILDS

MEMBERS of the Phillips Chapel Church on the Swepsonville Charge have sold their building and have almost completed a new sanctuary on a nearby lot, according to the pastor, Rev. J. R. Poe. The new building, which will cost approximately $40,000, will include a kitchen, recreation hall, and other modern facilities. Planss during the year call for a centennial celebration, an Easter sunrise service, entertainment of the Durham District Conference, April 21, and a Memorial Day service May 21.

REV. P. E. PARKER (1863-1949)

Funeral services for the Reverend Perley E. Parker, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, were held at Varina on Wednesday, January 19, and interment was conducted that afternoon at Oakwood Cemetery in High Point. He died at the home of his son, Harold E. Parker, in Varina on Monday, January 17, at 8:15 p.m. Rev. J. W. Lineberger of Fuquay Springs was assisted by Rev. E. D. Dodd of that place in the funeral services.. Graveside services in High Point were in charges of Rev. George B. Clemmer, District Superintendent of the Thomasville District, assisted by Dr. W. A. Lambeth and Mr. Lineberger.

Born January 24, 1863, in Harnett County, the deceased moved to Guilford County at the age of 8. He was a graduate of Trinity College and served as pastor of churches in western North Carolina from his admission on trial in 1890 until his retirement in 1929, except for a period when he served as Conference evangelist. Surviving are his son, with whom he made his home in recent years, four grandsons, and one great-granddaughter.

MISS METTIE E. RICKETTS PASSES

A notice has just reached Greensboro College of the death of Miss Mettie E. Ricketts in a nursing home in Richmond, Va., January 13, 1949. She had been in declining health for a number of years and more critically ill for the last two years. She was a native of Orange, Va., and is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lawrence S. Ricketts, Shady Crest, Orange, Va.

Miss Ricketts was dean of students at Greensboro College from September, 1918, through the scholastic year 1933-1934. She also taught French.

HAVE YOU HEARD THAT:

Ninety per cent of India's people live in villages amid poverty and unbelievable privations.

Eighty per cent of the people of China are farmers. The Woman's Division is called on to cooperate in establishing three new Christian rural service unions.

In 1912 there were twenty-five Woman's Division of Christian Service missionaries in Brazil. Now only twenty-four. Brazil is larger than the United States.

Only one new Woman's Division of Christian Service worker has gone to Mexico to stay in the last ten years. Sixteen new missionaries are called for.

Goal No. 3—Recruiting—in the Program of Advance is,

Ten new missionaries, deaconesses, full-time Christian workers, from our conference. One by May, 1949. Three each following year till May, 1952.

1. Do your Society and Guild pray regularly about this?

2. Have you considered, and encouraged, your possible local recruits who might be an answer to these prayers?—From the Advance Clipper.

In the Limelight

CENTRAL CHURCH, Asheville, has begun construction on the Memorial Chapel, which will be a beautiful addition to the facilities of this church.

REV. S. J. STARNES, pastor of Davis Street Church, Burlington, is author of an article on visitation evangelism entitled "Visiting the Unchurched," in the February issue of The Pastor.

REV. AND MRS. George B. Clemmer have moved into the handsome new Thomasville District parsonage located on Mock Street in Thomasville, just behind the present Memorial Church.

LOWESVILLE Charge received its 25th member since Annual Conference January 23—14 by faith, 11 by transfer, and no revivals held thus far. M. C. Ellebre is the pastor.

AT THE First Quarterly Conference, presided over by Rev. W. C. Ball, the new District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, Trinity Church, Troy, C. P. Morris, pastor, raised the pastor's salary to $4,000 and the World Service to $1,200.

THE MINISTERS' wives of the Waynesville District will entertain the ministers with a covered dish luncheon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. N. Clark in Waynesville on Thursday, February 10. All retired ministers and their wives in the district are invited.—Mrs. G. B. Culbreth, Secretary.

THROUGH the inspiration, aid, and guidance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the auditorium of the West Burlington Methodist Church has been redecorated. The floors have been refinished, and rubber tile placed in the vestibule. The result is a sanctuary greatly improved in appearance and therefore a more worshipful one. Rev. Geo. W. Blount is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. R. G. L. Edwards were welcomed at Garner for another year with an old fashioned pounding, including good things to eat and even money wrapped in a Christmas box. There has been another raise in salary, making it $3,500 for this year. The church building program goes on. A second new church, the Ebenezer church, will be finished in the early summer. New pews are to be put in th Garner church. Not only new pews, but new pulpit furniture complete is to be in the new Ebenezer church.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS GUTHRIE of Morehead City have been honored and the late Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Guthrie of Morehead City memorialized by the gift of chimes attached to the new Hammond electric organ installed in Franklin Memorial Methodist Church in Morehead City in November. The chimes were given to the church by Vernon Guthrie, Leroy Guthrie, and Mrs. Kilby Guthrie, children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, and by Kilby Guthrie. Thomas Guthrie has been a faithful member of Franklin Memorial and a trustee for many years. Mrs. Guthrie has been a wonderful example of Christian womanhood and the communion steward for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Guthrie, Sr., were members and faithful workers for many years until their death.

KINNAKEET Charge, Avon, welcomed Rev. P. M. Porter and his wife and daughter back for their third year with a heavy pounding, and recently gave a linen shower for the parsonage. A series of special services just closed resulted in 35 dedications and one new member on profession of faith.

MEMBERS of Hayes-Barton Church, Raleigh, entertained at a reception recently honoring their new pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith. The receiving line was composed of Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Eckert, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tickle, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Evans, and Miss Elsie Parker. More than 300 guests attended.

THE MOREHEAD - BEAUFORT subdistrict MYF met in Franklin Memorial Methodist Church in Morehead City on January 24. Approximately 200 fine youth met for a very inspirational program centered around the painting of Christ by Sallman. Only the face of Christ could be seen during the worship service, and it is believed that it helped all those present to feel closer to the Christ. Recreation was led by the Beaufort MYF.

G. F. IVEY of Hickory has a unique record of church school attendance. He has not missed attendance for 45 years except when he was out of the city. He was late only two times, once when a fire broke out next door to his home, and another time when he was out bicycle riding with his young son and got lost. For over a quarter of a century he was superintendent of the First Church Sunday school. Mr. Ivey is now president of the Board of Conference Claimants and serves on several other boards.

REV. J. O. ERVIN says that on his retiring at High Point he received one of the choicest one point charges in the conference—Homestead, N. C. Homestead is a village housing Leaksville Woolen Mill producing blankets to keep warm the physical anatomy. While with their smiles and their kindness in many ways they keep warm the heart of their pastor and his family. Makes us think of the old adage, "They're all wool and a yard wide." We thank the Bishop and his good cabinet for landing us so well and may God bless them every one.

FAIRVIEW Church, formerly on the Burlington circuit, was made a station church in November, 1948, by the North Carolina Annual Conference. Located between the industrial villages of Ossipee and Altamahaw, near Burlington, this church has an unusual field of service. Since becoming a station charge the church has taken on new life and the best year of its history is expected this year. The new pastor, C. M. Fogleman, Jr., a native of Burlington, returns to North Carolina after having received his college training from Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas, where he served the Kanopolis Charge of the Central Kansas Conference for three years. At present he is in his first year in Duke Divinity School. A good list of Advocate subscribers, 30 in number, was turned in this week by the Fairview church, more than twice its quota.

REV. MARVIN VICK, pastor of Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, was one of the speakers in Religious Emphasis Week held last week at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

DR. C. E. ROZZELLE, pastor of Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, is recovering satisfactorily from a recent operation. He is a patient at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin.

AN ATTRACTIVE series of first Sunday evening services running from February 6 through May 1, has been scheduled at Dilworth Church, Charlotte. Speakers include Dr. R. Dwight Ware, Dr. C. Excelle Rozelle, Dr. C. Sylvester Green, and Dean Harold A. Bosley. Rev. Fletcher Nelson is pastor.

LAST YEAR more than two and a half million dollars were contributed by Methodist church schools for missions and World Service, it has been revealed by the 1948 statistical report of the Local Church Division of the General Board of Education. The Statistical Office at Chicago reported the 1948 total paid to World Service and conference benevolences as $11,585,049.

THE BRICKMAKING machinery for the construction of the Bishop Lambuth Memorial Medical Center, Wembo Nyama, Belge Congo, was purchased from J. C. Steele and Sons, Statesville. W. D. Hamrick selected the Statesville concern last October. The machinery was shipped November 4, 1948, and has probably arrived in Afrcia. Broad Street Church placed in the crates a large amount of church school literature for use in the African area.

BUSY MINISTERS and teachers may find help in preparing their sermons and lessons for Race Relations Sunday, February 13, 1949, in materials available from the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Box 1208, Raleigh, N. C. It will be sent free upon request. The mimeographed sheets contain suggested scriptures, quotations, comments, and illustrations appropriate for the occasion. It is hoped that Christian leaders will be aided in their efforts to promote brotherhood by having this material at hand.

METHODISM'S Advance for Christ and His Church has sent 25,000 copies of a weighty, 900-page book to as many Methodist ministers with instructions to study it during the Advance's "Period of Preparation," January 1-June 30. The book contains four study volumes, reports on the studies, and the message to the churches growing out of the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam last summer. Methodist ministers are to study the book as the first phase of their church's four-year Advance program.

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Executive Board Meets; Annual Meet at High Point, April 6-8; Joint School of Missions, June 12-17

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EXECUTIVE MEETING

Facts and figures became alive and spoke eloquently and interestingly as the members of the Executive Board of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, meeting at Pfeiffer College January 20-22, eagerly listened to the annual and fourth quarter reports which indicated the results of the Program of Advance dealing with the thirty-three and one third per cent increases in membership and pledges.

Mrs. David D. Smiley, treasurer, reported that a total of $143,810.61 was raised by the districts last year, the amount from the Woman's Society being $124,981.73; $3,494.38 from the Methodist Youth, and $15,334.50 from the Guild. The Love Offering laid on the altar at the communion service during the annual meeting was $2,540.61; Penny-a-Day Fund, $8,758.59; Lenten Offering, $378.44; and the Week of Prayer, $9,587.65. A total of $124,242.07 was paid to the Woman's Division. Every district more than paid its pledge, and presidents and promotion secretaries were asked to increase their district pledges 33⅓ per cent.

Reports for the first quarter, 1949, will be sent in as usual and society members are asked to pay their pledges for April and May at the April meeting in order that reports may go in and treasurers have plenty of time to close their accounts and get ready for the new fiscal year, beginning June first. Also societies are asked to pay their pledges at the rate of five-twelfths of the amount paid in 1948 during the first five months of 1949. This will mean "advancing" our payments and the co-operation of all societies is requested.

The resignation of Mrs. R. I. Corbett, conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and of Mrs. L. E. Brown, promotional secretary of the Charlotte District, were announced with genuine regret. Both of these ladies have done outstanding work in their fields and their absence was keenly felt.

Announcement was also made of the acceptance by Mrs. E. L. Rice of the office of secretary of status of women, succeeding Mrs. Mabel Baughman, and a letter was read from Mrs. Baughman.

Seventeen girls who are studying at Pfeiffer College looking toward full time Christian service were presented to the group. One of these, Freida Morgan, had just graduated from Pfeiffer and is entering Greensboro College for the coming semester.

Plans were made for the Annual Meeting, which will be held at First Methodist Church, High Point, April 6-8, 1949, and speakers will be Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon and Mrs. Eloise Woolever, both from the New York office, and it is hoped that Miss Lelia Epps, missionary from Brazil, on furlough, will also be able to accept.

Announcement was also made of the Joint School of Missions which will be held at Pfeiffer College June 12-17, preceded by a week end retreat, beginning June 10, and followed by a week end Wesleyan Service Guild retreat, beginning June 17.

Besides the used clothing and school supplies sent to the Cherokee Indians, a goodly sum was sent through the department of supply work for a Christmas treat. It was voted that the fourth quarter's supply work for 1949 would be directed to the Cherokee Indians, and that it would be reported "Cash Value" and sent direct to Mrs. D. H. Dennis.

It was a real pleasure to have Mrs. P. A. Masten with us again, after a few years absence, and Mrs. Masten gave the report of the Wesleyan Service Guild, substituting for Mrs. Corbitt. Mrs. Masten is now secretary to Dr. Waggoner, president of Pfeiffer College, and her presence was deeply appreciated.

Announcement was made that Miss Jane Stentz, daughter of Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, who has been doing special work at Scarritt College, had been appointed as student worker at Appalachian Training School at Boone. This meets a long felt need at Boone where more than 250 Methodist students are registered.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver gave a report of the meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches which she had just attended, and urged closer cooperation with this body.

Mrs. J. W. Payne gave her impressions of her first Board of Missions meeting held annually at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Dr. and Mrs. Waggoner and their corps of faculty, housemothers, and students made our stay there most pleasant and comfortable and we find ourselves thinking of our mid-year meetings and School of Missions in terms of Pfeiffer College, for it has become as much a necessary part of our meetings as the members of the board.

(Please note the slight change in the address of your editor. It is 641 Walker Road.)

NEW OFFICERS—WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

New officers elected in the Winston-Salem District were announced at the Executive Board meeting January 11, when this group met at the Y. W. C. A. for luncheon and a business session. Mrs. Herbert Reynolds of Lewisville, secretary of Children's Work, succeeding Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, and Mrs. Kiger of Rural Hall, co-chairman of Sub-district No. 4, succeeding Mrs. W. L. Hutchins.

Mrs. R. A. George, promotion secretary, reported 78 Societies and 18 Guilds in the district, and an increase of 202 members over 1947. Life Memberships were given to 32, and new or reinstated societies are St. Paul, Trinity, Smithtown, Cox's Chapel, and Shiloh.

Mrs. R. G. Smith, secretary of missionary personnel, reported that a total of $299 had been given for the Conference Student Fund and that a probable five girls from the Winston-Salem district were utilizing these funds. The district is also helping to support a Negro girl at Bennett College, and Mrs. L. V. Scott reported that the C. M. E. Church had contributed $75 toward this cause.

The study, "The Bible and Human Rights," in the department of Christian Social Relations will be held in Winston-Salem March 17 and 18 with Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames as teacher, Mrs. L. V. Scott announced. Mrs. Scott has also been busy conducting a successful agitation for cleaner shows at the Fair, and a meeting of state legislators living in Winston-Salem for discussion of the state-wide liquor referendum.

Mrs. T. L. Speas, secretary of literature and publications, reported a total of 569 subscribers to The Methodist Woman and 403 to the World Outlook. There are only two societies in the district that have all officers subscribers to both magazines.

In the district, as well as in the conference, there is a constant complaint that societies are not reporting, and many officers did not get sufficient response on which to base reports. This is most important and certainly a major part of the success of the Advance Program will depend on societies reporting the work they have done.

For as the body is one,
And hath many members,
And all the members of that one body,
Being many, are one body;
So also is Christ.

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Youth Meet in Goldsboro; New MYF's Planned; Labs Increase Leadership; Assembly Plans Announced

Edited by TROY J. BARRETT

At a call meeting at St. Paul Church in Goldsboro, N. C., December 28-29, an enthusiastic and thought provoking group of youth and adult representatives from Methodist Youth Fellowships in each of the seven districts discussed the promotional work on Fellowship Teams, planned for District Youth Rallies following Easter (between April 18-30—watch for date and place of your District Rally), announced the Worship and Evangelism Lab. on March 25-27 and pointed out emphases of the Assemblies to be held at Louisburg College this June.

The following people attended: J. B. Speight, Sunbury; Nancy Smith, Washington; Clarkson White, Belvidere; John Mitchell, La Grange; Richard Williams, Johns; Troy J. Barrett, Durham; Dollie S. Bray, New Bern; Millie Bryant, Rich Square; Marian Sockwell, Smithfield; Wilma Grant, Wilmington; Edna Boone, Farmville; Marjorie Stone, Morehead City; Mabel Nance, Burlington; Jean Strickland, Fayetteville; Dixie Fisher, Fairmont; Pat Floyd, Raleigh; Jody Snead, Wilmington; Rev. Tom Collins, Gatesville; Rev. Kermit Wheeler, Roseboro; Jim Matheson, Mt. Gilead; Robin Scroggs, Raleigh; Clint Harris, Durham; Glenn Hannah, Burlington; Bob McKenzie, Wilmington; Barbara Ann Smith, Elizabeth City; Maness Mitchell, Morehead City; Rev. Bill Howard, Bethel; Rev. Marvin Vick, Sanford; Rev. La Fon C. Vereen, Fremont. The following from Goldsboro were also there; Elizabeth Dixon Johnson, New Director of Religious Education at Duke Memorial in Durham, Janie Bartlette, John Thompson, Bryan Sutton, Erline Griffin, D. Winslow, Sarah Hunt, Carlie Hinnant.

Organization of New MYF's

It was suggested that subdistricts take as a special project the organization of Methodist Youth Fellowships in local churches not now organized. Each subdistrict is to contact pastors, youth and adults of local churches that do not have an MYF and work out a time when a team from the subdistrict (three or four youth and an adult counselor) can visit the church and meet with interested young people and adults, discuss purpose and plans for an MYF and help this group get started. Rolls of charges and churches, pastors and MYF presidents (if organized) will be furnished each subdistrict. It is absolutely essential to have the full support and backing of the pastor. It is further suggested that wherever possible, and upon invitation, the team plan to return to this church next summer for a Youth Activities Week.

Team Members

In the future, any person wishing to serve on a Fellowship Team must first make application through the Conference Office or the District Director of Youth Work of the respective district. Requirements include Christian leadership ability, past experience, church loyalty, and age. Other qualifications will be on the application blanks. Those selected will receive specialized training at Louisburg next summer.

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Adults Share

Adult workers with youth who can share time and talents as a counselor for one of these teams are urged to send for application. Many helps for the local program, deep personal enrichment, more knowledge and skills will be found in this service.

How and Why

Any local church must apply to the District Director of Youth Work a month in advance stating specific needs and services desired. The director in turn will contact a team and they will be given ample time to prepare themselves.

The over-all purpose of these teams will be to strengthen and help local churches with their youth program as the youth and adults learn and grow in churchmanship and the Christian life.

Worship and Evangelism Lab

On March 25-27, 1949, the N. C. Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship will sponsor a week-end laboratory on Worship and Evangelism. The tentative place of meeting is Camp Crabtree, half way between Raleigh and Durham.

Under the direction of Miss Pat Floyd, Conference Youth Chairman of Worship and Evangelism, and Miss Hazel Cousins, Adult Advisor to the commission, this lab. will emphasize: (1) evangelism and the winning of souls **for Christ and His Church;** (2) personal devotions and the use of the Bible, **Power** and other aids; (3) fellowship cells and their establishment in local churches; (4) group worship; (5) the content and purpose of worship; (6) the Worship and Evangelism Commission: (a) how to organize, plan its activities and train its leaders; (b) the duties of the youth and adults; (c) how to plan a year's program for the commission in the local church and in the subdistrict; (d) the relationship to other commissions and to the entire program; (7) Tools for worship: Hymns, poetry, stories, drama, art and others. There will be time for individual problems and a sharing of ideas.

Other highlights will include a Galilean Service on Saturday night, a Communion Service on Sunday morning, and a visit to the Duke University Chapel for the eleven o'clock worship service.

IMPORTANT

Your Youth Chairman of Worship and Evangelism and/or your Adult Advisor should write the Conference Office for more information and registration blanks.

Past Experiences

Two years ago, last October, the Conference MYF began their round of commission labs. That fall there was a lab on Recreation and Leisure. The following spring the Missions and World Friendship Commission held a week-end lab.

A year ago, last October, a special emphasis was given to Vocations with a week-end enrichment conference on Church Vocations.

Last October, the first Full Council Retreat was held at First Church, Rocky Mount.

These experiences have gone a long way to lift the caliber of leadership in our Conference and help us all to grow in Christ.

Louisburg 1949

The theme of the Louisburg Assemblies this summer will center around "Our Faith." A special promotional emphasis is now under way to get all churches represented.

The first week, June 13-18, will be for older youth (17-23). Dr. Mark Depp of Centenary in Winston-Salem will be the speaker, and Rev. T. M. Vick, of Sanford will be the Dean.

The second and third weeks will be for all youth between the ages of 15-23. Dr. Raymond M. Veh of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, will speak at the second Assembly with Rev. Kermit Wheeler of Roseboro as Dean. The third week will find Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., as speaker and Rev. C. S. Hubbard of Hillsboro as Dean.

Even now we are in the process of lining up staff and teachers. Those chosen should recognize that this task carries with it an honor and a responsibility.

All year round and in several week-end council meetings, the Conference Youth Council has been digging deeply and planning prayerfully. The activities mapped out have endeavored to keep constantly in mind the individual youth in the local church and desire to direct him into paths of leadership and growth, training and enrichment, inspiration and challenge.

Later in the summer—possibly in August—the Conference MYF hopes to sponsor a week at Camp Don-Lee at which time all officers of the districts and subdistricts will gather to discuss problems, work out solutions, plan activities and projects for the year.

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A TRIP TO WILSON

On Sunday, January 23, Mrs. Larkin and I carried four of our children to Wilson. These boys and girls visited their mothers while I supplied the pulpit for the pastor, Robert W. Bradshaw. After the morning worship we enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stallings. These are friends of long standing. They are talented musicians and we look forward to a visit from them later on in the year. Our boys and girls would be so happy to have them here for a concert.

OUR ALUMNI MAKE NEWS

The morning page carried a picture of Bill Britt, a sophomore at Duke. When at the Orphanage he was recognized as an all-round student and athlete. He loved football, baseball and basketball. Since going to Duke he has added another star to his crown of achievements. He is on the wrestling team and has lost only one match this season.

Our students in other institutions are doing well and you will hear from them later.

KINDERGARTEN PROJECT

For a long time we have felt the need of special work for our children of preschool age. Mrs. Helen Williams, our matron at the Baby cottage is eager to promote this project for her little people. Miss Josephine Smith, a kindergarten teacher in Fayetteville, gave this cause a boost with a check for $50. This gift is greatly appreciated. We hope other friends may take an interest in this great work.

MARCH OF DIMES

For several years it has been the custom here for a group of our boys and girls to help with the March of Dimes campaign in Raleigh. Our youngsters are glad to render this service to aid the unfortunate victims of polio, realizing that in so doing they are able to repay in a small measure some of the many things that have been done for them. Forty of our eighth and ninth grade students volunteered for service with the Raleigh campaign committee on Saturday morning, January 29. The workers were assigned to various buildings and business establishments by the committee, where they worked until noon. At 1 o'clock a luncheon was given for our group at the S. & W. Cafeteria. At the luncheon, prizes were awarded to our boys and girls who had been most successful in the day's work.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our Youth Fellowship is taking on new life as the New Year begins. The Methodist Youth Fellowship Council met with Miss Ann Larkin, Tuesday night. The Fellowship for the junior and senior age is being reorganized and the commissions set up.

Rosa Mae Gibson and Cabot Long will be in charge of community service. Betty Lou Brown and Bill Pittman will promote world fellowship. Dorothy Pearl Howard will direct a program of recreation. Worship and evangelism will be in charge of Mary Elizabeth Pierce and Virgie Mae Jeffries.

The following officers will serve: President, Billy Glover; vice-president, Colin Maulsby; secretary, Sudie Grey Williamson; treasurer, Romulus Hardin.

All of the high school boys and girls have signed up to serve under one of the four commissions. All of the young people will have an opportunity to participate in the programs on Sunday night, and in the other activities carried on during each week.

CAMPUS VISITORS

We were glad to have the executive board of the W. S. C. S. with us in January. They spent the night and held their meetings in the Burwell cottage. The conference officers and district secretaries were on hand for this conference. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin received reports and guided the discussion of the work for the New Year.

The societies over eastern North Carolina are always loyal supporters of our home. They help clothe the children, collect coupons, and give financial support to every phase of our work.

We extend to the officers of each local society an invitation to come to see us at some time during the year. I am confident that those who know these children best get a greater thrill out of serving and supporting them.

On January 14, the trustees of Retirement Homes had lunch with us and held an important conference. L. L. Wren is the president and Rev. Carlos Womack, secretary of this board.

VISIT TO AHOSKIE

At the invitation of the pastor and members of Ahoskie Methodist Church, 15 of us spent Sunday, January 19, in that hospitable community. Ten of the boys from the Brown Cottage opened the morning worship with an inspiring service. After the program by the boys, I spoke on the subject "Expressing Our Faith by Our Works." This service was broadcast over the Ahoskie radio station. Mrs. Sam Hudson was our pianist.

The homes of our friends were opened to us. We divided up into six groups and were royally entertained in the following homes: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Basnight, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gatling, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lassiter, and Rev. and Mrs. H. M McLamb.

On our way back a group of us stopped by to see our friend, J. C. Braswell, in Rocky Mount. He had some Christmas candy and nuts for the boys to enjoy. Mr. Braswell is a trustee of our home and a warm personal friend of our children. It is always a privilege and pleasure to be in his home or have him with us here at the Orphanage.

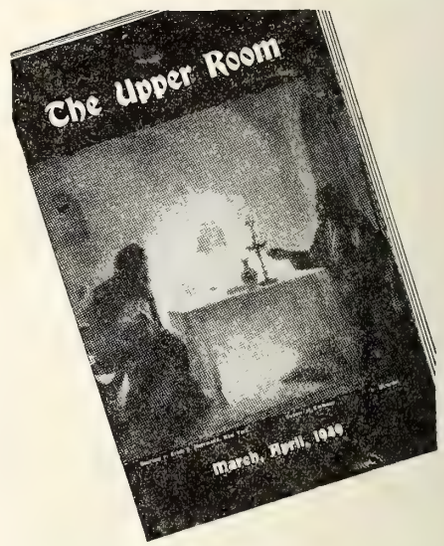
LIFE'S EXTRAS

Some years ago Dr. Archibald Rutledge wrote a stimulating little book bearing the title "Life's Extras." He brings to our attention many beautiful lessons that we all need to learn.

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Our matrons and faculty members are striving faithfully to provide these "extras" and the personal touch to the lives of our children.

Some students have special talents. We seek to discover and encourage these. Special art lessons are provided for some. Vocal and instrumental music instruction is made available for those who have gifts along this line. We covet for each one a life that is rich in experience and well-rounded in personal development.



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Jesus Begins His Work

Mark 1:14-15, 32-39; Luke 4:16-21

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Jesus began his preaching ministry by saying, The time is at hand; repent and believe the gospel. Great opportunities are before you. God is willing to do great things for you. Your duty is to turn away from what you know to be wrong, and begin to do what you already know to be right. Then the power of the Almighty will reinforce you in a way that will be surprising and wonderful.

Jesus' ministry was not merely to men's morals. He came not only to save their souls but to heal their bodies and calm and soothe their distracted minds. Many of us would be willing to confess that if it were not for the comfort of Christ's gospel we also might easily have lost our sanity. The church is never fulfilling its mission unless in connection with its preaching of the gospel it is doing its part to heal sick bodies and troubled minds.

In the times of Jesus men deemed an insane person possessed by a devil; and today the insane often act as though an evil spirit is in them. Jesus beyond all doubt had marvelous power to restore men to sanity, and it is wonderful the extent to which his followers succeed in doing the same. It is only where Christianity has come that men establish asylums for the insane which do such good work in curing mental diseases.

Brooding over wrongs that others have done us often leads to insanity. Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and to pray for them. He teaches us to cast the mantle of charity over the frailties and exasperating infirmities of our families and our friends, and this attitude of charity makes for mental health.

One symptom of mental morbidness is constant forebodings of evil to come. Art thou come to destroy us? said the demoniac at Capernaum. A man who is constantly filled with fear of coming calamity is in danger. The Psalmist said, I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears (Psalm 34). And Jesus said, Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. And the fact that he said this, knowing that on the morrow he would be crucified, makes his exhortation easier to heed. The chaplain of one of our great psychopathic hospitals told the writer that one day as he was seeking by the promises of Jesus to calm a young woman with an extreme case of manic depressive, she suddenly said, "I see!" And from that moment she began rapidly to recover, and is now holding a responsible position. The habit of constant prayer and thanksgiving, says Paul, brings the peace of God that passeth understanding (Philippians 4:6, 7). And that certainly tends to mental health.

It is an alarming symptom when men begin to have an exaggerated sense of self-importance. A very conceited person is just a little crazy. To such Jesus says, Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Habitual contemplation of Christ and his glory pasteurizes the conceit out of us.

But we should strive not only to get mental health from Christ, but also to impart health to others. A Christian nurse said to the writer, You would be surprised how helpful I find the Psalms in soothing my nervous patients and putting them to sleep; when I take them by the hand and repeat Psalms of courage and confidence, like the one that begins, The Lord is my Shepherd, or Psalm 27, The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? it is wonderful how often they are quieted and go to sleep.

But we shall meet many discouragements. When Jesus came back to the home synagogue and told them that he had been commissioned to fulfill the Scripture which says, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, they resented his assumption of authority to carry out his Messianic mission, and his words, instead of casting out the devils, seemed to cause the very devil to enter into them all, and they rose up in fury to cast him down headlong over the neighboring precipice (Luke 4:16-30). This experience of Jesus should fortify us against discouragement when the home folks refuse to let us do them good. But fortunately when the Nazarenes rejected Jesus the other villages did not. And so will it be with every one who is anointed by the Spirit to minister to sinful souls and heal disordered minds. We can always find those who welcome our ministry and who will allow us to bring to them the grace and comfort and health of the gospel of the Son of God.

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Outwitting the Fox

By LAURA DICKSON

There was once a robin redbreast who was the mother of baby robin redbreast, and they lived in an oak tree in a wood.

She was a very good mother and sang lullabies to the baby every eventide to get him to sleep, and brought wild grains and seeds through the day. A fox had a home underground in the next field, but whenever the fox roamed through the wood after dark the two songbirds were high up and safe in their tree nest. Little Robin Redbreast was very healthy and gaining strength fast, and his happy little cheeps made the mother sing for joy.

But one night the soft south breezes journeyed off and a powerful wind blew in from the Northland. The branch on which the nest was fastened swung up and down, and back and forth, and once the wind tilted it down so low that the baby robin redbreast tumbled to the ground. The mother continued to cling to the side of the nest with her claws until she saw the baby fall, and then she flew down and shielded him from the tempest with her wings, and sang lullabies until he went back to sleep.

When daylight began the soft south breezes were back and the tempestuous north wind had journeyed off. The mother robin redbreast brought the usual grains and seeds, but they ate on the ground since the baby could not fly back to the tree.

The mother appeared cheerful as usual, but she was worried lest the fox come prowling that night in search of a fine supper and find them there.

So when it was dark, one by one she brought a few brown leaves that were the color of the ground, for cover.

The fox came prowling through the wood about midnight, while dry twigs and fallen leaves crackled underfoot, but the fox took no notice of the leaves that covered the two songbirds and soon passed through.

When the fox had prowled thus for seven nights in all, the mother robin redbreast noted with relief that the baby was strong enough to be trained to fly. But there was no nest to push him out of, for he was on the ground; so what was there to do? He had learned to hop and skip nimbly on the ground, and that was all. She thought and thought and finally gave up the problem of teaching him to fly as being without a solution. The little robin redbreast was doomed to stay on the ground and never learn to fly, and she must stay also to help him, but the fox would probably discover them some night and have them for supper.

The eighth night the fox came prowling at the usual hour, about midnight, while dry twigs and fallen leaves crackled underfoot, and this time the fox came closer than usual; in fact so close that the baby cheeped out in terror. The fox drew back in surprise and burst out with a howl of delight.

Both songbirds were distracted. The mother, unwilling to save only herself, hopped and skipped nimbly in the lead, the baby close behind, followed by the fox.

After leading the way helterskelter through the wood and a dozen meadows, the mother came to a deep canyon that she had never seen before. At once she planned escape for the younger robin redbreast and herself.

She reached the edge of the precipice, tumbled down into space a hundred feet without striking bottom, then lifted her wings and glided in a tiny circle about the great yawning mouth of the canyon.

Almost hypnotized with terror lest he be overtaken by the fox, the baby robin redbreast imitated the mother to the letter without once considering that he had not learned to fly! He reached the edge of the precipice, tumbled down a number of feet into space without striking bottom, then lifted his wings and glided in the same circle as the mother, about the great yawning mouth of the canyon. That was exactly according to her plan of outwitting the fox.

Of course, now that the prey had flown, the fox could only stand at the edge of the precipice and stare at the proceedings wide-eyed.

As the mother robin redbreast and the baby robin redbreast mounted higher and higher, the stars came closer and closer until they could almost touch the bright gold. Then they swooped down quite gracefully into their old nest in the oak tree and went to sleep, happy that they had at last come home.—Southern Christian Advocate.

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Thrift, 7:30	6
Calvary, 7:30	7
Huntersville, 7:30	13
Dilworth, 11	20
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Training School, 3	20
Monroe: Central, 7:30	20
Bethlehem, 11	27
St. John's, 7:30	27

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	February
Pfeiffer: Wesley Chapel, 11	6
Coburn Memorial, 7:30	6
Jackson Park, 11	20
Mount Mitchell, 7	20
Mount Olivet, 11	27
Roberta, 7	27

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	February
Cedar Grove: Cedar Grove, 11	6
Orange: Efland, 3	6
Durham, Lakewood, 7:30	6
Durham Circuit: McMannens, 7:30	9
Eno: Eno, 7:30	10

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

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	February
Rowland, 11	6
Red Springs, 7:30	6
Rockingham, 11	13
Cordova (place to be selected), 3	13
Hamlet, 7:30	13
West End, 11	20
Biscoe: Candor, 7:30	20
Carthage: Cameron, 11	27
Stedman: Cokesbury, 7:30	27

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D.S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

	February
Plymouth, 11	6
Roper: Roper, 7:30	6
Chowan: Anderson, 11	13
Hertford, 7:30	13
Washington, 11	20
Bath: Bath, 3	20
Columbia: Wesley Memorial, 11	27
Creswell: Creswell, 7:30	27
	March
Manteo, 11	6
Stumpy Point: Manns Harbor, 3:30	6

NEW BERN DISTRICT

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	February
Atlantic, 11	6
Straits: Williston, 7	6
Beaufort Circuit: Merrimon, 11	13
Newport, 7:30	13
Marshallberg, 11	20
Beaufort, 7:30	20
Bridgeton, 11:15	27
Snow Hill: Calvary, 7:30	27
	March
Morehead City, First, 11	6
Franklin Memorial, 7:30	6
Trenton: Shady Grove, 11	13

RALEIGH DISTRICT

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	February
Raleigh, Hayes-Barton, 7:30	4
Louisburg, 11	6
Louisburg Circuit: Bunn, 7:30	6
Mamers, 11	13
Fuquay, 7:30	13
Tar River: Kittrell, 11	20
Zebulon-Wendell: Wendell, 7:30	20
Oxford, 11	27
Oxford Circuit: Herman, 3	27
Stem, 7:30	27

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	February
Marvin: Marvin, 7:30	6
Halifax: Halifax, 11	13
Rosemary, 3	13

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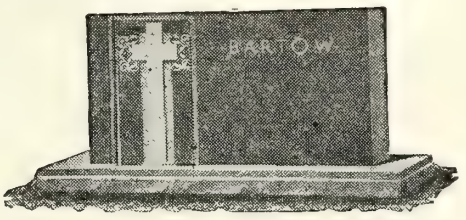
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	February
Fairmont, 11	6
Chadbourn: Evergreen, 7	6
Carvers Creek: Bladen Springs, 11	13
Tabor City, 7:30	13
Garland, 11	20
Bladen: Windsor, 7	20
Maysville: Pollocksville, 11	27
Swansboro, 7	27

John, the beloved disciple . .

in Revelations 21: 19-20, endeavors to express in human language the most transcendent spiritual beauty and permanence of the heavenly city—the everlasting city. He selected, singularly enough, to describe the foundations thereof, beautiful crystalline gems: Jasper, Sapphire, Chalcedony, Emerald, Sardonyx, Sardius, Chrysolyte, Beryl, Topaz, Chrysoprasus, Jacinth, Amethyst, every one of which appears in the minute crystals of





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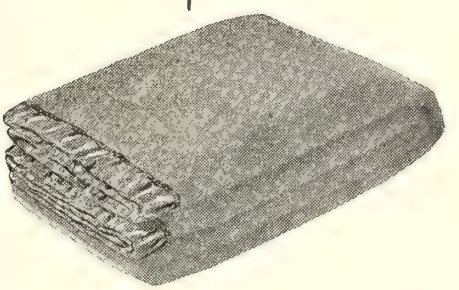
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Children at the Crossroads

By BERNICE BURROUGHS*

How wise Christian strategy in one of our small rural communities is capturing youth for Christ and revitalizing the church and a whole community.

WHEN the children of Walstonburg, North Carolina, study the geography of their section of Greene county, they learned the required facts: Population, 4,000; terrain, coastal plain. And they know without even glancing at a textbook the answer to the time-honored question, "What is the principal product?" Most of them have worked in the tobacco fields and barns. The soil of Greene county, they know, ranks among the world's best for the raising of tobacco.

The more basic wealth within the Walstonburg community, however, is not tobacco, but children. More than half the population is under nineteen years of age. In 1940, with a national average white birth rate of 17.5 per thousand, Greene County's white birth rate was 23.7.

Walstonburg community has changed a great deal in the past 25 years, with perhaps the most important transition the shift of farm management from local to absentee owners. Many farms still are worked by their owners, but the community now has 70% tenant farmers; and 10% workers who rent on a yearly basis.

Until 15 years ago, the churches in the Walstonburg community were rapidly losing ground. In an adjacent county, within one geneation eight of eighteen Methodist churches closed their doors. In the Walstonburg larger community, one-half of the white population was unchurched.

Few could see promise for church growth in such circumstances. Yet Walstonburg represented opportunity to Dr. J. M. Ormond, professor of Rural Church Administration in the Duke Divinity School. Dr. Ormond had been constantly reminding students and church leaders that the reclamation of rural churches constitutes one of the nation's most vital frontiers. Through his influence the North Carolina Conference looked for a community in which to work with the Duke Endowment in an effort to do something for the rural church. Because of its opportunity for service, its high white birth rate, and its strategic location, Walstonburg was chosen. Walstonburg parish could prove or disprove Dr. Ormond's theory that a seven-day-a-week institutional church serving all community needs—spiritual, cultural, recreational—would reach all ages and especially the most teachable group, those under 21 years.

Contrasted with these great goals, the beginnings of the Walstonburg church appeared small. Of 16 members received in November, 1933, eight were children. The following fall, Dr. Ormond dedicated the Walstonburg Community Methodist Church in whose building three agencies had cooperated—North Carolina Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, Duke Endowment and the General Board of Missions and Church Extension.

From the beginning and continuing under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Key W. Taylor, now in his ninth year, work with youth has been the major emphasis. The young people have responded by coming to the Walstonburg Community Church in such numbers that it will be necessary to build a more adequate educational plant. With assistance from Duke Endowment and General and Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension, the new building will provide classrooms, clubrooms, and a fellowship hall for dramatics and concerts and movies. Bowling and other recreational equipment will be added. An outdoor pulpit has been planned, and space for recreational activities out of doors.

A minister of youth now supervises the programs for young people of the entire parish. The General and Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension will contribute to this phase of the work.

Bell Arthur Church of the Walstonburg larger parish has shown similar progress in an enlarged program. Surveys of this open country community in 1942 revealed that both the building and membership were rapidly declining. The Sunday school's average attendance was 15.

The first attempt to revive interest in Bell Arthur Church, measured by statistics, were discouraging. Later, however, a campaign of visitation evangelism on the part of the laymen brought definite results. Something began to happen which has continued. Mr. Taylor describes it as a "perpetual revival," since 51 new members were received during the past year. He gives much credit to Mrs. Stella Roebuck, of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, who served the entire parish before her death in 1947, and who gave special attention to Bell Arthur.

The Bell Arthur Church also is completing a new education building. The church school has far outgrown the historic one-room plant and the new unit will offer added opportunities for youth activities. The new building has been made possible through the laymen's contributions of money and of time, since a number helped with the actual construction, plus aid from Duke Endowment and the General and Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension.

Bell Arthur Church has made another advance that shows the spirit and interest of the congregation in the founding of the newest project of the Walstonburg Larger Parish—Wesley Community Church. Leadership in the new



Walstonburg Youth Attending Church School

* Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

congregation is made up almost altogether from those who have transferred from Bell Arthur Church in order to strengthen the new work. There is much promise in the very location of Wesley Church, since the neighborhood has been without religious services.

Through cooperation with the Duke Divinity School students, working on Duke Endowment fellowships, have materially aided the program, providing recreation, fellowship and well-rounded activities for the young people.

Cultivation of leadership among the members of the church school and in the Methodist Youth Fellowship has been a primary goal. As a result, a number of high school young people have become so proficient in leading meetings that some of them have preached in rural charges where there was need for their services. Through actual experience of this kind in religious work, eighteen young people of the parish have signified their desire to enter full-time Christian service. Five are now enrolled in college. Others now in high school are making similar plans. It will be necessary for most of these young men and women to finance their own education. There could be no more effective evidence of the response of youth to a program in which they have a central place.

Recently a group of Duke Divinity School student pastors collaborated in preparing a pictorial history of the Walstonburg larger parish churches under the title, The Church at the Crossroads. The concluding paragraph of the book sums up the philosophy of the parish program, inaugurated by Dr. Ormond and extended through the creative planning and hard work of the pastor and the laymen. The words are a challenge to every rural church:

"The relatively high birth rate in the countryside provides a basic clue to rural church rehabilitation. The church's greatest undeveloped resource is rural young people. If present trends continue, the majority of them will become molded by secular culture-forms. The hour has struck for the Methodist Church to launch an evangelistic rural youth movement which will reach every crossroads in the country."

The Royalty of a Good Disposition

By HOWARD P. POWELL*

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:31, 32.)

AMONG the many gifts of God, none is more to be desired than the gift of a good disposition. While some of us may have been born with a good disposition, most of us feel a kinship with the woman who was heard to say, "I was born with a bad disposition, and had a relapse!"

The congregation at Ephesus, to which Paul addressed this epistle, like too many of our present-day congregations, needed to cultivate a spirit of harmony among themselves. Obviously, they were not getting along with each other.

That college president who was asked to give a definition of an educated person answered wisely when he said, "To be educated, is to be able to get along with people."

Paul was aware of the fact that the members of the Ephesian congregation were not getting along with each other. Therefore, he gave to them a formula by which they would be able to cultivate a spirit of harmony and goodwill.

I

First of all, he suggested that right thinking and right living must take the place of wrong thinking and wrong living.

"Very trite!" you say. Very well. Then you try to cultivate a good disposition and hold on to your bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking, and malice. Those who have tried the hardest, and who will be honest, will tell you frankly, "It cannot be done," and it can't.

"A nurse in one of the great London hospitals complained to the late Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General of the forces, that she had been rudely treated by some of the patients. "Thank God for that!" was the reply. "What do you mean?" asked the astonished nurse. "Why," said the bishop, "if you are carrying a vessel and somebody knocks up against you, you can only spill out of the vessel what is inside. And when people misjudge and persecute us, we can only spill what is inside."

Jesus said, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." Then how much some of us need to pray fervently the prayer of the penitent psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

II

In the second place, Paul gives to us the pattern by which a good disposition may be cultivated.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Some of us, at least, do not feel too comfortable about the fact that it was a member of a church who said in her desperation and loneliness, "The milk of human kindness has been somewhat watered down." It has!

Too many members of the Ephesian church felt that they could give their gifts at the altar and God would be pleased with them, forgetting that there were unadjusted differences which were robbing many for whom they were responsible as members of the church of Christ.

A rather well-to-do layman bought an expensive gift for a man whom he had wronged and left it at that. What he should have done was to have humbled himself to the point of saying, "I wronged you, limited your influence and grieved your heart, therefore, I want you to forgive me."

This absence of concern for the needs of others came to the attention of one of our faithful ministers when he asked a member of his official board to call at the home of a widow whose husband the minister had buried. The layman was asked to investigate in detail the circumstances in the home. He made the call and reported to his minister after the following manner: "This family is a very poor one, they are in need. I believe they will join our church if they are encouraged. However, it is my judgment that they will be a liability rather than an asset." The minister replied: "Well this church needs some liabilities; therefore, I urge you to cultivate them and encourage them to unite with us."

This one preacher, at least, took seriously the reading of the account of the return of the Master-preacher to his home in Nazareth when he announced: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Even in our homes we become so absorbed in matters of business and social prestige that we overlook the things of the heart which are necessary to transform a house into a home.

A minister tells of how he was sitting at his desk one day when he heard the door open, and suddenly there was a

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sharp cry of pain. Looking up, he saw his little daughter, who had started to enter the room when her little fingers had caught in the door. He jumped, and calling the mother, said, "You better come and look after this little girl." The mother came, and taking the child, said tenderly, "Does it hurt so dreadfully?" "Oh, it hurts,' said the child, "but the worst is that Daddy didn't even say 'Oh!' "

It is so easy to become concerned about many things and forget how to be tenderhearted.

III

In the third place, Paul gives to us a standard by which we are to measure our interest in others.

"Even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

One of the healthiest things physically, mentally and spiritually that could happen to some of us would be to forgive those who have wronged us. It may be that much of it is imaginary anyway. If only we would make an honest effort to compare the extent of God's forgiveness in our behalf with that of our obligation to forgive others, then it would be much easier for us to forgive the little wrongs that have been done to us.

It was the self-forgetfulness of Christ that made it possible for Him to live so helpfully. Therefore, it will be true of us, as we forget ourselves into a life of unselfish service to others.

"Things done in joy are easily done and well done."

Starr Daily says, "A man who was the irritation and thorn-in-the-flesh to the hospital attendants had only been made worse by their forcing methods. I found a crippled baby sparrow for him to care for. It made him happy and changed his life."

Paul would have us learn what he himself discovered, that peace was an interior quality, reflected from the inside out and not from the outside in.

The final test of our religion is a love-filled life.

The great apostle was making an earnest appeal to the Ephesians to place Christ at the center of their thinking and living. Now, as then, such an attitude would transform our individual lives, our home and church life. Our family and church altars need to be repaired, and in many instances, rebuilt.

"Drop thy still dews of quietness
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace."

Practical Brotherhood

By William P. King

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY affords a great opportunity for giving emphasis to the Christian ideal in our racial relationships. We have with us the reactionaries who hold that any attention given to our social obligations is a departure from the "simple gospel," whatever they may mean by the "simple gospel."

According to their conception of the gospel the preacher should beware of the words of Simon Peter, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." He should not even quote in the pulpit the words of Amos, "Are ye not as the children of Ethiopia unto me, O Israel?" In reality I do not recall having ever heard the latter passage quoted by a preacher. I bring no railing accusation against preachers, but the temptation to soft-pedal is sometimes yielded to.

Reverence for the human personality without regard to race or class or nation is central in the gospel.

It is a sad reflection that respectable church members who hold in contempt the Negro race help to create an atmosphere which is conducive to mob violence by the disreputable element.

We owe to this minority group among us an equal opportunity for education. We owe to the minority group an equal economic opportunity.

A Free Translation of Ephesians 2:14-18

Charles F. Boss, Jr.*

For He (Christ) is our peace—He who made Russians and Americans one, and in His own human nature has dissolved the "iron curtain" by setting aside laws of nationalism, expressed, as they were in definite political decrees. His design was to unite the two sections of humanity (neither *of which is perfect*) *in Himself so as to form one new man—indeed, one new world—thus effecting peace, and to reconcile Russia and America in one body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby. So He came and proclaimed the good news of peace to you who are east of the "iron curtain," and peace to you who are west; because it is through Him that Russians and Americans alike have access through one spirit to the Father.*

* Commission on World Peace, The Methodist Church.

Our Duty

The great world's heart is aching
Fiercely in the night,
And God alone can heal it,
And God alone give light;
And the men to bear that message,
And to speak the living word,
Are you and I, my brothers,
And the millions that have heard.

Can we close our eyes to duty?
Can we fold our hands at ease,
While the gates of night stand open
To the pathways of the seas?
Can we shut up our compassions?
Can we leave one prayer unsaid,
Till the lands which Hell has blasted
Have been quickened from the dead?

O Voice of God, we hear Thee
Above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes roll around us,
And the message is sublime;
No power of man shall thwart us,
No stronghold shall dismay,
When God commands obedience
And love has led the way.

—Frederick George Scott.

(Alabama Christian Advocate)

The Turning Point

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman: A Young Man's Problem Helped Him Choose a Career

USHERED into the tiny office, a young, distressed student, haggard and pale, sat on the edge of the chair, nervously fingering his hat. Pleadingly, he stared at the grave face of the Y. M. C. A. intercollegiate secretary, a man scarcely older than himself.

"I came to see you as a last resort," blurted the young man. "If I were at home, I could talk to my own pastor. But because the matter is so personal, I've hesitated to seek advice in New York. Believe me, I'm desperate!"

The young man, it developed, owed money, and felt keenly about it. Sympathetic counsel—and practical advice—solved his problem. But the experience, and others like it, caused the young "Y" secretary to turn finally to the ministry.

"I decided then that the opportunity for service was unsurpassed in the ministry," recalls Methodism's Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of NBC's "The National Radio Pulpit" since 1936, and for 30 years pastor of New York's Christ Church.

Torn between the law and the church, young Sockman had put off his decision after leaving Ohio Wesleyan University. As a graduate student at Columbia University in New York, he served on the Y. M. C. A. staff, and there made his choice of a profession. Since then, the one-time counselor of distraught students has become the spiritual guide of thousands of members of his own congregation, and of millions more in his vast radio audience.—Parade.

A CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Why One Man Gives to World Service

By EDMOND H. BABBITT

Associate Secretary
Board of Hospitals and Homes

A FRIEND told me of being at his desk in a South American city when what he thought was an earthquake caused a great roar. The light chandeliers began to swing. He rushed out onto the street where a crowd was streaming in one direction. Soon he reached the scene of the complete collapse of a new bank building. The great pile of debris was not caused by an earthquake. As my friend stood watching the crowd a man picked up a piece of the concrete structure. He squeezed it in his hand and the cement crumbled into dust. That revealed the cause of the disaster—the mixture of cement was so weak that the building could not stand the weight of the bank vaults. The architect committed suicide and the next day the contractor fled the country.

The cause of that collapse was a lack of cohesiveness. The cement lacked the power to stick together. It did not have enough cohesive strength. What happened to that structure is descriptive of our world. Our world has fallen apart because of a lack of cohesive power. It has not had that something that holds it together. It has lacked binding quality.

I give my money to World Service because I believe World Service is providing our world with the greatest power known to us to hold a world together—the power of the living Christ.

World Service is the unified, over-all program of The Methodist Church carried forward by eleven boards and agencies. It is the Church in action around the world—in mission field at home and abroad, in evangelism, Christian education, lay activities, education of ministers, distribution of the Word, service to hospitals and homes, promotion of peace, and many other emphases. It is the local church at work outside its own community. It is the individual church member at work in far-flung fields which he probably will never visit and in work which he may be ill qualified to do. It is The Methodist Church serving a needy world with its most intensive and extensive program.

I was privileged to see United States government motion pictures of the atomic bomb experiment at Bikini. The pictures were taken with a telescopic lens from a ten mile distance; nevertheless, they were clear and vivid. I never saw anything like it! In fact I never dreamed of seeing anything like it! I sat glued to my seat, tense, excited, my heart pounding. As the terrific explosion took place I discovered myself saying, almost audibly, "O God, what have we come to?"

And Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer's words came forcibly to my mind, "The greatest danger we can face is to know what God knows and not be what God is" . . .I give my money to World Service because I believe it is an anti-toxin for the destructive power of the atomic bomb. If enough energy could flow through the Christian channels of World Service the atomic bomb would never be used. To that end I am willing to give of what I have.

World Service is like help for a sick man. Our world is that man. He has been failing for some time and now he is sick unto death. This is no mild headache; it is a dread sickness. If something is not done, and that right early, nobody knows what may happen. A serious breakdown seems to have taken place in his whole body and his heart is weak and failing. Not only is this condition due to outside forces attacking him but there is a decay and disintegration from within. Something must be done. There must come a transfusion of new life. Healing forces must be set in motion. This sick man must take on a determination to help himself both morally and spiritually and there must flow into him power from without that will bring health and normality. . . . I give my money to World Service because I believe that World Service will do this for a sick world. Through it the life-giving power of the living Christ will flow into our society. It must come or we are lost; World Service is one way to help it to come.

World Service is like a person at work in the spirit of aggressive goodwill. To a Chinese man who is hungry for food, truth and love, it comes with outstretched hands. To a native African who is groping in fear and ignorance it offers light and peace. To an American Indian who feels that his people have been abused and neglected it comes to say that somebody cares. World Service is love in action. It is the Christian way to put into flesh and blood, ready to do millions of deeds of service in the name of a loving Christ. It is not a great impersonal movement. It is a vital, warm human contact of one person with another. The giver is dominated by an intense desire to help his friend—the receiver is desperately in need of help. World Service is you, at your bset, multiplied a thousand times, doing an act of kindness in the spirit of love; doing it because you want to, for the sake of Christ. And doing it better than you could do it because you are not trained to do it.

World Service is the growing edge of the Church. Because of the emerging forces at work in World Service the Church is going forward in city and rural areas, missions and schools, theological seminaries and evangelistic outreach. On a thousand fronts the Church is pushing out. It is not static; it is not satisfied with the status quo. In the Church there is an eternal restlessness. That urge to push forward, to pioneer, to conquer new fields, to bring truth and light and love to old and new areas—that is World Service.

I give my money to World Service because I like to think of it as the hand of Christian service. A hand does its work at the finger tips. At those points, action takes place and results are accomplished. Millions of us must supply life and strength so that the hand can do its work. That work goes on in the name of Christ at the finger-tip points of the foreign mission field, educational programs, evangelistic ingatherings, mission school, lay activities, ministerial training centers, and countless other situations. The great active hand of The Methodist Church is ever at work and World Service is that hand. Unless the hand has its strength and life-giving energies constantly renewed it cannot do its work.

Growth of Crime

Every index from the annual FBI report on down shows a tremendous increase in all types of liquor offenses. In 1944, the FBI reported 1,077,399 offenses connected with alcoholic beverages (drunkenness, driving while drunk, liquor law violations, etc.). In 1945, this figure jumped to 1,228,150, and in 1946 it was up to 1,405,774. All over the country the story is the same. A grand jury in Kanawha County, West Virginia, blamed 85 per cent of all crime in that county last year on liquor. In Charlotte, N. C., adult crime increased 24 per cent from 1945 to 1946, and four offenses in that category — criminal homicide, burglary, sex offenses and drunkenness—increased more than 500 per cent in a single year. In Los Angeles, arrests for intoxication were up from 72,465 in 1945 to 92,108 in 1946. Cuyahoga County, Ohio, officials estimated that of 2,215 vehicular fatalities in that county in the years 1936-1946, no less than 51.96 per cent were due to alcohol. —*A. J. Smith, in American Mercury.*

Cast no dirt in the well that gives you water.—*Proverb.*

Seminars Planned Next Week; Duke Gets Rare Books; Canton Aids Students; Statesville News

MANY MINISTERS EXPECTED AT DUKE SEMINARS

DURHAM.—Many ministers from all sections of the State are expected to attend two seminars on "Our Faith," sponsored by the Duke Divinity School and scheduled to be held next week. The first seminar will be held at Queen Street Church, Kinston, February 14-15, and the second will follow at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, February 17-18.

Speakers include Dr. Harold A. Bosley, dean of the Duke Divinity School; Dr. Thomas S. Kepler, professor of New Testament, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio; Bishop W. W. Peele, who will appear at Kinston; and Bishop Costen J. Harrell, who will be at the Charlotte seminar. In addition, Rev. George B. Ehlhardt, registrar and librarian of the Duke Divinity School, will discuss current books and will show motion pictures of the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam last summer. At the Kinston meeting Rev. B. B. Slaughter, superintendent of hte New Bern District, and Rev. H. I. Glass, pastor-host, will participate; and at Charlotte Dr. E. H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte District, and Rev. Fletcher Nelson, pastor-host, will take part. Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, professor of New Testament in the Duke Divinity School, is chairman of the committee.

Attendance at each seminar is limited to 200.

These special meetings are made possible through funds donated to the Divinity School by James A. Gray.

DUKE ACQUIRES EMERSON COLLECTION

DURHAM.—One of the finest collections in the South, a complete collection of Ralph Waldo Emerson's works and other papers, has been acquired by the Duke University library.

"Gathered together over the years by the noted bibliophile, Carroll A. Wilson, . . . the material not only gives us one of the most desirable groups of publications by an author deemed by critics to be the chief writer in the United States, but also supplements the distinguished Whitman materials reposing on our shelves," writes Dr. Clarence Gohdes, professor of American literature at Duke.

"The collection boasts a complete set of first editions of all the books by Emerson, plus the English editions . . . as well as a goodly supply of the separates of individual orations or essays."

Emerson's first book, "Nature," is still bright in the original blue cloth binding, and " the most important of all his volumes, 'Essays,' could scarcely be matched in its superb condition," Dr. Gohdes says.

A ticket of admission to one of Emerson's lectures made out in his own hand and signed by him is of special interest.

A "show-piece" among the collection is a copy of "The Conduct of Life" (1860) with the words "Nathaniel Hawthorne, from the author, November 6, 1860."

Included also is a program of the Boston Latin School exercises for 1815 which lists twelve-year-old Emerson as the author and reader of a poem.

The collection is now on exhibition in the main library and may be seen through the month of February.

CANTON CHURCH AIDS YOUTH PREPARING FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Central Church, Canton, has established a Memorial Scholarship Fund from which two students are already receiving aid. The fund, designed to help young people studying for full-time Christian service, is available to members of the church, and under certain conditions may be used by young people from the Canton area. The scholarship, to be free, requires young men to serve at least four years, and young women to serve at least two years, in full-time Christian service. Otherwise, it becomes a loan. Students benefitting are further required to attend a Methodist college. If there are no applicants from a young person going into full-time Christian service during a given year, the fund may be used as a loan to other young people from the church.

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to encourage young people to enter Christian service.

BLACKARD ADDRESSES STATESVILLE MEN

DR. E. H. BLACKARD, pastor of Main Street Church, Gastonia, addressed the Men's Fellowship Club of Broad Street Church, Statesville, recently on the accomplishments of the World Council of Churches conference held in Amsterdam last summer. Dr. Blackard, who was an alternate delegate to the international meeting, stated that the first notable achievement was a spirit of unity which characterized the entire meeting. The second accomplishment, he stated, was the establishment of a world conference of churches, with 147 church bodies participating. A further achievement, he added, was the manner in which the 1,500 delegates faced the problems of world brotherhood, and were prepared to meet the situation.

"The challenge of Amsterdam," Dr. Blackard continued, "is to forgive." He commended the liberality of American Christians in helping the people in war-devasted areas, and urged that the sending of gifts be continued.

"I came back," the speaker concluded, "with a stronger faith in Jesus Christ than ever before," pointing out that the great need everywhere is the spirit expressed in the Sermon on the Mount.

KOESTLINE WRITES FOR YOUTH

REV. HENRY KOESTLINE of Charlotte is the author of a 10,000 word article in the February issue of **Highroad,** official magazine for the 2,000,000 Methodist young people in the United States. The periodical is published by the Methodist General Board of Education.

Titled "The Meaning of Protestantism," the article is divided into four sections, one to be studied each Sunday night this month in the weekly meetings of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The article begins with the history of the Reformation and traces the growth of Protestantism in Europe and the United States up to the present time. It concludes with a statement of the major Protestant beliefs.

From 1946-48, Koestline was pastor of the Davidson Methodist Church and is now attending Northwestern University in Chicago, where he is studying for the master of arts degree in journalism.

NEWS FROM THE STATESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H. Armbrust, Superintendent

BROAD STREET CHURCH, Mooresville, has installed a Wurlitzer reed electronic organ in their sanctuary. It was first used on January 30 for the morning worship service and proved so satisfactory that it was immediately purchased. Rev. A. W. Lynch, the pastor, is having his stewards pursue a course of study on the work of the steward in the local church.

Centenary Church on Centenary-Triplett charge, Mooresville, has likewise installed a Wurlitzer organ. It will be ready for dedication shortly. No organs are dedicated until fully paid. Rev. R. M. Varner is the pastor.

Wesley Chapel on the Shepherds charge is now ready for the superstructure on the new church building. The parsonage has been completely remodeled and new furniture installed. Rev. M. A. Osborne leads the membership in these projects.

Clarksbury Church on the Harmony charge has the foundation in for a new church building. A. M. Gaither is the chairman of the building committee and is leading towards success. Mt. Bethel Church on the same charge is constructing three church school rooms to house the growing membership in the school.

EHRENSPERGER CAMPUS SPEAKER

Dr. Harold Ehrensperger, editor of MOTIVE, Methodist youth publication, is the featured speaker at Religious Emphasis Week being held this week at Greensboro College. In these special services, which began Sunday and close Friday, Dr. Ehrensperger is bringing a series of nine addresses on vital spiritual problems faced by young people.

Other speakers during the week include Dr. Eugene E. Pfaff, member of the faculty at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina; Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem; Dr. E. C. Few, pastor of West Market Street Church, Greensboro; Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of Grace Church, Greensboro; and Dr. Claud Bowen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greensboro.

RUSSELL RADIO SPEAKER

BISHOP Arthur J. Moore, Dr. Dawson Bryan of the General Board of Evangelism, and the Rev. Leon Russell of Greenville, N. C., are the featured speakers in February on the transcribed series of radio programs known as "Let the Bible Speak."

This series of worship programs is being used over a chain of 124 radio stations in the South and Southwest. It is sponsored to the radio stations by the Southeastern Inter-Council office and the program known as "Let the Bible Speak" is presented by the Methodist Church and produced by the Joint Radio Committee of The Methodist Church.

Music for these programs is by the famous Methodist Hour choir, which is under the direction of John Hoffman, with George Hamrick as organist.

Pastors in towns where the programs are presented may announce the day and hour of the programs in the local community.

There are blessings in uncertainty; the joy of walking in the untraveled Way, the exhilaration of laying hold on unfolding Truth, the satisfaction of sharing in the unending Life. There is yet more meaning in Christ's word, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."—G. Bromley Oxnam, in "The Stimulus of Christ"

In the Limelight

RUFFIN STATION, F. W. Down Bangle, pastor, has reached its quota of new Advocate subscriptions.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Canton, has recently remodeled the parsonage kitchen with new steel cabinets, sink and linoleum, at a cost of $1,500.

REV. AND MRS. T. H. Swofford, pastor of the Glenwood Church, Greensboro, celebrated their silver anniversary on Wednesday evening of this week.

REV. KENNETH CROUSE, pastor of the Asheboro Circuit, spoke at Trinity Church, Lexington, recently in observance of National Boy Scout Week.

BISHOP HARRELL has authorized appointment of the Reverend Charles L. Ledford, a retired chaplain from the navy, and a member of the Virginia Conference, to the Landis charge.—Walter West, D. S.

JOHN MILLER of Maiden was elected president of the Caldwell-Catawba subdistrict Young Adult Fellowship in a recent meeting at Whitnel church. Rev. Joe T. Melton conducted the devotionals, and Dr. J. C. Stokes of Maiden led a workshop on What Young Adult Work Is About.

THE Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Church, Henderson, was host to the young people of the other churches in town at a regular fifth Sunday union supper. Rev. Troy J. Barrett, conference director of youth work, was the speaker for the evening. Almost 200 persons attended the meeting.

H. L. SWAIN, charge lay leader of Williamston, brought in some $50 worth of subscriptions the other day, putting his charge over their quota. He challenges all lay leaders in the North Carolina Conference to reach that goal. "It's easy to get Advocate subscriptions," he says. "No Methodist home should be without the paper."

PLEASED with the success of their first Family Night, held recently, members of First Church, Henderson, plan to make it a regular part of their church program. The supper was spread picnic style, with the little folk cared for by high school girls. An informal program of humorous contests, stunts, and music brought the evening to a close.

DR. H. P. POWELL, pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, was one of the leaders in a retreat for pastors of the Virginia Conference held recently at Old Point, Va. Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, will be one of the leaders in a retreat at Natural Bridge, Va., February 14-17. Both retreats are sponsored by the Virginia Conference Board of Evangelism.

THE INSTITUTE on the Advance for Christ and His Church of the Raleigh District was held at Trinity Church, Raleigh, January 24. Different phases of the Advance were outlined and discussed by Rev. W. L. Clegg, Rev. Leon Russell, Rev. C. W. Robbins, Mrs. E. L. Hillman, and Dr. H. P. Powell. The opening devotional was conducted by Rev. H. C. Smith and the address of the morning was made by Dr. Karl Quimby of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Rev. H. B. Porter, district superintendent, presided.



Celebrates 91st Birthday

Mrs. N. R. Richardson, wife of the late Rev. N. R. Richardson of the Western North Carolina Conference, celebrated her 91st birthday recently. This heroine of the parsonage lives on Wiley Avenue, Salisbury, with her daughter, Miss Merrie B. Richardson, an inspiration to all who know her.

REV. and MRS. J. O. BANKS are now occupying a new brick parsonage at Carson Drive, completed recently by the members of the Balls Creek charge.

REV. PARKER H. HAGAR, pastor of the Sulphur Springs charge, Gastonia District, wishes to thank the members of Sulphur Springs and Salem churches for generous poundings received since conference.

REV. AND MRS. Arthur B. Pearce, Jr., have moved into the new parsonage of Rehobeth Church, Greensboro District, and anticipate an official open house later.

W. ALONZO BARRINO, charter member of the Marshville Methodist Church, esteemed churchman and citizen, died unexpectedly of a heart attack last week at the age of 75. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. McRae Crawford.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Duckwall and "Butch" of Lake Junaluska, a son and brother, George Michael, on January 31. Mrs. Duckwall returned home to a newly decorated kitchen, a gift of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Long's Chapel church.

UNITED AIR LINES has filed notice of a tariff which, if approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board, will give reduced airline fares to the clergy for the first time in history. The company plans to offer the clergy a 25 per cent discount on basic airline fares. United expects to file a tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board on January 28, for an effective date of March 1, to provide this reduced transportation for all ordained or licensed clergy. Such persons would have to hold a clergy card issued by the company, for which there would be a $3 annual charge. The reduced fares would apply between all stations on United's 80-city system, except Honolulu and Avalon, Santa Catalina Island.

FOUR beautifully embroidered panels, the art of Chinese craftsmen, have been presented to Memorial Church, Thomasville, by Dr. Enmei Yui, missionary whom the church sponsors. Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. George Finch the panels have been handsomely framed.

LONGHURST Methodists have just completed and are now using a $20,000 educational building, which will become a part of the new church construction program which will begin this spring. Officers of the building committee are Eugene Mills, Rev. H. C. Duncan and Mrs. Luther Green.

INITIATING an effort to win a million church members on profession of faith, through the Sunday school, by 1952, a general evangelistic campaign in the Sunday school of the Methodist Church has been planned for the pre-Easter season. Plans for the campaign, some of which are already under way, call for the compiling of prospective lists, a period of home visitation, training classes for church membership, and preparation on the part of Sunday school officers and teachers for bringing pupils into the church membership.

THE UNIVERSITY Methodist Church and the Wesley Foundation at Chapel Hill, during February are laying special emphasis upon Christian vocations in a work guidance program for University of North Carolina students, according to the Rev. Henry G. Ruark, pastor. Mr. Ruark will preach a series of sermons each Sunday morning during the month which will be followed up with discussions at the Wesley Foundation supper meetings. Themes include: "Religion or Life," "The Day's Work as God's Calling," "Christian Criteria in Choosing Your Job," and "Who Will Go for Us?"

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: The Woman's Societies of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guilds in the following churches, West End, First Church, Unity-Fair Grove, Trinity-Bethel, Memorial, and Thomasville Circuit, combined their efforts to stock the cabinet shelves in the new district parsonage in Thomasville with all sorts of good things to eat. The pounding arrived before the D. S. and Mrs. Clemmer did and so the "Friendship Train" unloaded its cargo in the home of City Manager and Mrs. R. M. Cooksey just across the street. Everything has since been transferred to the new house on the other side of Mock Street except one jar of fig preserves which cannot be accounted for. Who said "Nobody loves a district superintendent?"

MISS LAURA LINDLEY, Research Secretary of the Temperance League of America, annually pulls out liquor offenses from the reports of the F.B.I., organizing them for reference use. The following is from her analysis of the 1947 reports: Arrests for Drunkenness—up 17.5 per cent over 1946. Rate per 100,000 of the population three times that of 1932, and reached the highest point of record. Arrests for Driving While Drunk—Up 17.3 per cent over 1946; rate per 100,000 of the population more than twice that of 1932, and reached the highest point of record. Arrests for Disorderly Conduct—Up 7.3 per cent over 1946; rate per 100,000 of the population highest of record except in 1933 (644.9), the first year of repeal. Arrests for Liquor Law Violation—Up 10.8 per cent over 1946; continues the lower rate per 100,000 of the population begun about 1935.

Mrs. Meekins, Mrs. Johnson Hold District Meetings; New Societies Begun; Mrs. Gurney Hood Appointed

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ELECT DELEGATE NOW

The North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet in Front Street Church, Burlington, April 5, 6, and 7, 1949. Elect the delegate from your local society now and send her name with the name of your church, and the registration fee of $6 to Mrs. E. S. W. Dameron, Union Avenue, Burlington, before March 25. This is very important. The Advance for Christ and His Church will be the theme. The various changes affecting each department in the setup of the Woman's Society will be carefully explained. With such outstanding speakers as Mrs. Eloise Woolever, Miss Dorothy McConnell, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson, plans are being made for the finest conference ever.

CHANGES IN SUPPLIES

In writing of the askings for the Supply Department in the January 27th issue of the Advocate, it was not stated that during the interim period of January 1st to May 31st the money would go to the Student Center at E. C. T. C. Please note this. The year begins June 1st and the foreign assignment for each district will be the special project for the first quarter. Omit the home assignment. There are two other changes: for the fourth quarter Durham district will give to Japan, and Wilmington will give to Korea. Money for the Student Center should be sent to Mrs. F. B. McKinne, 303 S. Center St., Goldsboro, before April 30th. There will be no further askings for the Student Center in 1949.

ELIZABETH CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs. E. R. Meekins of Tyner, N. C., became the new president of the Elizabeth City District at the recent meeting held in the First Church in Elizabeth City. She assumes this position from the vice-presidency due to the resignation of Mrs. Glenn Pendleton. Mrs. Pendleton has served the district as its president since its organization. The executive board expressed its appreciation for the fine work done by Mrs. Pendleton during her presidency.

Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of New Bern, conference secretary of spiritual life, spoke to the group and urged that the work be undergirded with prayer.

Mrs. George Jackson, district promotion secretary, and Mrs. Meekins gave the highlights of the work planned for the new year.

ROCKY MOUNT EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board of the Rocky Mount District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at First Church, Rocky Mount, January 18th at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. Russell Johnson, president, presiding over the session. Conference officers and guests present were Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, Mrs. L. A. Watts, and Mrs. Fred L. Johnson. Fourteen members of the board were present.

Mrs. H. M. Grizzard of Kenly was welcomed as leader of Quin-County Zone.

Mrs. J. C. Burwell, secretary of spiritual life for the district, who was in the Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg, Va., with a broken arm, has returned to her home in Warrenton.

Plans and suggestions from the recent conference executive board were brought to the district officers by Mrs. Johnson, the president, and Mrs. Henry Maddrey, the promotion secretary. The secretaries of the various departments gave relief reports of their work and plans for the new year.

Mrs. Maddrey closed the meeting with prayer for guidance in all efforts toward the attainment of those goals set up by the Woman's Division in the Advance.

NEW SOCIETY IN FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Mrs. L. P. Cox, promotion secretary of the Fayetteville District, sends the report of a brand new society in her district—the first Advance society for 1949!

St. Paul Church on the Cordova charge was organized for a Woman's Society of Christian Service by the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. I. J. Strawbridge, early in January.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Annie May Rainwater, Route 1, Rockingham; vice-president, Mrs. Edgar Lisk; secretary, Mrs. J. L. Saunders; promotion secretary, Miss Sallie Andrews; treasurer, Mrs. Bessie Coble. All addresses, Route 1, Rockingham.

The following secretaries were also elected at this time: Spiritual life, Mrs. F. B. Rogers; missionary education and service, Mrs. Nellie Wallace, Rockingham; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. John W. Brigman; student work, Miss Lottie Rogers; youth work, Mrs. Zeb McDougald, Hamlet; children's work, Mrs. I. J. Strawbridge, Cordova; literature and publications, Miss Lula Merritt McLendon; status of women, Miss Maie Watkins; and supply work, Mrs. Hester Hinson, Cordova. All addresses are Route 1, Rockingham, unless otherwise stated.

NEW LEADER FOR RICHMOND ZONE

Mrs. Fred Dickinson, 406 W. Washington Street, Rockinghom, has been named the leader of the Richmond Zone, Fayetteville District, according to an announcement by Mrs. L. P. Cox, promotion secretary.

NEW SOCIETY IN WILMINGTON DISTRICT

The women of Olivet Church in Marietta met at the home of Mrs. W. M. Oliver on January 24. Rev. Daniel Lane, Mrs. Lane, who is district secretary of literature and publications, and Mrs. M. S. Huston, who is promotion secretary of the Fairmont W. S. C. S., met with them and assisted in the organization of the Olivet Woman's Society of Christian Service. There was an impressive worship service, then a statement of the purpose of the Woman's Society, followed by membership vows.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. M. Oliver; vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Oliver; recording secretary, Mrs. N. E. Farrior; promotion secretary, Mrs. J. S. Oliver; and treasurer, Mrs. B. L. Temple.

Secretaries of the various departments follow: Spiritual life, Mrs. Hoyt Harrington; missionary education and service, Mrs. Paul Oliver; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. A. C. Oliver; student work, Mrs. C. H. Hill; youth work, Mrs. Welton Harrington; children's work, Mrs. Paul Oliver, Jr.; literature and publications, Mrs. James Hayes; supply work, Mrs. W. T. Jenrette; and status of women, Mrs. Luther Hayes.

MRS. GURNEY P. HOOD APPOINTED

Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, former conference president, has been appointed by Mrs. J. H. Cutchin to represent the Woman's Society of Christian Service on the Town and Country Commission of the North Carolina Conference. This appointment was confirmed at the recent executive board meeting in Raleigh.

THE BIBLE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Mrs. J. M. Jerome of Rosehill, conference secretary of Christian social relations, has some fine suggestions for a jurisdiction class on "The Bible and Human Rights."

The text book is "The Bible and Human Rights," by Kathleen McArthur. Included in the packet with the text book is "A Guide for the Teaching of the Bible and Human Rights," by Mrs. E. D. Soper; and a pamphlet prepared by the American Jewish Committee. This packet is 90 cents from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio. An essential book to go with this packet is "To Secure These Rights," Report of President's Committee on Civil Rights, $1.00 from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

The aim of this course is to help each one: 1, to understand more fully the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, God's relationship to man, and man to man—and the meaning of these relationships to the peace and safety of the world; 2, to recognize the rights of every human being and these rights based on Bible truths, the Constitution and Bill of Rights; 3, to discover what progress has been made in extending such rights and to what extent our country has failed to protect the rights of our citizens; 4, to find practical ways as individuals and as groups to insure these rights for everyone in the world.

The biblical basis for human rights is found in the text on page 4. The Christian bases for democracy are found in the great documents of all times: The Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Charter of the United Nations, and the Methodist Creed.

Supplementary materials suggested are: "An American Dilemma," by Myrdal; "Into the Main Stream," by Johnson; "Christianity Where You Live," by Underwood; "Labor's Relation to Church and Community," by Pope; "Do You Know Labor?" by Myers; "Brothers Under the Skin," by McWilliams; "The Christian Way in Race Relations," by Nelson; "Blind Spots," by Leiper; "Labor in America," by Faulkner and Stark; "Beyond Prejudice," by Matsumoto; "Action for Unity," by Watson, and "The Story of the President's Civil Rights Committee," by Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

On pages 10, 11, and 12 in Publications of the Woman's Division for 1948-49 will be found further suggestions for supplementary materials of books, leaflets, periodicals, etc. Also the addresses for ordering and the prices.

Rowan, Cabarrus Schools Held; Forsyth, Gaston, Mecklenburg Schools Scheduled for February

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN ROWAN METHODISM

The twenty-sixth Annual Training School for the Methodist Charges of Rowan County closed Thursday night at First Church with the best record of attendance in the history of the school. More than 300 people enrolled and attended during the week. Two hundred and fifty-seven of these received certificates of recognition on the closing night. Every charge in the county was well represented.

Extra Curricular

In addition to the regular class work several interesting educational and social features were scheduled in connection with the school. The youth council assembled for a dinner meeting and a discussion of youth work with Mrs. E. H. Saville on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday children's workers of First Church had a luncheon meeting with Miss Elizabeth Oliver, and on Thursday afternoon parents and teachers of pre-school children met with Miss Oliver. Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., entertained at a tea Wednesday afternoon.

Fellowship Periods

Programs for the assembly period each evening were well planned and contributed to the success of the school. The district Youth Fellowship team was in charge on Monday evening. The Philathea Class of First Church provided refreshments and sponsored a fellowship hour for the entire school on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday the First Church choir, under the direction of Mrs. A. R. Keppel, led the group in worship with several well-chosen numbers. At the closing session on Thursday night a group of students from Livingstone College, under the leadership of Mrs. Myra Thomas, led the group in the closing worship.

Certificates of Recognition

Certificates of recognition were given to the charges as follows: First, 83; Coburn Memorial, 15; Park Avenue, 13; Main Street, 21; Long Street-Yadkin, 23; Landis, 4; Gold Hill, 7; Rowan, 7; China Grove, 17; Central-Spencer, 16; Woodleaf, 13; Granite Quarry, 22; South China Grove, 11; Zion, 1; ARP Church, 1; Central-Albemarle, 1; Second Presbyterian, 1; First Baptist, 1.

Pastors of participating charges in attendance with their people during the week included C. C. Herbert, Jr., E. H. Brendall, O. L. Brown, Bernard Hurley, J. E. Yountz, G. W. Clay, G. E. White, J. J. Holmes, G. M. Carver, H. C. Freeman, H. L. Blackwelder, Wade Rogers.

JURISDICTIONAL RECREATION LABORATORY

Local churches, district, sub-district and conference organizations are invited to register leaders or prospective leaders of recreation for this conference to be held at Mulberry Street Methodist Church in Macon, Ga., March 21-25. This notice is an appeal to get our very best recreational leadership to attend. Excellent resource people will be in charge of the various groups, and the entire program of any church or any group will be greatly benefited by being represented.

Among the leaders are Mrs. Deborah Meader, Cincinnati; Howard Tanner, Wisconsin; Peter Olsen, Minnesota; David Cathcart, Jacksonville; Kenneth Close, Miami; Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Atlanta; Larry Eisenberg, Nashville; Bert Lyle, Tupelo; and E. O. Harbin, Nashville. Send registration fee of $6 to E. O. Harbin, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. After March this fee will be $7. For information write E. O. Harbin, Nashville, or Carl H. King, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The observance of Race Relations Sunday, February 13, is church-wide for Methodists and is nation-wide for most Protestant groups. It is on this occasion that all our Methodist churches are requested to observe the day with an appropriate program and an offering for our Negro colleges. The total offering from the Western North Carolina Conference is directed to Bennett College, Greensboro. When the offering is complete, it should be designated as the Race Relations Offering and should be sent to Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Treasurer, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C.

CENTRAL, CONCORD, HOST CHURCH CABARRUS COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL

With Herman F. Duncan as dean and director, the Methodist churches of Cabarrus County are meeting nightly at Central Church this week for the annual training school. Courses are being given by Mrs. E. H. LeVert, Jr., Atlanta; Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke; and Dr. G. T. Rowe of Durham. Pastors of the participating charges are: H. F. Duncan, J. H. Carper, W. L. Scott, A. J. Cox, N. C. Williams, Jr., R. H. Whitlow, F. R. Love, J. L. Trollinger, C. O. Kennerly, F. R. Barber, J. H. Green, E. J. Harbison, C. W. Avett.

FORSYTH COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL February 14-18

As in former years the ministers and laymen of Methodist churches in Forsyth County are planning for an enrollment of six hundred people in the annual training school. Centenary is the host church and no details are being omitted in an effort to make this the best in a succession of outstanding schools.

Under the direction of Dr. H. G. Allen, district superintendent; Delbert Byrum, dean and director; Ira Shamel, publicity chairman; T. B. Dixson, chairman of the board of managers; B. F. Watkins, treasurer; and Mrs. T. T. Maguire, for texts, every phase of advance planning is being handled effectively and efficiently.

Courses will be taught by Mrs. J. A. Gray, Atlanta; Mrs. Ada W. Smith, Baltimore; Mrs. J. C. Burrow, Columbia, Miss.; Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke; Miss Elsie Ellen Moore, High Point; Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Greensboro; Mrs. E. D. Lewis, Charlotte; Dr. Earl Moreland, Asheland, Va.; and Dr. D. T. Rowlingson, Emory University, Ga.

Pastors of the participating charges are: Dr. Mark Depp, R. Delbert Byrum, C. E. Rozzelle, M. Q. Tuttle, D. B. Mullis, B. A. Culp, N. C. Williams, James A. Allen, J. Max Brandon, C. M. McKinney, J. C. Auman, E. L. Ballard, G. F. Houck, R. W. McCulley, R. L. Reed, A. W. Wellons, C. E. Murray, C. L. Heckard, C. W. Faulkner, Jr., R. E. Bell, T. G. Madison, C. G. Alspaugh, Jr.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL—First Church, Charlotte, February 20-24

The thirty-six Methodist charges in the county are planning cooperatively and enthusiastically for an enrollment of six hundred people in the annual school to be held at First Church. Under the direction of Dr. E. M. Nease, dean and director; Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr.; Miss Marjorie Lutz; Robert H. Stamey, director of youth work; John R. Hamilton, director of adult work; Miss Kate Crowell, director of children's work; and Aubert M. Smith, conference president of young adult work; and others, plans for the school are being developed with considerable interest.

Ten courses are being given by the following instructors: Mrs. J. C. Burrow, Columbia, Miss.; Mrs. Ada W. Smith, Baltimore; Miss Elizabeth Oliver, Mt. Olive; Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke; Mrs. E. H. Saville, Roanoke; Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Greensboro; Rev. Aubert M. Smith, Charlotte; Lloyd H. Snyder, Jr., Nashville; Dr. M. B. Stokes, Emory University, Ga.; Dr. C. F. Nesbitt, Spartanburg.

Pastors of the participating charges are: F. W. Kiker, C. W. Benson, E. L. Kirk, J. W. Fitzgerald, G. N. Dulin, John R. Hamilton, C. B. Newton, Robert H. Stamey, Fletcher Nelson, J. E. Caldwell, Clovis G. Chappell, C. C. Benton, W. J. Miller, S. B. Biggers, T. A. Summey, Jr., H. R. Simpson, J. G. Huggin, Jr., J. J. Powell, J. C. Reichard, C. E. Shannon, M. E. Harbin, W. D. Corriher, A. M. Smith, H. P. Myers, Jr., J. O. Ervin, Grady Spires, C. G. Beaman, Jr., W. B. Davis, A. M. Faulkner, John W. Carter, R. W. Blanchard, A. A. Kyles, G. G. Adams, Jr.

GASTON AREA SCHOOL Main Street, February 13-17

Churches of the Gaston Area will meet for their regular training school at Main Street Church, Gastonia, beginning Sunday night, February 13, and continuing through Thursday night. Courses and instructors for the school are: Understanding Younger Children, Mrs. F. B. Outman, Charlotte; Teaching Children, Miss Elizabeth Jarratt, Charlotte; Methodist Youth Fellowship, Mrs. E. H. Saville, Roanoke; Church Working With Young Adults, Rev. Aubert M. Smith, Charlotte; Christian Beliefs, Dr. J. O. Smith, Greenville, S. C.

Dr. Embree H. Blackard, pastor of the host church, is dean and director of the school. Dr. C. H. Pugh is chairman of the board of managers; J. R. Dellinger is treasurer; and Miss Louise Aycock is assisting with texts and with details of the school in general.

Pastors of paticipating charges are: Dr. W. A. Stanbury, district superintendent; Dr. E. H. Blackard, Main Street; R. C. Goforth, Bradley Memorial; B. A. Sisk, East End; T. F. Higgins, West End; D. L. Stubbs, Jr., Trinity; M. C. Reese, Maylo-Smyre; Myrtle, S. W. Johnson; J. H. Brendel, Central-Kings Mt.; G. W. Fink, Grace-Kings Mountain; A. F. Phibbs, Odell Memorial; H. F. Leatherman, Bethea; E. A. Bingham, Concord; J. S. Gibbs, Dallas.

Home Reports Increased Income, Operating Costs; School Children Helped; Charges Send in Askings

By O. V. WOOSLEY

The Children's Home
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

A home for the homeless. Owned and maintained by the Western North Carolina Conference

O. V. WOOSLEY, Superintendent

FINANCIALLY FIT

A copy of our annual audit covering our business transactions for 1948 is just received. It indicates that we still operate on a sound financial basis. While our expenditures show a decided increase last year over the preceding year, increased receipts were almost sufficient to cover the increased expenditures. The audit shows that our expenditures increased $39,529.51. The increased receipts amounted to $35,-916.98. We had to draw on our reserve for the difference.

OPERATING DEPARTMENT

Our business tabulations are carried along under nine departments: administration, clothing, educational, health, household, laundry, maintenance of plant, sustenance, and other institutional services, including recreation. The record shows that our greatest increases in expenditures last year were in the clothing, household, maintenance of plant, sustenance, and other institutional services departments. Very little increase was shown in administrative, educational, and laundry departments. The health department showed a small decrease in expenditure. Later in the year we will receive a break-down of these expenses from Duke Endowment which will present the daily per capita cost on sixteen service expenditures, this per capita cost being measured in each instance by the average per capita cost in similar departments of the thirteen larger child caring institutions in North Carolina and South Carolina.

FINANCIAL LIFE-SAVERS

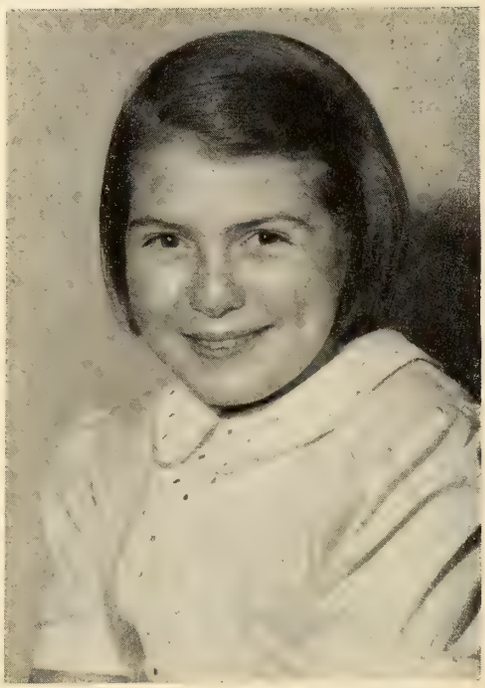
It is very gratifying to note that the financial receipts showed healthy increases during the past year. Increased apportionment payments amounted to a little over $30,000. Personal contributions increased to a little over $2,500. There is again an upswing in endowment receipts, the increase during the past year amounting to nearly $5,000. Fifth Sunday offerings decreased a little over $3,300. Until prices came down, increased sharing with our project ought to go up. We continue to run our business on an economical basis.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

The last school reports contained an unusually large number of red F's. It seems that the Christmas holidays and the breaking into the spring semester had something to do with the study habits of our youngsters. We are noting that Mr. Clary, our school principal, here on the Home grounds, is now conducting a Saturday afternoon school for those who made the red F's. Such a procedure usually stimulates studious habits on the part of those who need them most. The usual run of good grades were recorded, these being much more plentiful than the poor grades.

THE JOY BELL

Since last report the following congregations, whose pastors are listed with them, have forwarded an amount covering their basic apportionment and in a number of instances the total askings for



Good Girl Well Sponsored

The Children's Home during the present conference year. The joy bell in our soul has pealed forth pleasing tones. The joy bell listings will continue through the first half of the conference year. Note the helpers and join us in grateful thanks:

Marvin and Pisgah, Lincolnton circuit, W. L. Harkey.

Weaverville station, P. S. Kennett.

Oak Grove, Friendship-Tabernacle, D. P. Grant.

Riverview, Creston-Green Valley circuit, W. A. Kerr.

Mt. Hebron, Hudson, E. M. Graham.

Welch Memorial, High Point, H. E. Bolick.

Shiloh and Reeds, Shiloh circuit, C. G. Isley.

Pelham, Pelham-Hickory Grove, Howard Allred.

Saluda, B. Fitzgerald.

Long Pine, New Hope-Bethel circuit, J. A. Sharp.

Eldorado circuit, five congregations, Frank Blalock.

Brookstown, Lewisville circuit, R. V. Martin.

Iotla, Franklin circuit, R. L. Phillips.

Fallston circuit, five congregations, E. A. Lamb.

Ward Street, High Point, M. G. Ervin.

Salem, Ansonville circuit, J. R. Little.

FAMILY AFFAIRS

Our family continues to be large one. The total enrollment for last year registered 492 boys and girls. We have not yet figured out the average enrollment but it will probably be about the same as that of the previous year, 409 youngsters. We may have had more short term enrollees than usual and this may have caused to some extent increased clothing expense, since it costs a great deal to fit up a child in clothing, which clothing is taken away by the child on leaving. The health of our family continues to be good. The youngsters are doing reasonably well in school and our behavior problems are at this season of the year more satisfactory than usual. For the first time in years we have sufficient staff members to keep us off the uneasy thoroughfare

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Advance reports from the January fifth Sunday offerings are encouraging. Healthy increases are shown over the October fifth Sunday offerings. We have every reason to feel encouraged over the way our friends provide for the care and direction of our big family.

JANICE IS HAPPY

The picture this week is that of Janice Powers, soon twelve years of age and in the sixth grade. Janice is one of our many youngsters who carry a smile with them, either at work or play. This young lady is sponsored by the Ellen Pemberton class of Central, Concord, Mrs. O. B. Magill being the correspondent. This fine group of women has a long record of attentive interest in youngsters they have sponsored.

OUR BIGGEST CIRCUIT

Rev. W. A. Kerr, in forwarding the total apportionment from Riverview, in the extreme northwestern corner of the state writes: "It is great to be back in the active ranks again. Our work is progressing most encouragingly. I am enclosing money order covering the twelve per cent askings from Riverview on the Creston-Green Valley charge. We expect all thirteen churches on this charge to pay all their obligations in full."

THE INDIAN WOMEN

Mrs. D. H. Dennis, wife of the pastor of the Cherokee Indian charge, writes: "The Indian Woman's Society of Christian Service is sending you a quilt for the children. It was their own suggestion and I am very glad they feel that way about it. They don't have any orphanage for the Indian children. I am sending you a snapshot of our bus and the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as they stand about it. We have a good society. Our women have made several quilts and have given them to needy people here on the Reservation."

Rev. and Mrs. Dennis are very happy in their work with those good loyal Methodist Indians.

A LITTLE EXTRA

A good friend writes: "Enclosed you will find $5 as my fifth Sunday contribution. I prefer to send this to you separately as the collection at our church is applied to the apportionment percentage. I like the old way of giving a little extra on the fifth Sundays for our children.

INCREASED SCHOOL FACILITIES

Plans and specifications for our school building enlargement have been received and we are carefully studying them. We have need for four additional classrooms, a library room, a teachers' room and more toilet facilities. We have the hope that when these plans are submitted to building constructors their bids will be sufficiently low for the work to be started. At the present time our school is being held in different places about on the campus in quarters that are far from ideal.

Facing the Challenge and Opposition

Mark 2:3-8, 16-17; 3:1-6

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Four men formed a syndicate to carry a paralytic to the great Healer, and when the crowd was so great about the door of the house in which Jesus was preaching that they could not get their sick friend into his presence they lifted him up to the flat roof, loosened the tilings and let the paralytic down before him. That was a high-handed proceeding, to loosen the tiling or another man's roof without his permission, but they said, We can make right any damage we have done after we get our friend healed.

Their one overmastering anxiety was to help their paralytic friend. And as Jesus looked up into their eager faces, and into the wistful eyes of the paralytic, he was moved to do more than they asked. He would not only heal the man's body but comfort him by the assurance that God had forgiven his sins. Physicians will tell you that often putting a man's mind at rest is an important prelude to the healing of his body.

Jesus doubtless knew that his assurance, Thy sins be forgiven thee, would be resented by the scribes and Pharisees sitting about, but his eager determination was at all cost to help the sick man, let the scribes and Pharisees say what they would. And then—to put to silence their accusation that it was blasphemy for him to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee—he said to the paralytic, Take up thy bed and go to thy house. And thus he demonstrated that the power of God was with him.

This story is immensely suggestive, for it illustrates what great things we can accomplish when we form a syndicate to help the sick or the sinful. None of those men could have got the sick man up on the roof alone, or let him down before Jesus. And so it often is with those who need our help. A group is needed in order to get a correct diagnosis, and in order that we may hearten one another to overcome the obstacles; and often in order to move a man to repentance and faith not one but several tactful friends must come to him in succession. The great Bishop Thoburn of India once told the writer that the secret of bringing men to a decision is to touch them often enough in the same spot.

It was a very unconventional thing to lift that man up on the roof and loosen the tiling. But Jesus himself was constantly doing unconventional things. Think of his calling the tax collector, Matthew, to be an apostle! That was as though a modern religious leader were to ask a saloonkeeper to leave his business and become a member of his staff. But the wisdom of the choice was at once apparent, for Matthew evidently was a man who had many friends, and he was so thrilled by Jesus' call that he made a great feast, and thus brought a large company of publicans and sinners into touch with our Lord.

There never lived a man who prized the Sabbath Day more than Jesus did, or who was so eager to get from it for himself and others the greatest blessings. But this very eagerness to make the Lord's Day a glad and glorious day, and a day of healing and helpfulness, brought him into violent collision with the straightlaced notions of the scribes and Pharisees. The Sabbath scruples of the orthodox Jews were like a barbed wire fence, keeping men from picking the flowers and the fruits that grow in the Sabbath garden.

One day no one had given the apostles a breakfast; so they were picking the wheatheads as they passed through a field, and rubbing off the chaff in their hands. But the Pharisees said, This is reaping and threshing, and is a sin on the Sabbath. But Jesus reminded them that their great hero David, when he and his soldiers were famishing, actually took the holy bread that had been laid before the Lord in the tabernacle, and ate it.

When a man with a withered hand was before Jesus in the synagogue on the Sabbath Day he asked his critics whether on the Sabbath Day it was lawful to save life or to kill. Jesus felt that a failure to do a fellow man good when one had an opportunity is the same as doing positive harm, and that whoever does not save life on the Sabbath when he can is in God's sight a killer.

Thus we see in all these cases how Jesus, overflowing with a love for man as hot as molten metal, ignored all scruples that hindered his helpfulness. May his example impel us to get from the Sabbath at all costs a great blessing for ourselves and others!

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. W. F. HIX

BISCOE—Mrs. W. F. Hix died January 26, 1949, at the age of 99 years. She was a member of Page Memorial Methodist Church in Biscoe, from which church the funeral was conducted and burial was in Randolph County. She was a radiant example in Christian living.—A. M. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

MRS. BEN GRADY

MORGANTON.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Oak Forest Methodist Church, wish to express our sorrow at the passing of one of our most faithful members, Mrs. Ben Grady.

She was devoted to her family, true and loyal to her church, and ever ready, willing to perform any task in the service of her church and community. Beautiful memories of her life will be cherished by her many friends and co-workers. To know her was to love her. Therefore, be it resolved,

First, In her passing her society, the church, her many friends, and the community have lost a valuable member.

Second, We extend to her family our deepest sympathy and ask God's richest blessings upon them.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the society, one sent to the family and a copy sent to the Christian Advocate.—MRS. H. O. HUSS, MRS. M. B. KINCAID, MRS. HENRY HENNESSEE.

MRS. MARY VINSON BRIDGERS

ENFIELD.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Enfield Methodist Church, wish to express the deep sense of loss that we feel in the passing of Mrs. Mary Vinson Bridgers, December 31, 1948. She was active in the work of the Woman's Society, having served as treasurer over a period of years. She was presented a life membership in recognition of her faithful service. In appreciation of her consecrated life we wish to make the following resolutions:

Whereas our Heavenly Father has called to her eternal home our friend and co-worker, Mary Vinson Bridgers, therefore, be it resolved:

First, That in her passing we have lost a most loyal member.

Second, That we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy;

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to her family, a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, a copy to the local paper, and a copy be recorded in the minutes of the society.—MRS. C. D. GRAHAM, MRS. O. A. BAINES, MRS. NELLIE MATHENEY.

HENRY O. HELSABECK (1883-1948)

RURAL HALL.—Henry O. Helsabeck, son of Solomon and Sarah Kreeger Helsabeck, was born in Forsyth County October 28, 1883, and departed this life December 26, 1948, at the age of 65 years, one month and 26 days. He was married to Minnie Albina Cook December 23, 1908. To this union were born nine children. The widow, five daughters and three sons survive.

Mr. Helsabeck graduated from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1908, and taught in the public schools of North Carolina for many years. He is also survived by three brothers, Clarence and Julius of Rural Hall, and Will of Winston-Salem.

Early in life he united with Antioch Methodist Church near Rural Hall, and lived a consistent Christian life. He was a man of noble character, integrity, and firm in his convictions. He was held in very high esteem by those who knew him best, and he will be greatly missed in his home, his church, and in the community where he lived. We commend the bereaved family to the dear Saviour and Friend for comfort and grace to help in time of need. The funeral service was held at Antioch church on December 28, at 11 o'clock and burial took place in the church cemetery.—C. E. RIDGE, Pastor.

MRS. J. LEGRAND EVERETT

ROCKINGHAM.—Mrs. J. LeGrand Everett was born in Pittsboro, N. C., January 29, 1870. She was the daughter of Dr. William H. and Mrs. Josephine Redding Moore. Her father was an active Methodist minister for fifty years. She departed this life from the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, December 26, 1948.

Miss Lillie was married on January 3, 1900, to James LeGrand Everett, which marked the beginning of a long and active life together. One son was born to them, J. LeGrand Everett, Jr., who now lives in Washington. Her grandson, LeGrand, 3rd, is a member of the faculty of Pennsylvania State University.

"Mother Everett," as she was affectionately called, was not only the daughter of a scholar of repute, she was a scholar in her own right. She was the author of one of the mission books used by her church and she was also the author of the present plan of organization in the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Everett was vitally concerned with the history of her church. Through her untiring efforts a stone marker was erected last year, and a bronze plate tells the story of Jeremiah Masten and Hope Hull, two circuit riders who established the Rockingham Methodist Church. Her book, "The Rise of Methodism in Richmond County," was just completed last year.

We feel her presence here tremendously and are confident that if immortality had not been designed for people in general, it would still have to apply to one like Mrs. LeGrand Everett.—D. E. EARNHARDT, Pastor.

REV. JOHN COMPTON HUMBLE (1872-1948)

HAMLET.—Rev. John Compton Humble, a son of the late Daniel and Annie Humble of Randolph County, was born January 28, 1872. He departed this life Saturday, August 14, 1948, at Cambridge, Maryland, while there visiting a daughter, Mrs. Stacy Lewis.

His wife, who died recently, was the former Miss Elizabeth H. Walters. His two daughters, Mrs. Norman Ethridge of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Stacy Lewis of Cambridge, Maryland, and two grandchildren survive.

Brother Humble retired from the ministry in 1939, after serving as minister in the North Carolina Methodist Conference, of which he was a member for 44 years.

As a minister he was a great gospel preacher. You could not sit at his feet without feeling the heart beat of his evangelistic passion. Brother Humble was once my pastor. Later, after I entered the ministry, I worked with him in his pulpit and he with me in mine. I have seen him close up from every angle and know something of his passion for souls. His ministry was from the beginning full of the glow and warmth of evangelism. He preached with such zeal and earnestness sinners could feel the pull of Christ in his messages. But few of our ministers ever put their hands on more heads in holy baptism than this consecrated minister. He was not only well versed in the scriptures, but in history and literature. His sermons were crowded with the best in the material and running over with the highest and the richest in the spiritual.

John Humble was reared in the country. His parents were farmers. Their home was filled with the spirit of Christ-likeness. They went to Bible school and worshipped in the old Rehobeth Church in Randolph County. While Rev. Philip Greening was holding a revival in this church, all three of the boys, William Bynum, John Compton, and Hilary Augustus, gave their lives to Christ and his kingdom and were baptized and joined the church at the same time. Within a few years all three of these boys were in the ministry of the Methodist Church. And may I say all three were evangelistic and extremely effective ministers of the gospel.

Brother Humble as a pastor was sympathetic and loving. By sick beds and in the homes of the bereaved he could pray the most gracious prayers. He ministered to the rich and the poor, learned and illiterate with equal interest and devotion. He was a faithful shepherd and cared for the sheep, always seeking to lead them in greener pastures.

He spent much time in trying to inspire young men to give their lives wholly to God and the ministry. He was instrumental in leading many in this field of endeavor.

John loved his home. As well as he appeared in all other circles, in the home circle he was at his best. He was always the husband who showed tender appreciation of his companion. As a father he loved his children. He made every provision possible for their stay and happiness in this world. What they are is good testimony to the success of both their parents.

Brother Humble began preaching in 1898, and served the following fields: Spring Hope, Ocracoke Island, Newton Grove, Goldston, Jonesboro, Northampton Circuit, Leasburg, Laurinburg, Rocky Mount Mission, Manteo, Durham Circuit, Battleboro, Whitakers, Parkton, Fayetteville Circuit, Hookerton, Oriental, LaGrange. On leaving LaGrange he retired in November, 1939.

John Compton Humble's funeral was conducted in the First Methodist Church in Siler City, N. C., by the Reverend A. S. Parker, W. L. Clegg, and J. J. Boone. His body was left sleeping in Loves Creek Baptist Cemetery. Many ministers and laymen stood near by and walked away with bowed, uncovered heads.

When the curtains are lifted and the scroll unfolds, we shall expect to see his name on the roll of honor and written in letters of gold.—J. J. BOONE.

Johnnie's Pet Rabbit

"Good-by, son. Remember you are going to be Mother's right hand man this summer," and Father stepped on the train and was rolling out of sight before John could see just clearly because there was something blurry in his eyes. Then John and Mother went soberly home, thinking every step of the way about Father, whom the doctor had sent up to a sheep ranch in the Colorado mountains to see if he could get rid of that cough.

After breakfast the next morning Mother said cheerly, "I suppose my right hand man had better get at the weeds in the garden if we are going to have any vegetables to eat."

John scowled a little as he thought of the baseball practice that day, but he went out to work. The sun grew hotter and hotter, and the weeds had been neglected so long because of father's sickness that it was hard to tell them from the vegetables. John was tired. He lay down under the cherry tree to rest and fell asleep. He was ashamed of himself when he woke with a start, and especially when Mother came out just then with a glass of lemonade with little lumps of ice clinking in it.

By dinner time John thought he had earned the afternoon off, and he was not a bit pleased to have Mother say, "You'll like a change of work, I know, so I am going to have you take these cakes to the people who have ordered them." She pointed to three lovely layer cakes on the sideboard. "You'll have to take them one at a time so as not to spoil the frosting." Mother looked at the cakes proudly, but John frowned even worse than he did over the weeds.

"Have I got to sell cakes all summer?" he asked crossly.

All the bright look faded out of Mother's eyes. "Why, son, I was so glad to get the orders and do the work, because it's going to help Father," she said so sorrowfully that John was ashamed of himself, and said quite pleasantly, "All right, Mother, wrap 'em up and I'll carry 'em like 'Glass, handle with care.'"

After supper John saw his neighbor across the way opening his rabbit pens and letting his rabbits out on the lawn for an hour, and John hurried over, jumping the two fences with handsprings.

"I'm just crazy about those rabbits. Prettiest things I ever saw," he said as he sat down on the grass beside his neighbor.

"A good deal prettier than weeds, eh?" laughed Uncle Garry, as John called him. "I notice you didn't take the weeding very briskly this morning.

"I hate weeding. It's drudgery!" John dug his heel into the ground.

Uncle Garry leaned over and laid his hand on John's shoulder. "We don't any of us like drudgery," he said quietly, "but we find out as we go along that there's a mighty lot of it in life, and the way we do it or don't do it is the making or breaking of us. You know I like you John, but I've been thinking today that the way you take things up this summer—how you help your mother and write affectionate letters to your father up there alone—is going to decide what kind of boy and man you are going to make."

They talked till it was time to pen in the rabbits, and John went swinging over the gate with a new ring in his voice as he said goodnight.

It was a bright morning two months after this that Uncle Garry called across to John, "Come over here and see something worth while." There in a big basket were snuggled one of Uncle's handsomest rabbits and four little fellows all wrinkling up their pink noses as John bent down to exclaim over them. "Where are they going?" he asked, touching the basket.

"Oh, just across the street to live with a boy I know who's been his mother's right hand man this summer," laughed Uncle Garry, adding, "I've kept my eyes open, and you've earned 'em, boy, you've earned 'em."—Apples of Gold.

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February
Huntersville, 7:30 ... 13
Dilworth, 11 ... 20
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Training School, 3 ... 20
Monroe: Central, 7:30 ... 20
Bethlehem, 11 ... 27
St. John's, 7:30 ... 27

SALISBURY DISTRICT
Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

February
Jackson Park, 11 ... 20
Mount Mitchell, 7 ... 20
Mount Olivet, 11 ... 27
Roberta, 7 ... 27

March
Kannapolis: Trinity, 7:30 ... 2
Epworth, 11 ... 6
Midway, 7 ... 6
Salem, 11 ... 20
Albemarle Circuit: Union Chapel, 3:30 ... 20
Albemarle: Main Street, 7:30 ... 20
Rocky Ridge, 11 ... 27
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 ... 27
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, FIRST STREET, ALBEMARLE, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2 O'CLOCK.

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RICHMOND AREA
Bishop W. W. Peele, Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

DURHAM DISTRICT
E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts St., Durham, N. C.

February
Dist. Advance Studies, 10-3:30, Trinity, Durham ... 15
Dist. Advance Studies, 10-3:30, First St., Burlington ... 16
Burlington Ct., Camp Springs, 11 ... 20
Swepsonville, Phillips Chapel, 3 ... 20
Mt. Hermon, Belmont, 11 ... 27
Fountain Place, Fountain Place, 7:30 ... 27

March
Hillsboro, New Sharon, 11 ... 6
Duke's Chapel, Duke's Chapel, 7:30 ... 6
Sub-District Advance, Trinity, Durham, 7-9:30 ... 7
Sub-District Advance, Rougemont, 10-1 ... 8
Sub-District Advance, Long Memorial, Roxboro, 7-9.30 ... 8
Sub-District Advance, Yanceyville, 10-1 ... 9
Sub-District Advance, Fairview, 7-9:30 ... 9
Sub-District Advance, Saxapahaw, 10-1 ... 10
Sub-District Advance, Front St., Burlington, 7-9:30 ... 10
Sub-District Advance, Pittsboro, 10-1 ... 11
Sub-District Advance, Hillsboro, 7-9:30 ... 11
Burlington, Glen Raven, 11 ... 13
Saxapahaw, Clover Garden, 3 ... 13
Bahama, Mt. Bethel, 11 ... 20
Alamance, Sapling Ridge, 3 ... 20
Roxboro, Cavel, 11 ... 27
Person Circuit, Warrens Grove, 7:30 ... 27

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
J. Herbert Miller, D.S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

February
Chowan: Anderson, 11 ... 13
Hertford, 7:30 ... 13
Washington, 11 ... 20
Bath: Bath, 3 ... 20
Columbia: Wesley Memorial, 11 ... 27
Creswell: Creswell, 7:30 ... 27

March
Manteo, 11 ... 6
Stumpy Point: Manns Harbor, 3:30 ... 6
Belhaven: Pantego, 11 ... 13

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
Walter C. Ball, D.S., 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.

February
Rockingham, 11 ... 13
Cordova (place to be selected), 3 ... 13
Hamlet, 7:30 ... 13
West End, 11 ... 20
Biscoe: Candor, 7:30 ... 20
Carthage: Cameron, 11 ... 27
Stedman: Cokesbury, 7:30 ... 27

NEW BERN DISTRICT
B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

February
Beaufort Circuit: Merrimon, 11 ... 13
Newport, 7:30 ... 13
Marshallberg, 11 ... 20
Beaufort, 7:30 ... 20
Bridgeton, 11:15 ... 27
Snow Hill: Calvary, 7:30 ... 27

March
Morehead City, First, 11 ... 6
Franklin Memorial, 7:30 ... 6
Trenton: Shady Grove, 11 ... 13

RALEIGH DISTRICT
H. B. Porter, D.S., 1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

February
Mamers, 11 ... 13
Fuquay, 7:30 ... 13
Tar River: Kittrell, 11 ... 20
Zebulon-Wendell: Wendell, 7:30 ... 20
Oxford, 11 ... 27
Oxford Circuit: Herman, 3 ... 27
Stem, 7:30 ... 27

March
Westover: Pleasant Grove, 11 ... 6
Raleigh, Trinity, 7:30 ... 6
Princeton, 11 ... 13
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 ... 13
Clayton, 11 ... 20

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT
A. J. Hobbs, D.S., 803 Sycamore St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
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February
Halifax: Halifax, 11 ... 13
Rosemary, 3 ... 13
Wilson, 11 ... 20
Battleboro, 11 ... 27
Farmville: Lang's, 7:30 ... 27

March
Spring Church-Garysburg: Lebanon, 11 ... 6
Seaboard: Concord, 3 ... 6
Northampton: Lasker, 7:30 ... 6
Roanoke Circuit: New Hope, 11 ... 13
Littleton Circuit: Vaughan, 7 ... 13
West Halifax: Union, 11 ... 20
Conway: Bethany, 7 ... 20
Norlina: Norlina, 11 ... 27
Middleburg: Drewry, 7 ... 27

April
Tarboro, 11 ... 3
Elm City: Mount Zion, 3:30 ... 3
Kenly: Buckhorn, 7:30 ... 3
Spring Hope: Stanhope, 11 ... 10
Nashville: Yorks, 3 ... 10
Pinetop: Temperance Hall, 3 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: BETHEL, 9:30 ... 19
Bethel, 11 ... 24
Robersonville: Vernon, 3 ... 24
Scotland Neck: Hobgood, 7:30 ... 24
WASHINGTON, D. C., SEMINAR ... 26-28

May
Rosemary, 11 ... 1
Warrenton: Hebron, 3 ... 1
Littleton: Littleton, 11 ... 8
Warren: Prospect, 3 ... 8
Clark Street: Maple Creek, 3 ... 15
Whitakers: Speight's Chapel, 7:30 ... 15
Rich Square: Woodland, 11 ... 22
Enfield, 11 ... 29

June
Stantonsburg, Lebanon, 11 ... 5
Saint Paul, Sandy Cross, 7:30 ... 5
Weldon, 11 ... 12
Halifax, Pierce, 3 ... 12
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 ... 19

July
Marvin: White Oak, 11 ... 3
Evanedale, 7:30 ... 10
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11 ... 17

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
C. D. Barclift, D.S., 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

February
Carvers Creek: Bladen Springs, 11 ... 13
Tabor City, 7:30 ... 13
Garland, 11 ... 20
Bladen: Windsor, 7 ... 20
Maysville: Pollocksville, 11 ... 27
Swansboro, 7 ... 27

March
Duplin: Wesleys, 10 ... 6
Wallace, 7:30 ... 6
Pembroke: Calvary, 11 ... 13
South Robeson: Bethesda, 7:30 ... 13
Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 ... 20
(Dedication of parsonage in the afternoon)
Wilmington, Grace, preaching, 11 ... 27
Town Creek: Zion, 7:30 ... 27

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In addition to the regular Advocate features, editorials, and news colums, the special issue includes articles on various phases of the Advance by a number of the church's top-flight leaders.

Bishop W. C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, general chairman of the Advance, writes the leading article on "There Had to Be An Advance." "From Crusade to Conquest" is the catching phrase heading Executive Director E. Harold Mohn's contribution. In another article Dr. Mohn explains the symbols of the Advance.

Outstanding articles on other phases of the Advance have been written by other leaders of the movement—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York City; Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn.; Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, N. C.; and Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia.

"Look to the Fields" is the caption for a series of stories by the executives of the three principal agencies of the church which are to share in the Advance special gifts: Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, representing foreign missions; Dr. Earl R. Brown, home missions; and Bishop Titus Lowe, overseas relief.

Requests for this special edition have been so great, that Advance officials report that orders received after January 15, may of necessity be cut.

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First Methodist Under D. P. Law Arrives

By Graham R. Hodges

On Christmas Eve the SS Marine Marlin docked in New York, loaded with displaced persons. When the gangplank lowered, down walked the first Methodist D. P. to come to America under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948. Rev. Fricis Timbers, a Latvian, and his wife and mother-in-law had waited many years for this occasion.

Timbers, an ordained Methodist minister, was formerly the district superintendent of the Methodist Church in Latvia and was beloved by all who knew him. He was recognized in his country as a champion of democratic principles as well as a spiritual leader. For the past seven years he has been in one kind of detention camp or another. He lost an eye from mistreatment by the Nazis. When he was visited by Dr. Gaither P. Warfield of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in a D. P. camp in Germany two years ago he was found busily ministering to the spiritual needs of the camp. It was his parish.

Appropriately, the new-comers were greeted at the dock by a fellow Latvian and a fellow Methodist minister. Rev. Oscar Poeld, of Boston, who came to the United States in 1931, was formerly associated with Timbers in the Latvian Methodist Church. Poeld greeted him, not only in the name of the Methodist Church, but also as a friend.

The new arrival and his family were promptly put on the train for Lakeview, Michigan, where a parish and parsonage await them. Timbers was received **in absentia** into the Michigan Conference last spring by Bishop Marshall Reed. Rev. Byron A. Hahn, of the Big Rapids District, will be his district superintendent.

Timbers is the sixth Methodist minister to be brought to America from displaced persons camps and located in Michigan. Much of the credit for getting these men into their present posts can be given to retired Bishop Raymond J. Wade, who early saw the double value of filling empty pulpits and getting folks out of D. P. camps.

Timbers could have come to America years ago. However, he and his wife chose to wait until Agnes Zile, his mother-in-law, could come with them. Mrs. Timbers was formerly a bookkeeper and cashier in Latvia. Both she and her husband speak excellent English—all learned in a D. P. camp since 1946.

These three Latvians are the first of approximately 5,000 Methodist displaced persons due to come under the Revercomb-Fellows Law, better known as the Displaced Persons Act of 1948. They will be sponsored by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, with Church World Service handling the necessary administrative red tape. MCOR will need an average of $100 per person for these 5,000 Methodists. Groups and individuals willing to find homes and jobs for them should write MCOR, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Timbers may be remembered by many Methodists as the one who presented to Bishop Paul N. Garber at an annual conference in Switzerland two years ago the official papers of the Baltic and Slavic Annual Conference which he had carefully and faithfully preserved. He was quite closely identified politically with the Latvian Republic.

Speaking without thinking is shooting without taking aim.—Proverb.

Book Reviews

Jesus Son of Man, by George S. Duncan. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1949. Pages 290, $3.50.

Almost anybody, it seems, can get away with a new book on the life of Jesus, and there are many such volumes printed every year. This book by the principal of St. Mary's College in the University of St. Andrew's, Scotland, is not just another life of Christ. He is as much concerned about the beginnings of the Christian Church and the place accorded to Jesus by the early believers as he is with the details and the meaning of the actual life and teaching of the Master. He is both critical and constructive in his approach. He has written with the background of a trained historical student and with the interests of a devout Christian minister. He has succeeded in presenting an acceptable and most inspiring portrait of Jesus Christ done in the best modern manner, and all who read this book will gain new knowledge and deeper appreciation of the Son of Man.—H. C. S., Jr.

Pastoral Work and Personal Counseling, by Russell L. Dicks. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1949. Pages 195, $2.50.

First published in 1944 this practical and stimulating volume has been completely revised and remade. The author, now associate professor of pastoral care at Duke University, is also associate professor of pastoral psychology on the summer faculty of the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo. He has been chaplain of the Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago, the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, and the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. He is the author of "Who Is My Patient?" "Thy Health Shall Spring Forth," "Comfort Ye My People," and co-author with the late Richard Cabot of "The Art of Ministering to the Sick." He was formerly associate minister of Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. He is much in demand as a lecturer, radio speaker, and leader of seminars for pastors. North Carolina preachers who are coming to know Dr. Dicks personally will be practically glad to know that this revised edition of his excellent and comprehensive work on the pastoral ministry is available.—H. C. S., Jr.

It Does Add Up, by Elmer A. Hilker. Boston: The Christopher Publishing House, 1948. Pages 142, $2.50.

Dedicated to a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. Richard L. Ownbey, these short, pithy essays make a charming and stimulating volume. Rev. Fletcher Nelson says in the foreword: "Elmer A. Hilker is a lawyer, brilliant and successful in his profession. He gives his time and talents to promoting the Kingdom of right relations among men. He teaches a large Sunday school class, takes a prominent part in Scottish Rite Masonry, is in constant demand as a speaker, and what is most important, he lives a life that adds up among his fellows. To know the author and to read these chapters he has written, one feels that his words come from life; a life that is undergirded by a great faith and overarched by a great hope." The author believes "that life is what you make it. It is a building process. Your thinking is your blueprint. If it is confused, if it does not add up, your life structure will be no better." The thought patterns sketched with skill and beauty in these brief essays will help many readers to nobler living.—H. C. S., Jr.

He Giveth His Beloved Sleep

(Psalm 127 : 2)

How sweet is sleep to bodies worn,
How good for minds with troubles torn!
Forgetfulness of toil and care,
While strength renews and wounds repair—
New courage found at dawning day,
Fresh hope for victory on the way.
The Father's arms thus heal and keep—
"He giveth His beloved sleep!"

How welcome sleep to those in pain,
Who long for rest and seek in vain,
Who count the hours of dragging night;
Then just before the morning light,
They fall asleep; then rest steals in,
And steadier pulse and breath begin;
Then, while the daytime moments leap,
Thank God for soothing, healing sleep!

When in the glow of setting sun,
Life's busy day is almost done,
When earthly strength at last is gone,
Loved ones have smiled and traveled on
Where life is new and springtime clear;
More friends are waiting there than here—
Why cling to fading flowers and weep?
"He giveth His beloved sleep!"

—John Cline.

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A plaque of George Washington Praying at Valley Forge, by N. E. Kelly, on the Sub-Treasury Building, New York City

WESTERN CONFERENCE SET FOR WINSTON-SALEM SEPTEMBER 21 -- 26; BEQUESTS RECEIVED

SOME PEOPLE ARE THOUGHTFUL!

By Winnie Dale DuRant, Washington, D. C.

A few weeks ago Rev. J. D. Young, the popular and very able young minister of Calvary Methodist Church of Snow Hill, the county seat of Greene County, was in need of a new car. Today, this is no longer true! Word of the minister's need spread through the little town of Snow Hill and throughout the county like a prairie fire and money immediately began pouring in from non-church members as well as from church members. In an incredibly short time a considerable amount had been accumulated and the only thing left to do was to ask permission of the minister to trade in his used car for a new one.

If Mr. Young was ever so unfortunate as to have lost his childish belief in Santa Claus, I'm sure this gift at Christmas time, from people he has come to know only recently, together with the generous "pounding" from each of the churches, has completely restored it. Ministers **are** people! However, they share so many heartaches and sorrows with those whom they serve that if the Almighty didn't put it into the hearts of people to be kind to them they might become completely bogged down by the load they have to carry. It seems to me that the people in Greene County, North Carolina, are more susceptible to the promptings of the Almighty than people anywhere I know.

DECRIES LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON SUPPLY PASTORS

Dear Editor:

I've been sitting in the meetings lately calling for a great Advance for Christ and His Church, and my mind seemed to be more like a child's, I would say, running to and fro trying to learn a little of every Advance step in our work, and this one big handicap in my church kept cropping in before my eyes, "How can we advance with Christ and His Church when our greatest helper, our supply pastor, with all of his goodness and preaching, can't even preside over our communion table or baptize our children and adults after we put our spiritual program before them? I can't see where our church can advance with Christ very successfully without our pastor performing these most important fundamentals of our church duties.

MRS. D. LESTER LATHAM,
Grimesland Charge, R. 3, Washington, N.C.

Many ministers and laymen sympathize with Mrs. Latham, and would like to find a solution to this very practical problem with reference to the Lord's Supper. Supply pastors, however, are permitted to baptize and receive people into the church. Paragraph 352 in the 1948 Discipline states: "An unordained pastor or a local preacher serving as an accepted supply may, upon recommendation by his district superintendent and written consent of the resident bishop, be authorized to administer the Sacrament of Baptism and to perform the marriage ceremony."—Editor.

BEQUEST RECEIVED BY HOME

The first bequest to the Methodist Home was received by the Home on February 10, 1949. It was left to the Home by Mrs. Livvie Richards Sparger of Mount Airy, N. C. Mrs. Sparger died December 3, 1947. The amount of the bequest is $2,034.58. As reported by the executor, there were some problems connected with complying with the requirements of the will. The Methodist Home is deeply appreciative of this bequest and desires to publicly express its appreciation to all the parties concerned. We realize that such gifts are the expression of much thought, and devotion to the interests of the church institutions. The good woman making this provision thus evidenced her love for the cause of her Lord and the interest of her church.

C. M. PICKENS.

Editor's Note: It is understood that the Children's Home, Winston-Salem, and Hugh Chatham Hospital, Elkin, each received $2,034.58 as a bequest from the will of Mrs. Sparger. Thus the total for the three Methodist institutions is $6,103.74.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO MEET IN WINSTON-SALEM, SEPT. 21-26

On behalf of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, its Entertainment Committee has accepted with deep appreciation the gracious invitation of the Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, Dr. Mark Depp and Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, pastors, and Dr. H. G. Allen, District Superintendent, to hold its 1949 session in that church. The Entertainment Committee feels that the entire membership of the Conference will look forward with great joy to meeting in this hospitable church and city.

In order to avoid a conflict with other conventions meeting in Winston-Salem, Bishop Costen J. Harrell has most graciously set the date of the Conference for September 21-26.

EMBREE H. BLACKARD,
Chairman Conference Entertainment Com.

A NEW EARTH

From a Sermon by G. C. Graham*

Text: "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:5).

John said he saw a "new earth" as well as a "new heaven." If we wish to keep our contemplation of what we anticipate as heaven as something much more glorified than anything we expect on earth, then we can concentrate our thoughts on the new earth and the "all things" that pertain to it. What's new about the earth to date—this old reeling and rocking world that we live in? What has the Man on the throne altered in the world that is making it new?

1. Christ has put a new spirit in the world—a spirit of love and mercy.
2. Man's inhumanity to man is going out, and brotherhood is coming in.
3. New hope is flaming among all races —for justice and for peace.
4. Womanhood has a new status, the true conterpart of manhood.
5. Childhood is moving from the rim to the center in human value.
6. The home is taking rank as the cornerstone of civilization.
7. Stewardship of life is replacing the idea of the tenant or the guest.
8. The Sabbath day has been made new, hallowed by glorious events.
9. Religion that regenerates, liberates, and empowers its adherents is here.
10. The great Teacher has exalted scholarship and founded a new culture.
11. The beginnings of democracy, government of the people, by the people, and for the people, are at hand.
12. Christ has given a new definition of neighborhood, including all mankind.

*Pastor of the Coleridge Charge, Thomasville District.

WELDON AND GOLDSBORO LEAD THIS WEEK

The new editor is deeply grateful to all who have sent in fine lists of subscriptions during recent weeks. He knows full well that he will need to depend on the support of the people in the field to produce the kind of church paper our people want and deserve. Keep on sending in subscriptions. Help us place the Advocate in more Methodist homes, and we shall do our best to give you a paper worthy of your support.

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How Shall We Answer Charges Against Garber?

Church people of this area were shocked a few days ago to learn from press reports that Bishop Paul N. Garber, general superintendent of Methodist work in the Geneva area, along with other Protestant leaders, had been accused by the Bulgarian government of serving as contact persons for a group of fifteen churchmen in Bulgaria arrested on charges of espionage and treason.

At the moment the facts are fragmentary and confusing. It is, therefore, impossible to make an accurate diagnosis of the situation. From this distance, and with such meager information, it is impossible to know whether or not the Bulgarians are guilty as charged, or whether the other eleven British and American citizens named as contacts are guilty. Those who know Paul Garber, however, do not believe that he is even remotely guilty of conscious wrong-doing. It is quite possible that he, like any of us, has made some error of judgment. It is also possible that some designing individual or group has taken advantage of his friendship and generosity. But they cannot believe that he would wittingly engage in political activity at the expense of any European government. Those who have seen his work first-hand, report that Bishop Garber has been particularly careful not to say or do anything that would involve himself or his church in political affairs. He has gone out of his way to cooperate with existing governments. It is a well known fact that he is held in the highest esteem by people and government officials alike. Dr. Karl Quimby, who represented the general Board of Missions and Church Extension at the seven District Advance rallies held recently in the North Carolina Conference, and who visited behind the "iron curtain" last summer, quoted a high Polish official as saying that no person was more welcome in Poland than Bishop Garber. Wherever he has gone, we are confident that Paul Garber has done nothing to discredit himself, his church, or the land of his birth; neither has he done anything to betray the people or the government whose guest he has been.

What then lies back of these charges? Here again the facts are not at hand. It seems quite likely, however, that Bishop Garber—as well as the other eleven men accused of being contacts, and perhaps even the fifteen Bulgarian Protestants—is the victim of a communist plot to embarrass and discredit Christian work everywhere. The communists are out to destroy religious liberty and every other liberty that does not conform to the communist pattern. A few days ago a Catholic cardinal was their hapless victim. Today it is one of our own number. There is no telling where they may strike tomorrow.

Now, Christians cannot afford to be Red-baiters; nor can they afford to declare war on any political system as such. Neither can they afford to look with easy optimism on the communist menace. The times call for cold realism. The terrible events involving the Christian Church in Europe in recent weeks serve as a warning to all Christians of what may lie ahead. The storm clouds of revolution and darkness are hovering perilously near. Our generation is in danger of losing the priceless religious liberty for which our fathers gave their lives. The attempt to discredit the work of the church indicates how mad men are becoming. Where this madness will lead we cannot yet contemplate.

Friends of Bishop and Mrs. Garber will pray for them in the hours of their great testing. But they will do more than pray. They will redouble their efforts to support Bishop Garber in the monumental work he is doing throughout the Geneva area. The two conferences of the State have made this area the territory to which most of their mission specials will be directed during the present quadrennium. The communists are flinging at North Carolina Methodists the challenge of a lifetime. Our people will answer that challenge with their prayers and dollars and gifts until the entire continent of Europe will feel the power and love of the gospel Paul Garber has sought to share with a broken, bleeding, needy people. This will be their reply to those who seek to stop him and the healing ministry which he has so effectively wrought.

AWAKING

Awaking from slumber,
To a new dawn;
Time's calling my number—
Life must go on!
I am but little,
With a small part to play;
Help me, Lord Jesus,
To fill it today!

Are men awaking
To one brotherhood?
Are nations seeking
A world that is good?
Divine light is leading,
Truth is not still;
World-peace is coming,
In God's holy will!

Are you awaking,
From prejudice and hate?
A brother-role taking
Toward peoples, small or great?
If you longer slumber,
Time will pass you by;
Gleams of early morning
Flash across the sky!

—John Cline.

Bon Voyage, Henry!

By the time most of our readers have received this issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., will be on his way to Norfolk where he will board the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt for a tour of duty in the Caribbean area as a naval chaplin. A month later he expects to return to the States and assume his duties as associate editor of the World Outlook. Again, we express our appreciation to Dr. Sprinkle for the outstanding job he did as editor and business manager of this paper. The contribution he made to the stability and dignity of this periodical will be felt for many years. We particularly want to thank him for his invaluable help during the past several weeks. In addition to his wise counsel and practical assistance he has given at the office here, he and Mrs. Sprinkle have graciously opened their home to us, and have done everything possible to make our stay here pleasant and happy. Both will be greatly missed by the Advocate staff, and all here join their many, many friends throughout the State in extending to them our prayers and best wishes as they enter a larger field of service.

A RADIO FEATURE

Religion and Health No. 3 . . .

"Lending Out Our Minds"

By DR. RUSSELL DICKS*

ROBERT BROWNING, the poet, has a phrase in one of his poems which reads, "God teaches us to help each other, lending out our minds."

The practice of lending out our minds, our hearts, and our affections, is as old as religion. Of more recent years we have been discovering that lending out one's mind is an art. Like any art the art of helping people calls for discipline, skill, and a devotion to the task. The practice of this art in the church and in religion we call pastoral care.

Pastoral care means, simply, ministering to individuals. It is as old as religion, but of more recent years, in the light of modern psychology and psychiatry, new knowledge is being brought to the task, and new methods are being described, which enable us to be more effective and more helpful than previously. Psychology has made great strides in helping us to understand ourselves. Why we act as we do; why we hate as we do; and why we love, or are not loved. We now know a great deal about what underlies human behavior and the way our minds work. I said, we know a great deal, but even so there is much that we do not know, for less than fifty years ago man began the serious study of himself. We know far more about animal husbandry, about how to raise plants and animals, than we know about how to raise kids; and I might add: how to keep them from driving their mothers and fathers crazy. The knowledge that we do have, and which year by year is increasing, is now coming to be utilized by ministers in their work as pastors. Now we can speak with a good deal of authority upon what I have come to call, the new pastoral care. We bring this message because we believe that church and non-church, Christian and non-Christian, need to know what ministers are about, because we know of the tremendous emotional-spiritual needs of our people, which in many instances underlie illness, marital difficulty, and unhappiness in general. And above every thing else, because increasingly there is help available for you, if you will seek it. Recently we talked about how God floods into our minds and bodies, to renew us in hope and health, when we permit Him to; today we are talking about another kind of help that is available to all: help which comes through your pastor's work and through the fellowship of the church.

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In 1933 I became a hospital chaplain. My interest in ministering to the sick grew out of an extensive period of illness during which my own faith shipwrecked, not because I did not have good surgical and medical care; I was in probably the greatest hospital of its kind in the world. Nor because I did not have good nursing and dietary care, nor because my bill was too high; I received free care. My faith was shot to pieces because of the experience of excessive pain and because I received inadequate spiritual-pastoral care. Who would think that a person studying for the Christian ministry would need pastoral care? Apparently no one did, myself included, for I received practically none, and I did not request any. I have often wondered what would have happened if I had.

Upon graduating from the seminary I went to work in a hospital as a chaplain expecting to stay three months; I stayed four and a half years. I was determined to discover what religion had to say to suffering people and I wanted to learn how to help sick people, for if religion could not help people during illness I did not think it could help people any time; for in illness, I had discovered through bitter experience, one dealt with the fundamentals of living. In illness sham and conceit and false fronts and the store-window-dressing of Sunday morning, with its clean white shirt and its pleasant manner, give way to the raw material of living; to pain and discouragement and fever and helplessness and desperation. In the hospital kindness is not something talked about, but something performed; there love is carried out in deeds rather than in words, and prayers are a cry in the night.

The good minister, by wise and sympathetic understanding, sometimes merely by listening, guides frustrated and needy souls to physical, mental and spiritual health, personalizing the Man on the Cross as He personalized God.

With this background and with this skepticism I entered the hospital as a chaplain. That was in 1933. Since that time I have served a total of twelve years as a hospital chaplain in three different hospitals. Since 1933 we have made great strides in reclaiming the task of ministry to the sick; we have vitally influenced the trend of theological education and the preparation of young men for the ministry, and we have developed and described the new pastoral care, of which ministry to the sick is a part.

One of the things which we discovered, and which you ought to know, so that you will understand the pastoral care which you receive, is that our people are helped not so much by what the minister says to them as by what they say to the minister. This we call creative listening. It could be described also as the art of lending out your mind, and, it needs to be added, lending out your hopefulness and your affection.

Let me give you one illustration. Early in my ministry in the hospital I was asked by a social worker to see a patient because of the desperate situation the woman faced. She was fifty-five years old, a widow, a hotel worker who went south to work in the winter and north in the summer. Now she was sick with a heart condition which would prevent her from working again. She was without money, without family, without friends. Not a very pleasant condition to find oneself in. So I went to see her at the request of the social worker. Neither of us know what her religious preference was or what she would think of a minister coming to see her; but I went anyway.

I introduced myself simply by saying, "I am a minister working in the hospital and I heard about you being here."

Tears stood in her eyes as she put out her hand to me and then motioned me to sit down. Twenty minutes later as I rose to leave she said, smilingly, "Thank you for coming to see me. I feel better." And she did seem better, but I wondered why. What had we done? We had talked; that is, she had; I had listened. She had told me about herself, her illness, her lack of family, her failure to make permanent friends as she moved about the country, her failure to save money or to build up financial security of any kind which now could help her.

"But where is religion in all that?" someone may be thinking. The religion is personalized and carried in the mind and thought and hope and discipline of the minister, which enables him to go to the lonely persons and so conduct himself and his words that courage displaced depression, that a sense-of-dignity and worthfulness was felt by those

lonely and discouraged persons. Why were we there any way? We were there, and the whole experience was possible, both our going and the welcome we received because God through Christ had gotten hold of us. "The Hound of Heaven," as Francis Thompson called Him, hotly pursues us, sending us into all kinds of places to seek out persons which we knew needed help. The minister is capable of loving people because of the wellsprings of affection which have been released within him through his knowledge and understanding and experience with the Mind and Nature of God. And back of the minister stands the Christian fellowship—the church—where a similar type of affection exists.

At the very heart of pastoral care, at the very heart of the practice of helping each other through lending out our minds, is this flow of affection, this feeling of love that St. Paul was writing about in his great letter to the Corinthians. "Faith, hope and love," writes St. Paul, "but the greatest of these is love."

Love was the method of our Lord. He did not argue people into the kingdom, or preach them in, or organize them in: He loved them in. Those people who were attracted to Him, even those tradesmen and petty politicians, who left their work and their homes to follow the Galilean peasant around the country side, none of them seem to have understood his message or what He was talking about until some time after the crucifixion. The Christian Church started in an upper room where a little band of people who had fallen in love with the central figure of the Christian religion gathered in fellowship. From that time until this, the same kind of concern for Him and for each other has been spilling over into the lives of all kinds of people, some of whom are sick and distressed, discouraged and lonely, apprehensive and afraid. Remember that your pastor is as near as your telephone, but unless you let him know of your need he may not find you. Certainly he is apt not to find you at the time you most need to talk with him: to borrow of his mind and his affection, his quiet faith and creative hopefulness.

And now let me sum up all that we have been saying in a little poem-meditation. It is the parishioner who speaks:

"Today my pastor came to see me. I didn't know him well before he came and I knew little about him after he left, and yet it seemed like I had known him always. He hasn't been at our church long and I've only heard him preach once or twice. As we talked he began to seem more and more familiar. I inquired where I had seen him before, but so far as we could discover we'd never met. He inquired about my work and what I did. Presently I found myself talking about it, and about some of the people I work with, and some that I don't like. As I talked I suddenly came to realize that maybe they had worries and troubles, too. Strange that I hadn't thought of that before.

"He inquired about my family and about my boy whom I've been worried about. I wish he'd been here a year ago when we were having a lot of trouble. Somehow I think he would have been able to help. He did seem awfully familiar as we talked, so easy to talk to . . . like an old friend . . . like someone you've known a long time.

"After he had left I felt like doing something I'd have to stretch to do. Curious you should feel that way just because your pastor came to see you. I still keep feeling I have seen him somewhere before. . . .

"I seem to have heard about someone being sick and someone going to call, about being in prison and someone's going there.

"A pastor came to Jerusalem
And stood on the temple steps;
They dragged him through the city streets,
To a cross above the city;
That's where I've seen him before—
On a cross above the city."*

Well, that's your pastor's task as we understand it: to personalize the man on the Cross, as He personalized God.

*From "Pastoral Work and Personal Counseling," Revised Edition, Dicks, Macmillan Company.

Faith in Each Other

A certain woman, blind from birth, stood at a busy corner in a city. She waited for someone to help her across the intersection. Soon a gentleman beside her said, "May I go across with you?" She replied, "I should be very glad." When they had safely reached the other side and stood talking a few minutes, each learned that the other was blind. Yet each had crossed the street in the belief that the other could see. They asked the question, "How did we ever get across?" The gentleman said, "I think it was because we had faith in each other." Faith in another inspires faith and oftentimes leads to courageous action.—*Harold S. Winship.*

God Speaks to the Soul

In a day of national calamity, when the old religion had crumbled about him, the psalmist declared in amazement, "O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me." Isaiah in the temple, Joan of Arc in the church, General William Booth in the Methodist chapel, John Wesley in the Holy Club—each knew that God spoke to his or her soul with a personal word. God's way was in the sanctuary for them as individuals. God in Jesus Christ speaks a personal word to the soul if we have ears to hear.—*John Hellon.*



Christ Jesus, the Way . . . in China*

TO Chinese youth today, disillusioned and frustrated, but with a tradition of direct participation in movements for relieving the suffering of the masses, what elements of the Christian message come with greatest directness and appeal?

Initially, not a message at all in its verbal sense, but a life, a personality—that of Jesus of Nazareth. When introduced to him, youth feel the pull of a strange attraction and discover that once having truly seen him, they can deny, betray, attack, or follow, but never forget. His figure does not disappear into the dim past but comes down through the centuries, looming ever larger, ever clearer. To those who walk with him, he shows the need of the world. They find themselves forgetting their problems and their depression. They find a strange joy in new tasks and an upwelling love for people.

No wonder this man appealed to youth: a carpenter who had no place to lay his head; a simple friend of the poor who spoke as no man ever spoke; who went through the subtlest of temptations, yet without sin. He called men to be perfect yet, mixing with the worst of sinners, he announced: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord," and proceeding to carry out this anouncement, started a revolution that has affected every country and the whole of life.

All this and more! There is no exhausting of him! He lived at a time like this and faced the problems youth now faces, yet met them with a mastery so complete that youth are given hope and courage. As they let him live within them they find his victory becoming theirs.

Here was a balanced perfection of character: one who did hard physical labor gladly, who thought to the heart of matters and spoke with convincing clarity and authority, who was equally at home with fishermen, tax collectors, foreign soldiers, wealthy Pharisees, children; who suffered without complaint or self-pity, whose strength was unbreakable yet never hard, whose love was kind and forgiving yet never soft or weak, who was perfectly good yet conscious that all goodness comes from God. Antagonism, betrayal, and the most horrible of executions could not touch the integrity of his spirit, the quality of his life, or the purity of his love. In him, youth finds salvation from self, deliverance from sin, and regeneration amidst moral collapse and defeat.

To youth, tempted by shortcuts to Utopia, Christ showed that a radical revolution without direct use of violence or coercion was possible. He who said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are the meek, blessed are the peacemakers," so disturbed his generation, was so practical, so uncompromising, so active, so creative, so absolute in his demands, that his contemporaries, from the peasants to the rulers, had to take him so seriously there was no alternative but to accept him or kill him. In the end, though they had put him to death, they found they had not stopped him. As he had triumphed in life, so he conquered death itself. He rose to collect his disheartened followers and launch a movement that has spread into every country on earth. . . .

Chinese youth leaders point youth to the eternal and abiding friend of youth—the Carpenter of Nazareth, and offer Him not as an easy way, but as the best way for all youth.

To youth fatigued by the wild rush of this age and its tensions and brutalities comes the quiet invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Christ's tenderness, his concern for the sick and the weary, the broken-hearted and the sin-laden, brings healing and refreshment to youth startled and hurt by the present brutality.

To those who think that religion brings a false comfort or subjective compensation, and is in fact an opiate, comes the challenge to a life of service and sacrifice. "He who would come after me, let him take up his cross, and follow me."

Will youth turn aside at this point? Some will, sensing that the cross judges even as it reveals the forgiving and redemptive love of Christ for his enemies and sinners. . . . At the cross, whether young or old, men must make a decision. Chinese youth are no exception. They may not like to talk of sin. It is a dark subject, but at the cross it is brought to light so vividly that it can no longer be hidden or excused. . . .

But the cross not only judges. Christ . . . revealed that there is forgiveness and healing and a chance to repent and begin again. . . . Christ did take upon himself the sin of the world and because of this act, man now finds himself in a new relationship with God. . . .

The world must ultimately come to terms with Christ. . . . He is the Saviour. If he were not of God his way would be but an attractive ideal, and youth would sorrowfully wish the world were like that. The surprising and wonderful thing is that the world is like that, that Christ has full cosmic support. . . He offers man a new consciousness of sonship, fellowship with God, the very life of God. Without it, youth wanders aimlessly down the years. . . . With it . . . there is growth, fulfillment, and vocation: active participation in a community and a cause—something to live and die for gladly.

*From the findings of a group of the recent National Youth Worker's Conference, Soochow, China.

George Washington—Christian

By ELMER ELLSWORTH HELMS

Oliver Wendell Holmes says, "The training of a child should begin a hundred years before the child is born." George Washington's was. Born February 22, 1732, he was baptized when eight weeks old and united with the church at 13 years. He became a working member. He proved his faith by his works. He was vestryman or warden of three different churches, and a member of the building committee of all three. The Rev. Lee Mossey said, "I never knew so constant a church attendant as Washington."

What he practiced before the public, he likewise practiced in private. The day was begun and ended with family devotions—the reading of the Bible and personal prayer. In his writings occur 80 different names for God.

Two documents reveal as nothing else a man's inner self: his diary and will. In his diary his two most frequent entries refer to church attendance and Bible study and prayer. In his will, item one reads, "I leave my personal Bible, which I have used for years in my own personal devotions, to the Reverend Byron Lord Fairfax" (his pastor).

He stood foursquare against the most gambling, drunkenness. He lived like a flagrant sins of his time—profanity, gambling, drunkenness. He lived like a Christian, he talked like a Christian, he died like a Christian. The last audible words from his lips were, "Father, take me to thyself."—Upper Room Pulpit.

He who lifts one up must stand on high ground.—*Proverb.*

A CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Bishop Garber, Accused by Bulgarian Communists, Is Safe in Geneva; Cablegram Received

CHARGES AGAINST GARBER DISCOUNTED HERE

NO CREDENCE is given in church circles here to the charges made a few days ago by the communist-dominated Bulgarian government that Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Geneva area, is guilty of acts hostile to Bulgaria. The charges, which involve eleven other British and American citizens, followed the arrest of 15 Bulgarian Protestant leaders accused leaders accused of treason, violating currency laws, and spying for the United States and British. All the Bulgarian church leaders are alleged to have confessed their guilt.

Although the evidence against the accused British and American officials is not revealed, the Bulgarian government charges that they served as contact persons for those passing on vital information to England and the United States.

It was not known at the time the reports were circulated whether or not Bishop Garber was safe. Reliable sources, however, state that they have been in touch with him during February, and that he is now in Geneva. The same authority stated that he has not been in Bulgaria since 1947.

Although reports coming out of Bulgaria are conflicting and unreliable, it seems probable that this is the first attack in that nation made on Protestants by the communists. There are four main Protestant groups, consisting of Congregationalists, Methodists, Baptists and Pentecostalists. According to a dispatch to the Christian Science Monitor, the majority of the Bulgarian Protestant pastors are under arrest, and the entire Protestant movement is in peril. All Protestant schools, including Sunday schools, are closed. Youth organizations are not allowed to function, and all missionary institutions are closed.

Many church officials are worried about the sudden turn of events in Bulgaria, and are seeking to get direct information on the status of American church workers in the troubled areas.

The following cablegram received in the office of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta, Ga., on Monday, February 14, was sent to the Advocate office by Dr. W. F. Quillian, and received Tuesday morning just before press time:

"Am neither arrested nor indicted am only listed as one of thirteen reactionary American and British citizens who have visited Protestant leaders in Bulgaria. . ."

Signed, GARBER.



Bishop Paul N. Garber

"THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD" IS OUTSTANDING RADIO PROGRAM

"The Greatest Story Ever Told," the radio program which dramatizes the teachings of Christ, has had remarkable success. Daring to be different; undertaking to present religion in modern manner on a national network, with innovations in the production, presentation, and theory behind the program, it was almost immediately recognized as an outstanding job, and has ranked as about the best thing radio has done in the past decade.

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" approached the job of religious broadcasting in an entirely new spirit. First, though the program is sponsored by The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, it was decided to reflect the spirit of the program in its own actions, and no commercial reference or institutional comments were permitted on the program. It was offered distinctly as a public service program. Only sponsor identification, as required by the Federal Communication Commission, was given. Not even the sponsor's address was used.

Second, the same spirit was adopted by everyone connected with the program. To keep the sincere and reverent tone that is necssary for effective performance, no studio audience is permitted. The cast and others connected with the performance of the program remain anonymous, so that no special fanfare or publicity is connected with any individual. This was felt necessary to keep the program on a proper dignified level. In order to help along on this, the cast waived the standard rule of receiving credits over the air.

Next big question was whether or not to use the portrayal of the voice of Christ on the air. No religious program had done this before, and there was a lot of discussion about it. Some felt it might be almost sacrilegious to do so. However, the step was taken, and the portrayal of the voice of Christ, speaking only actual words ascribed to Him in the Scripture, has proved to be a standout of each program.

Another difficult decision was whether to present the program as a reproduction of the Bible, or make it a modern dramatization. The program, as produced, dramatizes the teachings of Christ, or incidents in His life, with strong emphasis on applying these teachings to the problems of today. They are as applicable now as they were two thousand years ago, and offering them in an exciting dramatic form teaches the lessons far more effectively than following the more common method of simply dramatizing the Bible itself. Modern dialogue that keeps the spirit and feeling of the Bible makes it more effective.

The net result of these pioneering approaches to what is good radio is an outstanding program. Heard every Sunday at 6:30 p.m., EST., over the Amercian Broadcasting Company network, the program has reached a listener rating higher than any other program of its type. In addition to being heard in this country, it is shortwaved to fifty-eight other countries all over the world, and is available on records—also produced at cost because the cast and others waived the usual extra payment required for recordings. The program has received highest honors in the radio industry and from other sources that stamp it definitely as tops.

NEW MISSION SECRETARY TO VISIT AFRICA

Rev. Eugene L. Smith, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., who was elected in December as executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church's Board of Missions and Church Extension, will sail from New York on February 28 en route to the church's mission fields in Africa.

Dr. Smith succeeds as head of Methodism's foreign mission service Rev. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, who retires at the age of 70 on August 31 next. Dr. Diffendorfer is now in his twenty-fifth year as missionary executive.

Dr. Smith will be accompanied to Africa by Mrs. Smith. Their first visit will be in Liberia, the oldest mission center of the Methodist Church. From there they fly to Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, and visit with Bishop Newell S. Booth, of Elizabethville, the five major fields and conferences of the church in central Africa: Central Congo, Southern Congo, Southern Rhodesia, Angola, and Mozambique. From central Africa they will go to north Africa, visiting Methodist work in Tunisia and Algeria, and return to the United States in August.

Dr. Smith is the youngest man to hold so high a post in the history of the Methodist Church. He was born in a Methodist parsonage in Rockwell City, Iowa, on April 13, 1912. He was educated at East Waterloo (Iowa) High School, at Willamette University, and at Drew Theological Seminary. He received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from New York University and has been a member of the religious education faculty of the University. Ordained an elder in the Newark Annual Conference in 1940, Dr. Smith was pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church, Roselle, N. J., for four years and then pastor of the Emory Methodist Church, Jersey City, until 1947 when he was appointed by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brooklyn. In the summer of 1948 he was a delegate from the Methodist Church to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland.

THOMASVILLE CHURCH TO BUILD

THE OLD Main Street Church building in Thomasville is being removed, prior to the sale of the lot. The Memorial Church congregation, which resulted from the merger of Main Street and Community churches, is going forward with plans for a new edifice on the corner of Randolph and Colonial streets. Marvin W. Helms of Charlotte has been selected as architect and is drawing preliminary plans. Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, who is in his first year as minister, reports that it is hoped to begin construction within six months.

Humphreys to Retire as Head of High Point College; Speak at Hospital Meet; King Talks to Laymen

WALL, WOOSLEY ON ANNUAL PROGRAM OF BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

REV. REID WALL, superintendent of the Methodist Home in Charlotte, opened the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Chicago, February 16-17, with the devotional service. Approximately 500 delegates from 185 Homes for the Aged, Homes for Children, Homes for Youth and Deaconesses, and Hospitals are in attendance. Speakers on the program include William L. Mitchell, deputy commissioner of the Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.; Graham L. Davis, Director, Division of Hospitals, Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan; Dr. Roy L. Smith, writer, lecturer, and publishing agent of The Methodist Church, and Dr. J. Roscoe Miller, dean of the Northwestern University Medical School and president-elect of the University.

O. V. Woosley, superintendent of the Children's Home, Winston-Salem, also appeared on the program.

The meeting was climaxed with the naming of eight persons to the newly created "Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy."

Bishop W. T. Watkins is president of the board, and Dr. Karl Meister is the executive secretary.

MOCKSVILLE CHURCH PLANS DEDICATIONS

DEDICATION of the new parsonage and the recently installed organ for the congregation of First Church, Mocksville, by Bishop Costen J. Harrell will take place Sunday in special ceremonies, Rev. Robert M. Hardee, pastor, announced this week.

The parsonage, a lovely seven-room brick veneer structure with all modern conveniences, built and paid for last year, represents the major portion of a building program totaling $21,000. It is across the street from the old parsonage property, and is easily accessible to the church. Members of the building committee consisted of M. H. Murray, George Hendricks, W. M. Pennington, Milton Call, H. S. Walker, and Curtis Price.

The organ, installed last year when the inside of the church was refinished, is the gift of P. Frank Hanes, as a memorial to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hanes.

The special services Sunday will mark Bishop Harrell's first official visit to Mocksville. A large crowd is expected.

KING ADDRESSES GASTON SUPERINTENDENTS

BELMONT.—"Our task is to discover, enlist, train, inspire and keep good teachers in our church schools," stated Rev. Carl H. King of Salisbury, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference Board of Education, as he spoke to the Gaston County Methodist Sunday School Superintendents Meeting held at Park Street Church February 8. He said that we need thousands of new teachers, and even though we need other facilities, the teacher is of primary importance. Quoting W. C. Bower, eminent scholar, Mr. King said, "The teacher is the whole cutting edge in the teaching business." He asserted that though universal military training may be important, universal teacher training is more important. He gave numerous examples of the lasting influence teachers have had in molding the lives and characters of many great persons. Some of the things that should be taught are: church loyalty, the Bible, how to pray, and how to build a better world.

The worship period on the program was conducted by L. R. Baucom, superintendent of the Park Street church school and secretary of the Gaston County Methodist Church School Superintendents Association. W. C. Davis, president of the association, presided over the business session.



DR. GIDEON I. HUMPHREYS

The resignation of Dr. Gideon I. Humphreys, president of High Point College for the past nineteen years, was accepted by the college's board of trustees in their mid-year meeting last week. Dr. Humphreys' resignation will take effect June 1, or as soon after that date as his successor can be named. During his administration the college has shown remarkable growth. A large debt has been paid, an endowment of $500,000 has been added, and the enrollment greatly increased. The college also expects to receive full accreditation soon with the Southern Association of Colleges. Following retirement Dr. and Mrs. Humphreys expect to make their home in Florida.

A committee, appointed some time ago, is studying a possible successor to Dr. Humphreys, and it is expected that a president will be secured soon.

PLANS FOR LAYMEN'S DAY

The charge lay leaders of Stanly County were recently guests of Associate Lay Leader, Virgil C. Moss, at the New London Methodist hut where they prepared for an intensive observance of Laymen's Day throughout the county. Each of Stanly County's 32 Methodist churches will have a laymen in the pulpit on that day, according to plans growing out of this meeting. There was also a discussion of the prospects for organization of Methodist Men in a number of Stanly County churches where they are not now organized.

These lay leaders are offering their services during 1949 to any charge having fewer than three services a month.

LOWE COMMENDS CAROLINIANS FOR GIFTS TO MCOR

BISHOP TITUS LOWE, executive director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, in a statement to the committee recently commended the Methodists of North Carolina and South Carolina for their liberality in overseas relief giving. Referring to visits made to Asheville, Charlotte and Columbia at Advance meetings, Bishop Lowe said: "I never saw such spontaneous response to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief as I saw on my recent visits to North Carolina and South Carolina. Although it was announced that no offering was to be taken, ministers and laymen gave me a total of $1,500 when they were told of the needs which MCOR is trying to meet."

GASTONIA CHURCH UNVEILS PICTURE OF MOSER

The Main Street Methodist Church, Gastonia, honored the memory of Rev. Claude H. Moser, who served as pastor from 1941-47, last Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. The pastor, Rev. Embree H. Blackard, spoke on the theme "The Life Everlasting." The large picture of Mr. Moser, given to the church by his brothers, Dr. S. Everett Moser and Dr. James E. Moser, and unveiled by his two youngest children, Rebecca B. Moser and Daniel B. Moser, now students at Duke, was presented by Mr. Joseph H. Separk. The pastor received the picture on behalf of the church and presented it to Mr. Philip B. Magruder, the teacher of the Claude H. Moser Memorial Bible Class, in whose class room the picture will be kept.

An appropriate special folder with a picture of Mr. Moser and a copy of Mr. Separk's message of presentation was included in the regular Sunday morning bulletin.

NEW PHILLIPS CHAPEL CHURCH HOLDS FIRST SERVICE

THE FIRST service in the new Phillips Chapel Memorial Methodist Church, Swepsonville charge, was held Sunday morning, February 6. Approximately 200 members and visitors gathered in the auditorium for the service. The new building is not quite complete, but is ready for use, and the congregation is looking forward to the entertainment of the Durham District Conference in April.

The church is celebrating the centennial, and services are being planned for the observance and the dedication of the church by Bishop W. W. Peele. The new building is being completed at a cost of more than $30,000, and is a modern rural church in every respect. The altar of the church is now being installed, and is being given as a memorial by the Nello L. Teer Company, of Durham. Six new members were received at the first service.

SALISBURY CHURCH STUDIES RURAL CHURCH

THE ANNUAL School of Missions at First Church, Salisbury, was held this week, with prominent speakers taking part. "The Church and the Rural Community" was the subject studied, and leaders included Dr. A. J. Walton, professor of Rural Church Administration, the Duke Divinity School; Perry Gaston, member of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service; Mrs. W. P. Moore; Dr. C. W. Armstrong, superintendent of the Rowan County Health Department; and Mrs. W. W. Weant. W. H. Smith was chairman of the committee.

In the Limelight

DR. B. G. CHILDS, professor of education at Duke University, was the speaker before the Men's Bible class of Mount Vernon Church, Danville, Va.

DRAPER Methodists held their first service in their new church this month, with a large congregation present. Rev. A. C. Bruton is the pastor.

A NEW organization to be known as the Men of the Methodist Church has been formed at Divine Street Church, Dunn, with Thad H. Pope as president. Meetings are to be held monthly.

THE ANNUAL Father-Son Night of the Men's Club of Dilworth Church, Charlotte, was held recently. Y. P. King is president of the club, and W. C. Daniels, Jr., was in charge of the program.

THE CONGREGATION of Rehobeth Church, near Greensboro, will hold "open house" at the new parsonage on Sunday afternoon, February 20, from 3 to 6 o'clock. All friends of the church are invited to call.

DR. F. M. INMAN of the Board of Missions and Church Extension spoke at both worship services at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, last Sunday. He is directing the congregation in a crusade for funds for an educational and recreational building.

REV. ARTHUR B. PEARCE, JR., pastor of Rehobeth Church, near Greensboro, and a Lt. Colonel in the army reserve, reported on February 7 for 24 days of duty as chaplain. He will be on a team of four chaplains that will make a tour of seven southern states to speak to chaplains. On February 17 he will lecture at the Duke Divinity School on personal counselling. Mr. Pearce was appointed to Rehobeth Church at the last session of the Annual Conference.

MEMBERS of Fletcher Methodist church recently paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sales, in a special service at the beginning of the church school hour. The J. C. Sales class, of which Mr. Sales is teacher, and Mrs. Sales, the assistant, presented the church with a beautiful pulpit scarf and communion table runner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Sales, for the more than forty years of devoted service to the church school. Except for a period of illness, Mr. Sales has served as church school superintendent since 1908.

MEMBERS of the Peachland charge have been quite busy providing for their minister and his family in recent weeks. They presented Rev. John J. Shepard with a substantial sum of money to be applied toward the purchase of an automobile. In this endeavor they were aided by friends of other denominations as well as by former members of the charge who now live elsewhere. Mrs. Shepard was provided with a love offering for her own personal use.

In addition to these two handsome gifts, the Woman's Societies of the charge provided new rugs for the parsonage, and a fine new solid walnut office desk for the use of the minister in his study. One of the churches resoundingly pounded the minister at Christmas. All these gifts reveal the fine spirit and great generosity of the people of the Peachland charge. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard are deeply grateful for the generosity of their people.



M. O. WILLIAMS, in charge of recruiting missionaries for the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, was one of the speakers during Missions Emphasis Week in the Duke Divinity School last week.

RALPH H. RAMSEY, prominent lawyer, was the speaker for the midwinter graduating exercises held recently at Brevard College. Nineteen young people graduated.

MRS. WAYNE McLAIN, wife of Rev. Wayne McLain, pastor of Moriah Church, near Greensboro, is in Hugh Chatham Hospital, Elkin, where she underwent an operation.

JOE ARMBRUST, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Armbrust of Statesville, has been chosen to direct the Guilford College choir of eighty voices, until a successor to Dr. E. H. F. Weiss, who died recently, is named. Armbrust, a sophomore at the college, is now training the choir for a spring tour.

REV. CLARENCE E. WILLIAMS, pastor of Oakley Church, Biltmore Station, Asheville, states that he has room in his car for several passengers who may plan to attend the Ministers' Conference at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., to be held February 22-24. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Rev. J. C. McPheeters, and Rev. Z. T. Johnson are among the speakers.

DR. G. RAY JORDAN, professor of homiletics and chapel preacher of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will give the Alexander Gustavus Brown lectures at Randolph-Macon College February 22-24. Themes Dr. Jordan will discuss include "When Hope Becomes Daring," "There is Light Enough," and "Beyond Despair."

I HAVE been asked by one of our younger preachers to write a pamphlet on The Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I would like to know if there is want as well as need of it. If I can print as many as 5,000 copies I think it can be furnished for 10 cents a copy or for 5 cents in hundred lots. I know of no other way to find out except to ask the pastors who may be interested to drop me a card.—C. T. Thrift, 406 Bon Air Ave., Durham, N. C.

REV. ROLLINS P. GIBBS is the new president of the Belmont Ministerial Association.

ON FEBRUARY 1, Rev. E. C. Durham of Raleigh assumed duties as chaplain of the State Senate, succeeding Rev. E. M. Hall, who is ill.

AN interdenominational retreat for ministers is being held at the Greensboro Y. M. C. A. this week, Wednesday through Friday, with Rufus Moseley, well known mystic, as the leader.

REV. EMMETT K. McLARTY, pastor of First Church, Morganton, is attending the Council of City Pastors of the Methodist Church at Emory University this week.

AT THE Vesper Hour Sunday, in observance of Race Relations Day, the Youth Fellowship of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, presented a radio drama.

MRS. HORACE McSWAIN of Bryson City was elected president of the Waynesville District Ministers' Wives at a luncheon held recently. About 70 ministers, wives and children attended.

FIRST CHURCH, Lexington, leads the State in subscriptions sent to the Advocate since January 1. The total to date is 117. T. S. Eanes has done this grand job, and has enabled his church to exceed its quota.

GEORGE FINCH, member of Memorial Church, Thomasville, is presenting each person joining Memorial Church, effective January 1, a six months' subscription to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Mr. Finch recently added $1,000 to the Advocate endowment fund.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, pastor of Christ Church, New York City, will be the featured speaker at Religious Emphasis Week to be held at Duke University February 20-23. Dr. Sockman will preach Sunday morning in the chapel and will bring special messages throughout the series. Other speakers include Dr. Edwin E. Aubrey of Crozer Theological School and several members of the Duke faculty.

THE Methodist Fellowship Forum of the Western N. C. Conference will have its next meeting at the Methodist Home, near Charlotte, on Tuesday, March 8, at 12:30 p.m. Dr. W. A. Stanbury will speak on the topic, "The Methodist Minister in Relation to His Fellow Ministers." Reservations for lunch should be sent to Rev. Reid Wall at The Methodist Home, Route 8, Charlotte, by Friday, March 4.

BISHOP RAINES HEADS COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

CHICAGO.—Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Ind., head of the Indiana Area of The Methodist Church, is the new chairman of Methodism's official news gathering and distributing agency—the Commission on Public Information. As the new episcopal member of the Commission, he succeeded Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York City when the group met recently in Chicago to organize for the current quadrennium.

Bishop Oxnam had been chairman since the commission was formed by the General Conference in 1940. Because of the heavy pressure of work as one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches and many other duties, he had asked to be relieved of the commission chairmanship.

Dr. Ralph Stoody was heartily commended by the commission for his creative leadership and effective public relations and was re-elected for the quadrennium as executive director with offices at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Report Missionaries Safe; More About Annual Meet; Life Pins Awarded; Ask for Women Rural Workers

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NOTICE: TREASURERS W. N. C. WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS

Since the Wesleyan Service Guild Handbook states that all money for missions, cash supplies, and cultivation funds is sent through the local treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to the Woman's Division, it is easy to understand why a few of our Guilds in this conference have done just that.

The above plan of disbursing funds is followed by many conferences, but the Western North Carolina Conference has a special and different provision. We DO NOT send our funds through the treasurer of the Woman's Society, but directly to our own Wesleyan Service Guild Treasurer, namely, Miss Cloyce Woody, 415 N. Spring St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

MISSIONARIES IN TIENTSEN, CHINA, SAFE

Miss Louise Robinson, executive secretary of foreign work in China and Malaysia, in our Woman's Division, has recently written to Mrs. J. W. Payne the following information concerning our missionaries in Tientsen, China:

"We have just had word from the State Department that our people, both missionaries and Chinese, in Tientsen are safe. Of course you read about the terrible bombing of the city. One of our missionary residences was badly damaged as was also the boys' school. At present we have five missionaries in the city. Our word from Peiping is that everything in the taking over by the Communists was done very orderly. There are nine of our Methodist missionaries in Peiping. Of course we are watching anxiously for developments in the peace negotiations. While dark days are ahead for the church we are finding many reasons for feeling encouraged about the possibility of keeping up our work in China. Here in New York we are meeting constantly with the secretaries of other boards studying the situation. We are having a meeting of several days in February to study Communist methods and policies.

"We are fortunate to have in the city now a Y. M. C. A. secretary who has been the last thirty years in Europe. He was in China as a young secretary when I first went out and so has had varied experiences. He has been working in Communist controlled territory and has much wisdom as to how we should approach our work in China at this time."

NOTE OF THANKS FROM MRS. L. E. BROWN

"To dear friends: Your message of love and appreciation have cheered and strengthened me during this unexpected 'be still' period. I would like to acknowledge each of the more than six hundred 'wishes' I have received, and many of these are from members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but since this is impossible now, will you accept this 'I thank you' as direct and personal from me to you.

"The many individual letters and the one from Mrs. Hauss for the executive committee which have come since my resignation are cherished. I shall miss you, but my prayers and best wishes will be with you always. Gratefully yours, Onilee R. Brown."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Observed annually on the first Friday in Lent, the World Day of Prayer highlights the year around emphasis on the spiritual life and its expression in outreach to help others. Its purpose is a great bond of Christian fellowship through prayer, and the building of world brotherhood and understanding. This year it occurs on March 4, and programs may be obtained from the United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Half of the offering will go to the Home Missions Council and distributed by that organization to thousands of migrants and sharecroppers and other minority groups in the United States, including our first citizens, the American Indians. The other half will go to the Foreign Missions Council and through them to eight Christian colleges for women in India, Japan, and China, to help provide Christian literature for the growing number of literates around the world, and to aid the 19,000 foreign students in the United States in finding the best values in American Christian life and democracy.

This is one of three important days sponsored by the United Council of Church Women, the other two being May Fellowship Day, the first Friday in May, and World Community Day, the first Friday in November.

JOINT SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

At the Joint School of Missions and Christian Service at Pfeiffer College, beginning June 12, 1949, those who have been so deeply impressed with the teaching and presence of Miss Margaret Applegarth will be glad to hear that she will again teach a course, the study this year being "The Ecumenical Church."

A retreat will be held preceding the school and will begin Friday, June 10, and close at noon on Sunday, June 12. The school opens Sunday afternoon, June 12, with registrations, and will continue until noon Friday, June 17. A Wesleyan Service Guild Retreat will begin June 17 and run through Sunday noon, June 19.

ANNUAL MEETING—HIGH POINT

Delegates to the Annual Meeting at First Church, High Point, April 6-8, 1949, will be asked to bring sufficient funds to pay their hostesses $1.50 per night for room and breakfast, and for the other two meals which will be served in the various eating places and churches in the community.

Speakers for this meeting who have already accepted are, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, secretary of Foreign Work in Africa and Europe; Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, executive secretary of Organization and Promotion, both from the New York office; and our own Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

Again this year a silent communion service will be held when offerings will be laid on the altar for overseas relief among suffering children.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PINS PRESENTED

Life Membership Pins were presented to Mrs. R. L. Atkinson, Mrs. F. R. Mease, Mrs. J. H. Moore, and Mrs. Hugh Keener, by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Central Methodist Church, Canton, at the December meeting. This organization has recently re-decorated a room in the women's charity ward of the Haywood County Hospital. The room has been painted, and chairs, lamps, curtains and pictures have been provided. Two articles of furniture have also been purchased for the parsonage. Liberal contributions to the Public Health Department of Canton, and to Scarritt College have been made recently, and a Visitor's Register for the vestibule has been presented to the church.

This information comes to us from Mrs. Louis Gates.

HUMAN RIGHTS—OUR WORLD MISSION

Have you read your February "Methodist Woman?" Did you look specially at the program of action on "Human Rights —Our World Mission," found in the two-page spread for the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities? Study these pages with your committee and decide how your own local church program gears in. Choose the most urgent issue or need as you see it, and work out together ways of getting your local groups actively concerned about it.

The new Advance leaflet on "Human Rights—Our World Mission" is available at Literature Headquarters. It is free and may be ordered in quantities for use with your committee as you get your program under way for the new year.

"LIGHT BEARER"—GASTONIA DISTRICT

"Light Bearer" is the name of the most attractive and informative booklet issued by the Gastonia District Woman's Society of Christian Service for the winter, 1949. This name was suggested by one of the members, and we are sure it will mean to each society just what the name implies. Each district officer has a report and a message containing helpful suggestions for promoting the work. The Department of Children's Work is given prominence in this booklet and many fine suggestions are given as projects for the children. This is material worth keeping.

SHORTAGE OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS IN RURAL AREAS

"Just as there has been a shortage of capable ministers in rural areas in recent years, there has also been a shortage of young women trained for Christian service," says Miss Marjorie Minkler, rural church authority of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. "We need leaders with ability, with courage, with vision and with professional training who can go into isolated communities and help the people to see how they may become a part of a larger world; who can go into overorganized communities and assist in coordinating the efforts of groups; who, in sparsely populated areas, can help the people achieve a sense of community; who can develop native leadership through which people of small communities may be led out of the wildernesss of distrust, discouragement and insecurity and into a community of cooperation, mutual understanding, confidence and hope."—News Release, Board of Mussions.

Appeal Made for Funds to Carry on the Building Program at Camp Don-Lee

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

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REMEMBER CHRISTMAS?

Quite a few churches and pastoral charges have sent in checks on the Christmas offering for our Conference youth camp. Many thanks go to these charges. They will receive satisfaction and spiritual dividends on their investments for many years to come. A good many interesting stories come from efforts made in this Christmas offering. One circuit charge paid the full amount suggested through the efforts of one layman who just simply went around and talked to people about it, got them interested, and the money rolled in. On another charge the pastor estimated the total proportionate part of his charge in the original building program (dining room and kitchen still lacking) and led his people to give that amount and put his charge in position to let the conference catch up with him.

MAJORITY WAITING

It seems to be the majority view, however, to hold on to what came in at Christmas time, pending a better report. Well, now if that money will grow by being held in the treasury a while, then that is fine. The only trouble is that this plan has us in the quite impossible position of not being able to meet the weekly pay roll, and pay for building materials with that money until our treasurer receives it. If there is any way in the world that we could get money waiting in local treasuries sent in for immediate use, we ought to try it. Maybe some will see these lines and act on the suggestion. It would be a pity if we had to cease building operations on account of not being able to use money already contributed for the use of the Youth Camp, but still held in local treasuries.

CHRISTMAS WEATHER

An adventurous project for adventurous youth is due to be tested and tried by every possible difficulty. Such for instance, as that Christmas weather. It seems almost unbelievable, here in the middle of February, that the only bad weather of the whole winter came right at the time that the Christmas offering for Camp Don-Lee was to be raised in our churches. Numerous reports have come in to the effect that the Christmas weather practically canceled out the plans that had been made, along with the offering, and that some special arrangement would have to be made to carry through the original intention of helping out in the camp fund.

A BETTER TIME?

Some interested people have suggested that Christmas is not a very good time to receive an offering for the Youth Camp, and that some other time might be better. There is likely much to be said for that idea, but the only trouble is that the annual church calendar in Methodism is now so nicely and completely filled that no one has been able to suggest an alternate time which is not already filled with the presentation of some good and essential Christian need. Therefore it has been necessary for us to stick with the spot available in the year and to hope the churches who do not get to carry out their intentions during Christmas week will do their part at some time not too long after Christmas.

DANGER OF DOING TOO MUCH?

We have gotten just an inkling or two concerning individuals who feared that their church might do too much on the youth camp program and get into the position of doing their part and some other church's part also. There seems, so far, almost no chance of any church running into that awkward situation. During the past conference year a very few charges paid in an amount equal to one fourth of World Service par, as suggested. The year before that, only one church in the conference paid an amount equal to that figure, or anywhere near it. No pastoral charge in the conference has paid an amount anywhere near the cost of one cabin, which certainly is a reasonable ultimate goal for a good many larger pastoral charges. Any churches which want to estimate their part of the total cost up to the time of opening the camp for business, can take it up with the camp trustees and no doubt make a satisfactory arrangement. In the meantime, please do not worry about doing too much.

REMARKABLE COOPERATION

These paragraphs do not intend to convey anything but hopefulness about this camp building project. Surely there has never been finer, or more nearly unanimous, cooperation with a strictly voluntary project in the conference. During all the time we have been trying to build the camp, there have been large-scale and vitally important financial programs with official, middle of the road, priority in the conference activities. Perhaps we have "leaned over backwards" to avoid even the appearance of getting into the picture with large scale priority programs. We are convinced that no one wants us to fail with this project. We are convinced that everyone wants us to succeed. The only thing is, we cannot succeed without adequate financial support.

FIVE TIMES AS MUCH

Another denomination acquired a coastal camp site at about the beginning of the calendar year, 1948. In five months they invested in developing that camp site, five times as much money as we have raised for Camp Don-Lee in three whole years, and began camping in June, 1948.

LIKE A LOCAL BUILDING PROJECT

The amount needed for the entire program to complete facilities for camping by 150 campers is equal to what it is now costing a congregation of about 700 Methodists to build the sanctuary of a new church. Or equal to the amount it costs a congregation of that size to build a new church school plant, or about half as much as to build a new sanctuary and educational building together.

WHY NOT COMPLETED?

Many wonder why Camp Don-Lee is not completed. How in the world could it possibly be still building and not yet ready? The reason is that we have received only one third as much money as it costs one congregation to build either a sanctuary or church school building, and less than one sixth of what it costs a congregation to build a sanctuary and education building combined. Now with about 270 pastoral charges together trying to complete a youth camp for the young people and others in the conference, it would be easy if we would just go ahead and do it. Perhaps our timidity should be laid aside. At least something will have to happen if we are to avoid failure in this project, or to avoid dragging along for years before being able to use the camp. Thanks very much for past help and further support.

Please Help Complete the Christmas Offering for Camp Don-Lee

Read the paragraphs above for information about our present building situation at Camp Lon-Lee and see if your Pastoral charge can help us avoid the misfortune of stopping the building program on one of the most beautiful camp sites and group of camp buildings in the nation.

The Christmas stormy weather delayed the effort in many places and remittances are delayed pending larger checks. But the need is immediate and imperative.

Please send whatever amount is available to the new Treasurer, Mr. T. J. Collier, Arapahoe, N. C. Mr. Collier is a Methodist business man living in the neighborhood of the camp and acting as business manager for building operations.

Honor Citizens Named; Edgerton Presents Shrine Gift; Visit to Greenville Church; Seniors Go West

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING IS GOOD

Many of our churches observe fifth Sunday as Orphanage Sunday. This plan keeps the interest of our home before our friends and simplifies the task of raising the apportionment. Some are sending in their checks each month, and some each quarter. Some charges are paid up in full. A report on the 100% charges will be published on this page on March 4.

HONOR CITIZENS

We have thirty-four high school students who are members of the current citizens honor roll. It has been the policy of the Fidelis Sunday School Class of Edenton Street Church to entertain for our honor citizens at the end of each school period of six weeks. Last Monday evening the class entertained for these students at the Brooks Recreation Center. Mr. Walter Bull, class president, and Mrs. James E. Hillman, entertainment chairman, were in charge of the program.

VISIT FROM THE BLACKBURNS

Thursday night, February 3, will long be remembered by our children. Rev. Linwood Blackburn and Mrs. Blackburn honored us with a visit. This young couple are now home from the mission field in Africa.

Linwood brought a large collection of interesting objects to illustrate his message on "Life in Africa." This talk was both informing and inspiring to the children. After the service was over many of the boys and girls stayed for a period of questions and further discussion.

SHRINE BOWL CHECK

On Thursday night of last week, Mr. N. E. Edgerton, representing Sudan Temple, presented the Methodist Orphanage a check from the proceeds of the Shrine Bowl football game. The presentation was made at our regular assembly program in the auditorium. Mr. Edgerton spoke briefly about the importance of recreation at a home such as ours and praised the health record of our children. The co-captains of our football team, Jay Jeffries and Herbert Clewis, received the check for the home.

COLE BOYS CLEAN UP FOR COMPANY

Visiting friends, as a rule, spend most of their time with the babies and younger children. Mrs. Larkin promised the older boys that their home would be open for visiting friends this week.

Yesterday afternoon they were all set for the reception of their guests. Six Burlington friends were received by this fine group of junior and senior boys. Every door was thrown open, the floors were clean, and everything was in fine order.

JARVIS MEMORIAL OBSERVES ORPHANAGE DAY

Sunday, February 6, a group of us motored to Greenville at the invitation of the pastor, Leon Russell. Special music was provided by our male quartet. Bill Pittman, Billy Glover, Colen Maultsby and Cabot Long did the singing. Claudette King, one of our little girls, had a part on the program. She expressed to our friends in Greenville the gratitude of our children for all that is being done for the care and training of those in our home.

Mrs. L. B. Garris, who plans to build a cottage for our older boys, opened her home to us while we were in Greenville. Claudette King and Billy Glover were invited to visit with her, and her family.

Bill Pittman and Colen Maultsby were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Riddick.

Mrs. Larkin, Cabot Long and I visited with Mr. W. H. Taft and his family. Mr. Taft is the charge lay leader.

BIRTHDAYS

Almost every day some child will tell me it is time to sing "Happy Birthday." How is a "Daddy" to observe this important anniversary in the lives of so many children?

This could not be done successfully without the help of the church people who sponsor or clothe these youngsters.

The other day a friendly little fellow knocked at my door and brought me a big slice of cake. Some church people warmed his heart and satisfied his appetite with a lovely cake.

On the last day of each month I call the roll of children who had birthdays during the month. We have an appropriate song in honor of this group. All these gather in the private dining room for a party. The youngest in the company is called on to blow out the candles. Refreshments and good fellowship are enjoyed by all attending the party.

One thing is sure, they will not let the superintendent forget when the end of the month rolls around. We have to keep close check so that some do not have more than one birthday a year. Billy Braswell is somewhat distressed at this time for his birthday is February 29. We have promised Billy that we will slip him in on February 28.

SENIOR CLASS GOES WEST

Dr. C. M. Waggoner invited the members of our senior class to Pfeiffer College Wednesday, February 2. Professor Madison and I drove them over to visit the campus and get better acquainted with this junior college.

The officers and students of the school took our party on a tour of all the buildings. Our young people were deeply impressed with the beauty of the campus, the quality of their academic work, the excellent equipment and the fine spirit that obtains throughout the college. The self-help plan makes it possible for deserving young people to secure two years of college training.

An enjoyable lunch was provided for the members of our party by Dr. and Mrs. Waggoner.

Our next stop was High Point College. Our seniors felt very much at home here, for they were entertained by some of our former students from the Orphanage.

On our way home we drove by the Woman's College, Greensboro College and Duke University. We had a busy day and the hours were filled with rich experiences for each member of our graduating class.

The information received on this trip will guide our young people in their plans for the years that lie ahead.



TEACHERS GIVE TEA

The teachers gave a tea in the music studio recently honoring the cottage mothers. Monnie McDonald, sixth grade teacher, is shown at the punch bowl serving our head matron, Mrs. Mary Allred.

Man Power for Kingdom Work

Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 3:13-15

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Jesus' choice of twelve vigorous men to give up their daily bread-winning occupation, and devote their whole time to him and his work, was on his part an adventure. He could not call them from their tasks and from the care and support of their families without bringing it about that they would have enough for their own needs and those dependent on them. But where was this to come from? For Jesus himself had not where to lay his head. But he believed that the Father who had cared for him would also care for those who joined with him in the work.

The background of the men whom he chose for members of his staff also made their selection an adventure. Not one of them had the training of a rabbi, and the rabbis certainly would look down on them. Then, too, there was Simon the zealot. The zealots were a party of radicals who, like the modern communists, advocated immediate and violent methods for driving out the Romans. To call him, in view of Jesus' very different plans, was certainly an adventure. And then there was Matthew the publican. He belonged to the most despised class in Israel. How could he successfully represent Jesus in spreading the gospel? But think of it! he wrote the Gospel of Matthew.

Why did not Jesus select rabbis trained in the schools for his work, and men of high social station? One reason is that it is not likely that any of the rabbis would have responded to his call. Jesus had no objection to rabbis. Later on one of the most learned young rabbis in Israel became his greatest apostle; but it took a blinding vision from heaven to stop him in his mad career of persecution and make him humble enough to become a Christian.

What were the qualities that made Jesus select these twelve men for his apostles? First of all, they were fundamentally sincere, open-minded, and eager for new truth. Then, too, they were ready for an adventure. Perhaps their primary qualification was that they were capable of appreciating Jesus. He saw that they glowed with deep emotion as he opened up the truths of the new covenant, and they were awestruck in the presence of his power and majesty as he healed the sick and cast out devils.

Why did Jesus call Judas? Because, without doubt, he saw in him capacities for great and heroic service. But of course he knew also that there were dread possibilities in the opposite direction, just as there are in the best of us. But Jesus daringly took the risk, as he does in the case of every one whom he calls to any position of responsibility.

Note that Mark tells us that Jesus called these men that they might be with him. The fundamental duty of the modern Christian teacher is, like them, to be with Jesus, to live consciously in his very presence. Some men are so occupied with Christ's work that they forget to live in close communion with him, and such people not only fail to do good, but they often do positive harm (Matthew 7:22-23).

These men were invited to attend the ideal theological seminary. They were not only to be in close contact with Jesus, but also in close contact with the people. Constantly they saw him work his wonders, and were all the time hearing his words, and noting how he adapted himself to the varying needs of the people. Every day they saw the thing done which they themselves were expected to do, and every day they were encouraged to try themselves to duplicate the work of Jesus. He was there to encourage them when they succeeded, and tell them when they made mistakes. They learned by doing under the eyes of the perfect Teacher and the perfect Example.

Why did Jesus give the name, Sons of Thunder, to James and John? Perhaps because he saw in them hidden capacities to develop into startlingly impressive preachers; and he certainly gave Simon the name Peter, a rock, because he saw that in spite of his impetuous and changeable nature he had the making of an apostle who would become a solid, rock-like foundation for the church. And we note that after his denial of Christ he did develop into a man who could look the high priests and elders in the eye and boldly proclaim that the Christ whom they had crucified was the one source of salvation (Acts 4:5-12).

Jesus is calling us all by new names which do not describe what we are, but what he hopes we may become. Heaven help us not to draw back from his challenge to greatness, but in his might and strength to grow up to our new names!

FOUNDATION SCORES REPEAL CLAIMS

CHICAGO.—Cold appraisal of the past sixty days' barrage of nation-wide wet praise of fifteen years of repeal, shows that the claims of the wet spokesmen do not stand up in the light of fact, according to a statement issued by the American Business Men's Research Foundation, Chicago.

The Foundation's findings briefly epitomized, include the following:

"Repeal has brought an increase, and not a decrease in crime.

"Traffic accidents are mounting, and what is more menacing, thousands of filling stations are selling liquor as well as gas.

"Alcohol-caused-deaths, and deaths in which alcohol is a serious but hidden factor, are increasing.

"The American people are drinking more, not less.

"Hard liquor consumption is not shrinking; instead of the 177,000 retail liquor outlets as in 1919, just prior to prohibition, there are now more than 464,000.

"Liquor consumption under prohibition was, according to official inquiry, 65% less than it is today.

"Liquor taxes are offset three to one by liquor expenditures, while liquor-caused social waste, alone, tops liquor revenue.

"Wet statisticians ignore many economic benefits under prohibition: radical reduction of the national debt, income tax expansion under repeal, record breaking gains during prohibition years, of new life insurance written, an upward spiral in the automobile industry, and the emergence, 1920-1930, of a new billion dollar business in fruit juices and non-alcoholic beverages.

"Moreover the wets' eulogy of repeal," declares the Foundation, "conceals liquor's developing attack upon laws which have guaranteed the right of the people to vote on the question, an attack which has already stripped twelve states of this privilege."

Concluding, the Foundation says: "On the basis of available facts, for anyone to assert that the record of 1934-1947 'justifies repeal,' is about as reasonable a claim as it would be to assert that the results of World War II justified the claims and pretensions of the pompous author of 'Mein Kampf.'"



INDIANAPOLIS—Bishop Richard C. Raines (left) of the Indiana Area of The Methodist Church and his episcopal colleague from Germany, Bishop J. W. Ernst Sommer, look over a list of needy German Methodist pastors who are to receive supplemental aid from Hoosier churchmen. Bishop Sommer has just arrived from Europe and will spend the period, February 6 to March 9, on a speaking tour throughout Indiana. As a result of Bishop Raines' first-hand reports on the acute needs of Methodist leaders whom he visited last summer in Germany, Indiana Methodists are pledging $120 in relief funds to each of the denomination's 320 pastors and $60 to each of the widows of ministers in that country. Funds are also being designated to restore and equip Methodist institutions destroyed or damaged in the war. This special project is part of Indiana Methodism's contribution under the church's new Advance for Christ and His Church program. In the near future four Hoosier Methodist ministers will spend a month visiting their brethren in Germany and preaching in churches there.

THE HOOP RACE

By MARY A. BOWERS

Doris was sitting on the fence looking down at her doll carriage where Rosalind's head was peeping from the covers.

"It's too bad; it's too bad!" and Doris shook her head. "I don't see how you can go to the garden party without a party dress."

Suddenly she heard three "hoo-hoos," and looking down the road she saw three playmates. They were laughing gayly and rolling their hoops.

"All ready for the party this afternoon?" they asked.

Doris shook her head, "No," she said.

"What is the matter?"

"Something very strange has happened. I was sewing some little blue ribbon on Rosalind's party dress here in the yard when mother called me. I put down my sewing and ran into the house. When I came back the dress had disappeared."

"Oh!" they exclaimed.

"My Linda doll has two party dresses," said Elsie. "Rosalind may have her choice."

Doris looked at her doll carriage and thought how disappointed Rosalind would be if she didn't go to the party. "Thank you," she said at last, but she had to choke back a sob, for she had counted on Rosalind's wearing the new dress.

"Now, come," pleaded Elsie, "Get your hoop, for we are to have a race. And to make it more exciting we are going to take different paths from the starting point back to the finish at my house. Mother has some new cookies and cold milk waiting for us. Don't you think that will be fun?"

"But you forgot the best part of it," said Barbara. "Each of us is to take something back that has attracted her on the way. It may be an apple or a flower or anything."

"Yes, and the one that brings back the best thing gets a ginger-bread man," added Elsie.

Doris ran for her hoop. "There's no use sulking about Rosalind's dress," she said to herself; and when she joined her little friends, her face was as pleasant and as smiling as it could be.

"Now all get in line," ordered Elsie. "You take the path that leads over the brook, Janie; you, Barbara, go down the mill road; and you, Doris, go in the direction of the sawmill. I shall go this way," and she pointed.

"Now—ready—go!'

Laughingly and waving at one another, they separated.

It was pleasant to Doris to hear her hoop humming over the path. There were many pretty things to notice—the trees with branches bent so low that she could easily have picked their leaves, pretty flowers that nodded gayly, and sparkling stones. Doris couldn't decide just what she wanted to take back.

Whir-r-r, whir-r-r, went the hoop; tap, tap, went the hoopstick. O what fun, and how fast Doris went! Up a hill, down a hill; then she came to the road that led to the sawmill. She slowed down a little because there was a cart ahead filled with brush and small trees.

The cart came to a standstill; so did Doris.

She had found nothing to take back from the race. Then she glanced at the cart. She stared, for there in one of the little trees was her prize. She picked it up and started on her way again.

Whir-r-r, whir-r-r, tap, tap the hoop and Doris hurried on to Elsie's house.

The three other little girls had arrived and were waiting for her. "Hurry, hurry!" they said. "We are going to have cookies now and then show our prizes," said Elsie.

Doris threw down her hoop and danced about. She hugged each little girl in turn. "Oh, oh, I can't wait! I must show you mine right now," and she held up a little white dress with blue ribbons.

"Why, Doris!" they exclaimed.

"It is Rosalind's party dress," and Doris told the others where she had found it. "I remember now that the cart turned in at the gate just as my mother called me, and some of the branches must have picked up the dress."

How they all laughed! They had agreed that Doris had rightfully won the gingerbread man. It was the best prize found in the hoop race because it made everybody happy. — Youth's Companion.

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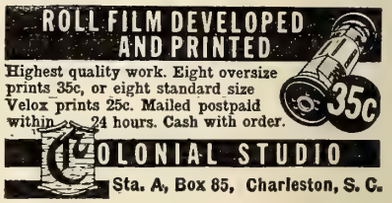
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February

Dilworth, 11 20
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Training School, 3 20
Monroe: Central, 7:30 20
Bethlehem, 11 27
St. John's, 7:30 27

March

Davidson-Fair View, 10 6
St. James, 7:30 6
Charlotte, First, 7:30 7
Hawthorne Lane, 7:30 9
North Monroe-Benton Heights: North Monroe, 11 13
Asbury-Oak Grove: Asbury, 3 13
Kilgo, 7:30 13
Peachland: Hopewell, 11 20
Lilesville: Forestville, 3 20
Ansonville: Cedar Hill, 7:30 20
Marshville: Wingate, 11 27
New Hope-Bethel: Long Pine, 3 27
Prospect: New Hope, 7:30 27

April

Mouzon, 11 3
Unionville, 3 3
Spencer Memorial, 7:30 3
Spencer Memorial, 11 10
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Paul, 3 10
Moore's Chapel, 7:30 10
St. Paul, 11 17
Monroe Circuit: Midway, 2:30 17
Morven: Pleasant Hill, 8 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: ANSONVILLE, 9:30 21
Duncan Memorial, 11 24
Weddington: Bond's Grove, 3 24
Waxhaw: Heath Memorial, 7 24

May

Central Avenue, 11 1
Polkton: Poplar Hill, 3 1
Indian Trail-Stallings: Beulah, 2:30 8
Belmont Park, 7:30 8

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February

Jackson Park, 11 20
Mount Mitchell, 7 20
Mount Olivet, 11 27
Roberta, 7 27

March

Kannapolis: Trinity, 7:30 2
Epworth, 11 6
Midway, 7 6
Salem, 11 20
Albemarle Circuit: Union Chapel, 3:30 20
Albemarle: Main Street, 7:30 20
Rocky Ridge, 11 27
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 27
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February

Burlington Ct., Camp Springs, 11 20
Swepsonville, Phillips Chapel, 3 20
Mt. Hermon, Belmont, 11 27
Fountain Place, Fountain Place, 7:30 27

March

Hillsboro, New Sharon, 11 6
Duke's Chapel, Duke's Chapel, 7:30 6
Sub-District Advance, Trinity, Durham, 7-9:30 7
Sub-District Advance, Rougemont, 10-1 8
Sub-District Advance, Long Memorial, Roxboro, 7-9.30 .. 8
Sub-District Advance, Yanceyville, 10-1 9
Sub-District Advance, Fairview, 7-9:30 9
Sub-District Advance, Saxapahaw, 10-1 10
Sub-District Advance, Front St., Burlington, 7-9:30 10
Sub-District Advance, Pittsboro, 10-1 11
Sub-District Advance, Hillsboro, 7-9:30 11
Burlington, Glen Raven, 11 13
Saxapahaw, Clover Garden, 3 13
Bahama, Mt. Bethel, 11 20
Alamance, Sapling Ridge, 3 20
Roxboro, Cavel, 11 27
Person Circuit, Warrens Grove, 7:30 27

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
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February

Washington, 11 20
Bath: Bath, 3 20
Columbia: Wesley Memorial, 11 27
Creswell: Creswell, 7:30 27

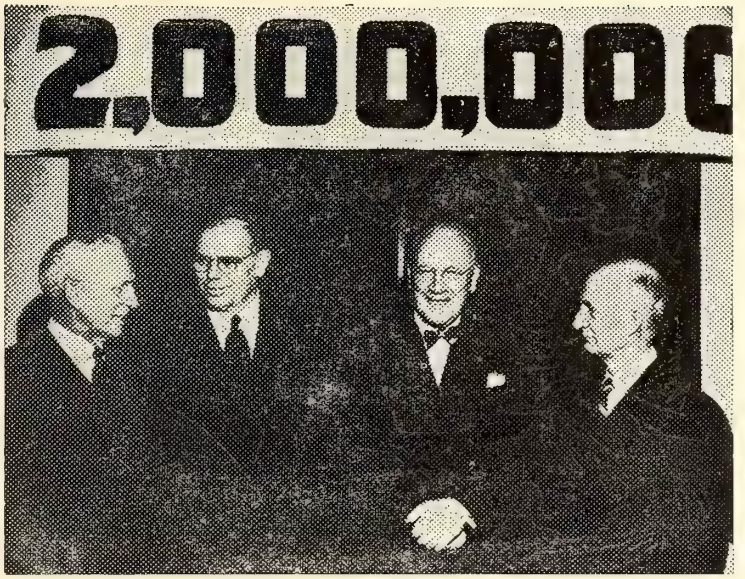
March

Manteo, 11 6
Stumpy Point: Manns Harbor, 3:30 6
Belhaven: Pantego, 11 13

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February

West End, 11 20
Biscoe: Candor, 7:30 20
Carthage: Cameron, 11 27
Stedman: Cokesbury, 7:30 27



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February

Marshallberg, 11 20
Beaufort, 7:30 20
Bridgeton, 11:15 27
Snow Hill: Calvary, 7:30 27

March

Morehead City, First, 11 6
Franklin Memorial, 7:30 6
Trenton: Shady Grove, 11 13

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February

Tar River: Kittrell, 11 20
Zebulon-Wendell: Wendell, 7:30 20
Oxford, 11 27
Oxford Circuit: Herman, 3 27
Stem, 7:30 27

March

Westover: Pleasant Grove, 11 6
Raleigh, Trinity, 7:30 6
Princeton, 11 13
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 13
Clayton, 11 20

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February

Wilson, 11 20
Battleboro, 11 27
Farmville: Lang's, 7:30 27

March

Spring Church-Garysburg: Lebanon, 11 6
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Northampton: Lasker, 7:30 6
Roanoke Circuit: New Hope, 11 13
Littleton Circuit: Vaughan, 7 13
West Halifax: Union, 11 20
Conway: Bethany, 7 20
Norlina: Norlina, 11 27
Middleburg: Drewry, 7 27

April

Tarboro, 11 3
Elm City: Mount Zion, 3:30 3
Kenly: Buckhorn, 7:30 3
Spring Hope: Stanhope, 11 10
Nashville: Yorks, 3 10
Pinetops: Temperance Hall, 3 17
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Bethel, 11 24
Robersonville: Vernon, 3 24
Scotland Neck: Hobgood, 7:30 24
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May

Rosemary, 11 1
Warrenton: Hebron, 3 1
Littleton: Littleton, 11 8
Warren: Prospect, 3 8
Clark Street: Maple Creek, 3 15
Whitakers: Speight's Chapel, 7:30 15
Rich Square: Woodland, 11 22
Enfield, 11 29

June

Stantonsburg, Lebanon, 11 5
Saint Paul, Sandy Cross, 7:30 5
Weldon, 11 12
Halifax, Pierce, 3 12
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 19

July

Marvin: White Oak, 11 3
Evanedale, 7:30 10
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11 17

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February

Garland, 11 20
Bladen: Windsor, 7 20
Maysville: Pollocksville, 11 27
Swansboro, 7 27

March

Duplin: Wesleys, 10 6
Wallace, 7:30 6
Pembroke: Calvary, 11 13
South Robeson: Bethesda, 7:30 13
Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 20
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Book Review

Preaching and the Dramatic Arts, by E. Winston Jones. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1948. Pages 123, $2.

A philosophy of preaching lies back of this stimulating book. The author believes that the sermon should be directed not only to the mind but to the whole psychophysical organism that is man. "The business of the preacher . . . is not simply the influencing of behavior, but the influencing of character," he insists. In order to achieve this result it is necessary that the sermon be a work of art and in particular that it should make use of the techniques which are most effective in the dramatic arts. Written with imagination and no little appreciation for the results of psychological study, this volume is rich in illustrative material and will be a great boon to preachers who are eager to improve their effectiveness in the pulpit.—H. C. S., Jr.

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The Steward's Prayer

By Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman*

Ah, when I look up at the Cross
Where God's great Steward suffered loss
Of life, and shed His blood for me,
A trifling thing it seems to be
To pay a tithe, dear Lord, to Thee,
Of time or talent, wealth or store–
Full well I know I owe Thee more!

But that is just the reason why
I lift my heart to God on high
And pledge Thee, by this portion small,
My life, my love, my all in all.
This holy token at Thy Cross
I know as gold, must seem but dross,
But in my heart, Lord, Thou dost see
How it has pledged my all to Thee,
That I a steward true may be.

*From "I Have a Stewardship," Abington-Cokesbury, 1939. Used by permission.

BISHOP GARBER WRITES FROM GENEVA; BISHOP HARRELL GIVES VIEWS ON PROGRAM AHEAD

LETTER AND STATEMENT FROM BISHOP GARBER

Geneva, Switzerland,
February 18, 1949.

Reverend Cecil W. Robbins,
North Carolina Christian Advocate,
Greensboro, North Carolina.
My dear Cecil:

I deeply appreciate your letter of February 15 and the enclosures. I thank you for the good editorial and the faith which you have expressed in me despite the fact that I am listed as a "spy for reactionary America." It is amusing but also tragic that such a situation exists today in the modern twentieth century. When you and I studied church history together we thought all such things happened hundreds of years ago.

I suppose you have seen my statement which I gave to the press. I am enclosing the entire statement so that you can see my views on the matter. I will also prepare a more detailed account of the Bulgarian situation and will send it to you in the near future. . . .

Fraternally yours,
PAUL N. GARBER.

STATEMENT OF BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER

Bishop Paul N. Garber upon being informed concerning the listing of his name as one of the thirteen reactionary American and British citizens who have had contact with Protestant leaders now under arrest in Bulgaria made the following statement:

My only visit to Bulgaria was in November, 1947, for the purpose of attendind the Bulgarian Methodist Annual Conference held in Sofia. My visit was connected entirely with religious affairs pertaining to the Methodist Church. No action on my part can be construed as relating in any way to the political situation now existing in Bulgaria. My visit was not made in secret for while in Bulgaria upon their invitation I had conferences with the then Minister of Foreign Affairs Kimon Georgieff and the Minister of Cults Dimiter Ilieff. Both of them assured me that religious freedom for all groups would be observed in Bulgaria. Apparently there has been a great change in policy for the arrest of the Protestant leaders on the silly charge of contact with American and British citizens is a deliberate violation of religious freedom granted by the Bulgarian constitution.

The Methodist Church is very small in Bulgaria and I have been able through my visit and correspondence to know personally each pastor. I know that no Methodist leader in Bulgaria is guilty of the charge of plotting against the state. The Methodist Church throughout its history has championed the separation of church and state and that is the policy which has been followed by the Methodist pastors and laymen in Bulgaria. It is really tragic that in the twentieth century Christian leaders should be persecuted for holding such views.

SOME THINGS IN GENERAL

By Costen J. Harrell*

Methodism has been through its adventurous history a pioneer in the field of temperance reform and legislation. It has spoken without compromise, and boldly, concerning the evils of drink in the life of the individual and in society. Men who hesitate to speak out against this evil and to oppose its encroachments are not in this particular within the Methodist tradition.

The present situation in America should cause every discerning person grave concern. It should be apparent to everyone that state liquor stores have not solved the problem. As I travel over the country in pullman cars, and eat in public places, I am deeply disturbed by what I see. It appears that the condition is growing worse instead of better. The young and the old, the uncouth and the cultured, are yielding to the temptation of drink or to social pressures and I cannot foresee the end. When an evil receives social recognition, it becomes doubly dangerous.

The first Sunday in Lent has been named by the Methodist Church as Commitment Day. There can be no doubt that the great temperance reforms of the past were initiated by the people who vowed personally to abstain totally from alcoholic beverages. We cannot speak convincingly as to what others should do unless we ourselves abstain from the evil. It is sincerely hoped that all our ministers will take advantage of this day and press the cause upon the consciences of their people, urge them in Christ's name and for the sake of themselves, their children and society, to commit themselves to personal abstinence. A great multitude of men and women, of sober men and women, is the first step in outlawing an evil that threatens the nation.

Advance Specials are now beginning to get under way throughout the Methodist Church. Most of the conferences have chosen their own particular fields of interest. Within the next few weeks pamphlets telling the story of Specials that we are challenged to undertake in the South Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences will be ready for distribution. Already the effect of the movement is being felt by our Board of Missions. During the month of June $200,000 was received by the Foreign Division of Missions in Specials, a sum largely in advance of that received for the same month one year ago. All the district superintendents of the Charlotte Area now have specials committed to their respective districts. All churches may select specials through their district superintendents, and it is hoped that when the reports are complete, every church in the Charlotte Area will have taken a special in some amount.

Today, I had a conversation with our mission office in New York. We are assured that Bishop Garber is safe in Geneva. Some of our men in Bulgaria have been indicted for their opposition to the Communist Government. Communists cannot understand, and probably never will, how the church would send money into a foreign land for anything other than an ulterior motive. Compassion for the distressed is foreign to them. Our men in Bulgaria have received relief funds from the church, and that is taken by the Communists to mean that they are American spies. Since the funds were received through Bishop Garber and others, these persons have been named as go-betweens. It is expected that others will be named for the same reason very shortly. The information is that the trial of our Bulgarian brethren will begin next week. Let us pray for them—and continue to pray that peace and understanding, justice and goodwill, may take the place of suspicion and persecution in the affairs of all nations.

The Western North Carolina Conference has taken Bishop Garber's Area as its especial interest. Surely at this time he doubly needs our support! Practically all the specials in the Geneva Area are for the support of our missionaries and native preachers. Should the worst happen to our work in these lands, the funds will not be lost but transferred to some other field. Now is the time to make the gospel effective there!

*Presiding Bishop, the Charlotte Area.

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EDITORIAL

Laymen's Influence in Church Growing

The growing participation of laymen in many phases of the church's life is one of the most encouraging signs in Methodism. Laymen today are assuming responsibilities that a few years ago were considered outside their sphere. Their growing participation is having a wholesome effect on the church. It is resulting in deeper lay interest and is making for greater democracy in the church.

There are two areas particularly in which the voice of laymen is having increasing influence. The first is lay preaching. In just a few days now, on Laymen's Day, hundreds of laymen will stand in our pulpits to witness for Christ and His Church. Their preaching is not confined to Laymen's Day. All over the State, Sunday after Sunday, from many pulpits the voice of the lay preacher will be heard. When the charge lay leaders of Stanly County, in a meeting at New London a short time ago, offered to hold services in charges having less than three services a month, they were setting a fine standard for laymen in other counties of the State. In these days of preacher shortage, and even in times when the ministerial supply is abundant, it is a good thing to have laymen who are able and willing to witness for Christ from the pulpit. North Carolina Methodism is fortunate to have a growing number of lay preachers.

The second area in which the voice of laymen is being increasingly heard is in the selection of the pastor. This perhaps is wholesome, too. However, at the moment it is making the appointment of the preachers more difficult. Increased lay participation in the making of the appointments calls for laymen who are real Christian statesmen.

For one thing, if laymen are to select their minister they need a broad acquaintance with the preachers of the conference. They need to know more than the few preachers who are in the public eye, or who happen to be in great demand. Some of the best men are neither in the public eye nor in great demand. The laymen would do well to know them! Sometime opinions are formed too hastily and too superficially. More than once doors have closed to good and deserving men. More and more laymen are demanding young preachers. Perhaps our system in the past has held back the young man too long. But the way we are going now, many of our good men will be virtually cast aside long before their effectiveness is gone. This is not a plea for the older men, or for any group, for that matter. It is simply a plea that every man, young and old, may have his opportunity to serve. And to get that opportunity, laymen will have to give it to them.

Again, if laymen are to take a larger responsibility in the selection of their pastor, they need to keep a conference-wide view. It is easy simply to think in terms of one's own situation. Ours, however, is a connectional church. Preachers should go where they are needed most. Consequently, a church may not always get the man it wants; and a preacher may not get the church he wants. But if Methodism is to make its greatest advance, laymen and preachers alike must think in terms of the whole conference. To make unreasonable demands might be to jeapordize the work in a dozen places. Methodist laymen have a responsibility to their local church; but they have a responsibility to the larger church, too. With patience, understanding and Christian statesmenship, such as an overwhelming majority of our laymen already have, their responsibility both to the local church and to the conference can be met.

Perhaps the whole matter may be summed up in these words: increased participation means not only increased privilege to have what we want, but increased responsibility to serve as real Christian statesmen. North Carolina Methodism is fortunate to have an increasing number of laymen who are growing in Christian statesmanship as their participation in church affairs grows.

Prayer

This is my prayer to Thee, my Lord, strike at the root of penury in my heart,

Give me strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows,

Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service,

Give me strength never to disown the poor or bend my knee before insolent might.

Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles,

And give me the strength to surrender my strength to Thy will with love.

—Rabindranath Tagore.

Are Our Good Homes Good Enough?

Who among us has not stressed the importance of a good home environment for our children? A good home, we have declared with smug finality, is our best defense against juvenile delinquency. Yet if figures released recently by Victor B. Wylegala, judge of the children's court of Buffalo, New York, are to be trusted, some of us, to say the least, are in for a mild shock. For example, Judge Wylegala, after making a thorough study of the delinquent child's background in Erie County, New York, for the year 1947, reveals that 55% of the children who came into court were from homes rated "good," 22% from homes rated "fair," while only 18% were from homes rated "poor." The figures for 1948 are substantially the same.

Now, figures for Erie County may not at all reflect a nation-wide trend. Even if they do, we must remember that the child is often greatly influenced by forces outside the home. And sometimes good parents fail to prepare their children for the baffling problems, or the larger freedom, they face in an un-Christian social order. Sometimes the pressure of the gang or the crowd is overwhelming. It is a fact that children from good homes go wrong. Even so, we are not ready to discount the importance of a good home for our children. We do wonder in the light of these facts, however, whether some of our good homes are as good as we think they are, or whether they are as good as they ought to be.

"For Their Sakes"

By BISHOP WILBUR E. HAMMAKER*

THESE three words "For Their Sakes" have meant much to good and great souls of all times. They still do in our time. Have you found them to be among the dynamic motivations of your personal thought and deed? It is fine to read about nobility in the lives of our heroes. But to what avail our quickened emotional reactions, to what they were or did, unless we, straightway, seek to follow in their footsteps? What Washington did was grand! Our souls are thrilled by his services to his country. Right now, all America is looking back at his amazing achievements. Why did he do what he did? The biographers say: "He did it for the sake of the struggling colonists, who were climbing freedom's hill."

This is also Lincoln's month. I have often been struck by the strange coincidence that one short month—the shortest in the year—has given us our two most towering personalities. Both of them have influenced us tremendously. We never tire of their story. Like the "Father of our Country," Lincoln lives on because he, too, found his lodestar in serving the earthly children of a great and good God and Father. His was a ministrant spirit. He spent his days, as he said so often, finding means and ways to better the lot and life of his fellowmen, even the least and the lowliest of them. "For their Sakes" he spent himself to the uttermost. He was evermore doing what he deemed best for them.

Where did these great souls get the pattern? In one sense, it was part of their family inheritance. The vast human treasure consists in doing things to help others. The genius of parenthood is the passion to serve. The family, as we know it, has its origin in the willingness of parents to do for their children. The sustenance and the guidance of human offspring by those who brought little ones into this world made possible the life of the family, the tribe, the clan, the nation, the nations. The cornerstone of it all is service to the point of sacrifice even, for the sake of those who are bound together by blood.

But there is another bond that binds. It is that of the spirit. It supplements the bond of blood. It broadens the family feeling. It spreads it out over neighborhoods, over towns and cities, over the nation and the nations. It inspires us to see as God sees, to feel as His Son our Lord feels. We are taken up to a mount of vision by Him when we listen to Him saying: "For their sakes, I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified thru the truth." There you have the pattern for a Washington, a Lincoln; indeed, for any nobleman; for every nobleman.

The Man of Galilee made himself to be "apart" from everything that would hinder His soul. He "desired with desire" that His spirit would be free from all that would corrode or corrupt. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Is this true? Was Paul right? Did he state sober facts when he told the Corinthians about the sanctity of Christian personality? I suspect so. I can find abundant corroborating scriptural evidence. And in the Lord Jesus, I discover the inevitable sequence, which is "the good life," for the sake of others. In and of itself holiness is a magnificent goal. But its splendor is glorified when it is dedicated to the general weal. "For their sakes I sanctify myself." In these words, He gives us the open secret of His greatness. He could not have been Saviour had He stood on any lower ground.

Noble men, facing great decisions, have not made their decisions solely on the basis of their own welfare, but on the basis of the welfare of others. The Christian, facing the problem of alcohol, makes his commitment of total abstinence not alone on the grounds of what alcohol will do to him, but on what his commitment will mean to others. For their sakes he concrates himself to total abstinence.

This is high ground. Yes, it is the highest ground. His example and spirit summon us. Our Church is saying, too, "Come up higher." In many ways and in many areas of endeavor and experience Methodism is sending forth this clarion call as we are about to enter Lent in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine. I am interested in them all. My "interests" are as wide and as varied as those of the great church of which I am a humble member. I answer back with my whole soul to all of the appeals being beamed at "the people called Methodists. All of them are worthy. All of them call on everything fine and deep in my soul. In yours, too, no doubt.

But I am specially concerned in the matter of abstinence from the use of beverage alcohol. "Commitment Day" is dear to my heart. I had much to do with bringing back into the life of our Church an abstinence pledge-signing day. The one observed a year ago was the first such church-wide occasion in any major denomination in this century. That is something to ponder. It is something to sadden the soul. It is sad that we were neglectful so long. That half-century (lacking two years) is, in a very real way, a half-century of perilous neglect. Our sin of omission has cost us dearly. It has allowed a generation to grow up uninformed, unwarned. Since 1920, we have not even had the "education" incident to country-wide campaigns to make "a dry nation."

The last two and a half decades of the 19th century were packed and crammed and jammed with abstinence pledge signing campaigns. "Sign the pledge" was a mighty slogan. Major denominations and all kinds of organizations were earnestly at it. It was impossible to escape the appeal. It was made an integral part of the moralization of Life. This moralization was proposed as reasonable, righteous and religious. Sound reasons were set forth for the sober life. The minds of the people—especially youth and young people—were sown down with the facts concerning alcoholic beverages. Secular schools and Sunday Schools were constantly warning against the dangers lying along the alcoholic pathway. Its basic morality was stressed and profoundly emphasized. Result:—A generation at the turn of the century that had awareness. Further result:—The marvelous advances made by the cause of temperance in the first two decades of the 20th century.

Our apathy for the last two and a half decades has, indeed, cost us dearly. Look around and see. Listen to the chorus of voices saying: "We can see nothing wrong in our own drinking or in the drinking of others. So long as our consciences do not hurt us, it would seem that all's well." But conscience is no discerner of right or wrong. Conscience is a voice within speaking condemnation for "wrong deeds"; commendation for "right deeds." But the character and moral quality of what we do is appraised and fixed by our judgment, our belief. Honest minds do not find it difficult to discover that the use of beverage alcohol has many outcomes that indicate it is bad, not good. Its total history classifies it as hurtful, not helpful. To drink it or to serve it tends to make for spiritual damage; very often for moral and physical injury.

Even if one is hardy enough to believe that he can drink wisely and well, there yet ramains the question of influence in

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a society where inter-relationships constantly grow more closely intertwined. In these days, how true it is that "we are all members one of another"! When Paul saw it, that fact was not so crystal clear to the man of the street. Verily, "none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Therefore, does it not behoove us if we would follow Jesus, to think of others? What about them? What about the members of our own families? What about our dear friends and their children? What about our neighbors and their loved ones? Shall we plunge headlong into using and serving alcoholic drinks, with no care or though about our influence on human lives? Lives that are precious in the eyes of those who love them; and in the sight of the great and good God, who is their Father and ours.

Nobody can tell what the harvest may be when he indulges himself in that which in the hands of another may steal away reason and destroy virtue. Old king alcohol does that. He is evermore tearing down that which is true, honest, just, pure, lovely. He does it most insidiously. He is a master in illusion. He knows how to use deceit and delusion with dexterous skill. Why aid him? Why do anything to help him lure multitudes each year to shame, suffering and sorrow? If for no other reason take a stand for abstinence "for their sakes." There are so many "innocents" who do not know; who have not learned, who do not understand. "Sanctify" yourself in this area of life. Do it for "their sakes"; and for Christ's. Make March 6th, Commitment Day in 1949, a memorable one in your own life, and help make it a really notable one in the life of your Church.

How Shall They Hear?

By DR. LUTHER L. GOBBEL*

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!"—Romans 10:14,15.

MANY voices these days are competing for a hearing. New radio stations are springing up almost every day. Even some of our small towns have their stations. Most of the larger cities maintain from one to a half dozen or more. A high percentage of American homes has receiving sets. Insistent are the bids for listeners. "Listen in next week, same time, same place."

And listening to the multitude of voices, many of which din into our ears news of wars and rumors of wars, announcements of bigger and better bombs built to blast to bits not only our buildings but also whole populations, including men, women, and children, many have become a generation jittery, apprehensive, confused, almost overwhelmed by a growing fear.

In this situation there is extraordinary need for another voice, the voice of the Lord of Peace, even the voice of one sent to represent Him, a voice bringing glad tidings of good things. Surely there is a message adequate for our age. Believing that it has such a message, the Methodist Church is calling upon its messengers, both clerical and lay, to speak out during this quadrennium and, in God's name, proclaim the message of hope and redemption—to see that even the poor have good tidings preached to them.

Methodist laymen, with a deep sense of stewardship, are not only giving their treasure, but their time and talents to Christ, witnessing for Him in the pulpit, and enabling many who otherwise would be without a preacher to hear the gospel.

American Methodists, who in 1944 heard and heeded the call to a great Crusade for Christ, responding to the needs of a starving world and the sufferings of its millions, today are beginning at least faintly to hear another call—one which is greater by far than any need for food, clothing, or shelter. This plea, in the words of Arletta Christman Harvey, comes from the very heart and soul of all civilization. "Conflicting ideologies," says he, "are battling for man's soul. His heart, torn and bewildered by long years of war and terrible confusion, calls out for help, and the only answer is CHRIST!" Methodism's answer to this call is the Advance for Christ and His Church. Our church is calling upon ministers and laymen to join hands and hearts and send the Christian message to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Fortunately, our church has developed many laymen qualified and accustomed to lay speaking and lay preaching. Methodism officially recognizes the potential strength that exists in the use of lay speakers and preachers in local churches, institutes, and other groups. Both on account of shortage of ordained ministers and on account of the realization that such activity on the part of laymen produce stronger laymen, particularly those doing the speaking and preaching, more and more are laymen being called upon to fill Methodist pulpits.

As a result of preachers entering the chaplaincy of the armed forces of the nation during World War II, laymen responded to the urgent need for leadership in the Sunday church services. During the past quadrennium the Crusade for Christ called forth hosts of laymen and sent them out to bring glad tidings of good things. And now laymen are ready to take an important part in promoting the Advance for Christ and His Church.

Next Sunday, for example, many if not all of the Methodist pulpits throughout the land, in the observance of Laymen's Day, will be filled by laymen. And during the Week of Dedication, March 13-20, thousands of lay addresses and sermons will be heard. Throughout the quadrennium laymen will help answer the question, How shall they hear without a preacher?

Aside from the church's special programs, laymen, moreover, are helping to find an answer to the foregoing question. They are called upon not only to encourage young men to enter the ministry but also to "pinch hit" for pastors in emergencies, to take over responsibility for services in churches on circuits where the preacher in charge, on account of the number of churches on the circuit, is able to preach at some points not more than once or twice a month; and on other occasions and places to bring messages of Christian hope and challenge to the people. District boards of lay activities, in co-operation with the district superintendents, in a number of instances, have enlisted and organized laymen to the end that lay speakers and workers function where needs exist.

Yes, the Word is being effectively spoken and gladly heard. Even more important than the spoken word, however, is the message of the life lived before the people. The head of the Methodist Church in Australia has expressed the hope that a thousand Christian carpenters, journalists, mechanics, and industrialists might be sent to foreign mission fields. It is his observation and conviction that the power of example is greater even than that of the spoken word. Too frequently the words of the minister may be accepted as professional. The late Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, expressed the thought that the minister represents the things of God before the congregation but the congregation represents the things of God before the outside world.

How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!

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Advancing the Kingdom

By CECIL G. HEFNER*

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How alert ministers and loyal laymen, without waiting for general church agencies, have gone ahead to build a new church, and to create enthusiasm and new loyalty to the church throughout the community.

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We are now entering another significant movement which our Methodist Church has named, "The Advance for Christ and His Church." This movement, we predict, will bring forcibly to our attention the importance of organizing city and county boards of missions and church extension.

To be sure, most of our people have for a long time been acquainted with our General and Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension. These bodies have rendered notable service. However, there is a growing conviction among Methodists that these boards cannot possibly meet the increasing demands which are being placed upon their resources.

The time has come, we believe, if the Methodist Church is to grow and meet its responsibilities, for an increasing number of towns and counties to organize boards of missions and church extension. Obviously, a single church cannot shoulder all of this responsibility. It requires a strong organization of several churches to build and sponsor new churches.

Recently we were talking to a prominent Methodist layman of another city about the need of building new Methodist churches. He said quite frankly that for a long time he had been giving $25 a month to a new church of another denomination. He felt concerned because his own church was not doing more in this particular locality. There are many good Methodist laymen who, if shown the need of building new churches, will respond magnificently. These laymen are waiting for the church to do something.

Part of the glory of the early Methodist Church was its passion to carry the gospel of Christ where the people were. It must not fail now to follow the footsteps of its church fathers.

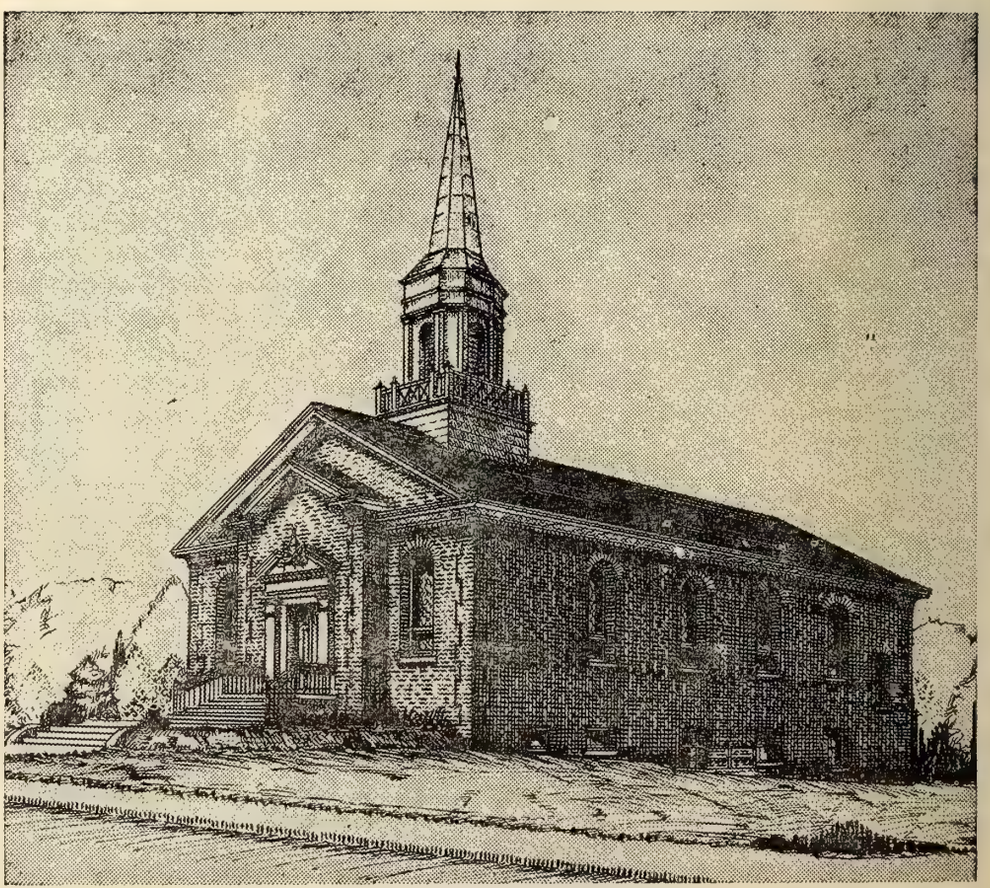
Allow me to speak from experience. Last year our pastors and a few laymen in Kannapolis began to see that Methodism was not keeping up with the increasing population of the city. These pastors and laymen believed that a City Board of Missions and Church Extension was the answer to a heartfelt need. Immediately the board was organized and plans were made to build a church where the need was the greatest.

After careful survey the board decided that a new church was badly needed in the new G. I. section of Kannapolis. Here about two hundred G. I.'s and their families and a large number of community people lived. They were virtually without a shepherd. Plans were swiftly put into effect to build the new church. A beautiful lot was purchased, a competent architect was employed, and soon the building was under construction. It was an adventure of faith. The whole idea soon caught the imagination of the people, and there were many who thought it was one of the most significant projects undertaken in Kannapolis in many years.

From the very beginning it was felt that the new church should be named, "Memorial," a memorial to the young men of Kannapolis who gave their lives in World War II. In the planning and building of this church many former G. I.'s had an important part.

Dr. W. B. West, district superintendent, preached the first sermon in the basement of the Memorial Methodist Church, September 19. Last October the Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., was assigned to Memorial as its first pastor. Under his alert and capable leadership this church has made remarkable progress. It now has about 150 members and 200 on the Sunday school roll. The congregation expects to move out of the church basement into the beautiful sanctuary by May 1.

The Kannapolis Board of Missions feels that sponsoring this church has brought new vitality to Methodism in the city, and has opened the way for its further growth and expansion. Contrary to the belief of some, the building of new churches does not hurt the old established churches. It is a stimulus to them. It has been a thrilling experience to watch the laymen take this project to heart. It has not only quickened the spiritual life of the churches participating, but it has done something of lasting significance for the members of Memorial Methodist Church. We prayerfully hope that an increasing number of town boards of missions will be organized to promote God's kingdom and our beloved Methodism.



MEMORIAL CHURCH, KANNAPOLIS
The congregation expects to move from the basement into the sanctuary by May 1. Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., is the pastor.

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Large Crowd Urges State-wide Liquor Referendum; Predict Wide Observance of Laymen's Day

CITIZENS PLEAD FOR STATE-WIDE LIQUOR REFERENDUM

MORE THAN 2,300 North Carolina citizens, representing every county in the State, gathered at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium Thursday afternoon to urgently petition the legislature of North Carolina for an early liquor referendum. Appearing before the Joint Committee on Propositions and Grievances, spokesmen for the large crowd pled with the legislature not to keep on denying the people the right to express their opinion at the polls. Included among the speakers were prominent churchmen, members of the legislature and officials of the Allied Church League. Little mention was made of the evils of alcohol, but each speaker hammered away at the one central theme—the right of the people to vote in a state-wide referendum.

Bishop W. W. Peele, presiding bishop of the Richmond area, stated that liquor is a problem to be dealt with on the State level, and not on a county by county basis. "The people have a right to have their wishes known on a matter of this importance," he declared.

Representative L. A. Martin of Davidson, former executive secretary of the Allied Church League, insisted that the people want a state-wide referendum. "Liquor came back to this State," he continued, "not in a referendum, but in a legislative enactment in the dark hours of the morning back in 1935. When it went out, it went out by a majority of 173,000 votes in a free election. When it came back, it came back by a majority of 170 members of the General Assembly."

Eugene Hood, Methodist layman of Greensboro, stated that the State is a corporation, the people are the stockholders, and that members of the legislature are its directors. "In every corporation I know," he charged, "if the directors don't do what the stockholders want, they are voted from office."

Rev. B. O. Merritt of Robbins, in discussing the pending measure to outlaw liquor advertising in State periodicals, insisted that this is only a half measure, for, said he, "no liquor advertising of any consequence is circulated by newspapers and magazines edited in this State."

In all, eighteen speakers were heard during the afternoon.

It is understood that two bills calling for a state-wide referendum are up for possible consideration by the legislature. One is sponsored by Senator George Penny of Guilford, which would by majority vote make the State completely legally dry or legally wet. The other, introduced by Representative Martin, if carried by a majority, would make the State legally dry. If the referendum failed to carry the legal status of liquor would remain as it is now, with county units deciding the issue.

Foes of the state-wide referendum were to be heard Tuesday of this week.

DUKE SEMINARS DRAW MANY MINISTERS

MORE THAN 200 ministers attended the seminars on "Our Faith," held at Kinston and Charlotte last week. Sponsored by the Duke Divinity School and made possible through College Advance Funds donated by James A. Gray of Winston-Salem, the seminars were held at Queen Street Church, Kinston, on Monday and Tuesday, and at Dillworth Church, Charlotte, Thursday and Friday. Many favorable comments were heard on this new program at Duke.

Featured speakers were Dr. Thomas S. Kepler, professor of New Testament in the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, and Dr. Harold A. Bosley, dean of the Duke Divinity School. In two class periods Dr. Kepler discussed "What Do We Mean by Modernism?" and "I Believe in Jesus Christ." At a public service in the evening his topic was "What is the Ethic of Jesus?" Dr. Bosley discussed "I Believe in God" and "I Believe in Man." Rev. George B. Ehlhardt, registrar of the Duke Divinity School, reviewed several books of interest to ministers and showed pictures of the World Council of Churches which met in Amsterdam last summer.

At the Kinston meeting, Bishop W. W. Peele and Dr. H. I. Glass, pastor-host, conducted devotionals, and Rev. B. B. Slaughter, superintendent of the New Bern District, made the closing remarks. Rev. R. G. Dawson of Sanford, Rev. E. B. Fisher of Wilmington, Rev. T. R. Jenkins of Beaufort, and Rev. J. A. Russell of Wilmington, were also on the program.

At Charlotte, Bishop Costen J. Harrell and Rev. Fletcher Nelson, pastor-host; Rev. E. H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte District, Rev. W. A. Kale of Shelby, Rev. J. G. Huggin of Charlotte, Rev. L. F. Tuttle of Ashville and Rev. F. B. Jordan of Mount Airy, appeared on the program.

Dr. Kenneth W. Clark of the Duke Divinity School was in general charge of the seminars.

A PART of the problem of drunkenness is the case of the young soldier who drove an army truck through a red light, killing several people. He was not an alcoholic, he was just drunk.

WIDE OBSERVANCE OF LAYMEN'S DAY EXPECTED

Chicago.—Thousands of new voices will be heard in Methodist pulpits throughout the nation on Sunday, February 27, when in many churches the pastors will step aside and let laymen "take over."

Authorized by the General Conference and promoted by the General Board of Lay Activities here, Laymen's Day is annually observed on the fourth Sunday in February. It is estimated that well over 100,000 Methodist laymen took active part in Laymen's Day services last year and an even wider observance of the day is anticipated this year.

In many churches outstanding laymen will deliver the sermon or have complete charge of the service. In other churches, laymen will assist their minister in conducting the service, will read the Scripture lesson, offer prayer, or provide special music.

General theme for the observance is "I Am a Methodist." Resource materials on this subject, prepared by a prominent Dayton, Ohio, layman—Dr. Frank D. Slutz—have been distributed by the Board of Lay Activities to all lay leaders of the denomination's 21,826 pastoral charges.

BREVARD GETS PORTRAIT OF MISS STAMEY

A PORTRAIT in oils of Miss Mary Frances Stamey was presented to Brevard College on Sunday, February 13, by Mr. and Mrs. C. Tom Stamey of Polkville, parents of Miss Stamey. Miss Stamey was graduated from Brevard College in the class of 1940. In the presence of a small group the portrait was hung in the reception room of the Mary Frances Stamey Memorial Infirmary.

This beautiful modern structure, dedicated on July 10, 1948, was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Stamey, together with Mrs. Stamey's sister, Mrs. W. M. Whitaker of Shelby, in memory of their daughter and niece.

Miss Mary Johnson of Shelby is the artist.



PICTURED above is the Rocky Mount District parsonage, located at 803 Sycamore St., Rocky Mount, and occupied last fall by Dr. A. J. Hobbs and family. The building and an adjoining lot were purchased last year by the district trustees. Improvements consist of the addition of a study, a den and a first-floor bath; with extensive work done on the interior; and new electric appliances. More than 150 rose bushes, shrubs and trees have been planted in the yard. The new building was made possible by the sale of the old district parsonage and by contributions from the various charges of the district. Dr. Hobbs is in his second year as superintendent of the Rocky Mount District. Trustees of the distrct include J. A. Staton, Bethel; W. J. Smith, Bethel; J. C. Braswell, Rocky Mount; J. L. Horne, Rocky Mount; N. B. Dozier, Rocky Mount; C. S. Bunn, Spring Hope; Dr. J. L. Lister, Jackson; Dr. W. G. Suiter, Weldon; J. N. Hackney, Wilson.

Laymen Honor Morelock; Two Conferences Give More to World Service; Spence Gets Appointment

WHOM CAN WE SERVE IN THE METHODIST HOME?

By Reid Wall*

The Methodist Home was chartered, and is being built, to provide security, care and abundant life for older men and women of Christian character. It is primarily for members of the Methodist Church, but it is by no means restricted to Methodists. No true Methodist institution can be narrow in its scope of service. The Methodist Home is not restricted to the poor, nor to the rich, nor to the middle class. It is a home for all the people who have need of its services who can be accommodated. The large number of applicants, nearly three hundred in the first year of operation, is full proof of the wisdom of those founders who have projected plans for a Home to serve over a thousand residents. Most of these will be residents in the mother buildings. There will be many cottagers who enjoy the privacy of home and garden in the congenial, pleasant environment of the Home estate. Cottagers will have the security of medical and hospital care while they enjoy the cultural, recreational and religious advantages of the Home programs.

Hospital for Invalids

There will also be a large Hospital for Invalids. The Home cannot receive invalids now. We should be able to serve them. The greatest hospital need in America is more beds for the chronically ill. A Hospital for Invalids is the perfect companion for a Home for the Aged. It multiplies the Home's usefulness many fold. As now organized the Home hospital is equipped to care for members who become invalids. It is imperative that we build this special hospital immediately so we can receive invalids from the outside. There is no greater need in our state.

Financial Requirements

"Can a person with property come to the Home?" asked a beautiful old lady. "I have a home that I can't care for, and I've saved a few thousand dollars in bonds. I have heard that only the poor can enter." I assured her that if she is accepted her resources can guarantee her security for life and a modest income besides.

Poor Methodists

"I hear you can't get in the Methodist Home unless you have property," said a young pastor of a church in a county seat town. He was quickly assured that no one is denied a place in the Methodist Home because he is poor.

One third of the first group of residents are relief clients. They are as fine folks as we boast, but they came to the end of their business and professional lives without financial resources. The county welfare superintendents are giving the finest cooperation in granting the maximum amount to nearly all of our members on Old Age Assistance. Our Home is fully approved by all the proper State agencies.

This service to Methodism's people of limited means is made possible by the loyal support of the churches, by the generosity of Home residents of more substantial means, and by the Social Security program.

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The Church's Finest Asset

A Home for the Aged never becomes a financial burden upon a conference. It soon becomes the church's finest asset as it encourages choice people to welcome old age in the spirit of adventure. The more generously the people of the churches give for the building of the Home the faster we materialize these plans and the more of our friends do we serve. Every charge in the conference can afford to build a room or a cottage. And they will be doing this as the people catch the vision. Our larger churches will be building units. Many of the names that have symbolized Carolina's choice spirits are being perpetuated in memorials within the Home. There are memorials within any price range.

Some of our people want to give, and to give generously, but they are dependent upon the income from their savings. The annuity bond is the perfect answer. Your gift goes to work immediately, and you receive dividends higher than you have been accustomed to. An added advantage in a Methodist Home annuity bond is that when you need the care of the Home your bond may be converted into a life care contract.

MORELOCK HONORED BY BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

CHICAGO.—A bound volume containing letters of appreciation from church leaders all over the nation was presented recently to Dr. George L. Morelock, executive secretary emeritus of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. The presentation was made at an executive committee meeting here by Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Texas, president of the board in recognition of Dr. Morelock's 26 years of consecrated leadership in men's work in Methodism.

SISTER OF REV. J. F. HERBERT PASSES

MISS HARRIET BRYCE HERBERT, sister of Rev. J. F. Herbert of Roanoke Rapids, died in New York recently. Funeral services were conducted on February 10 at Trinity Church, Sumter, S. C., of which Dr. R. Bryce Herbert, her cousin, is pastor, and burial was in Elmwood cemetery, Columbia, S. C., by the side of her distinguished minister-father, Dr. Walter I. Herbert. Her mother and seven brothers and sisters, along with many other relatives and friends, attended the services.

Miss Herbert had many friends in North Carolina and received a graduate degree in mathematics from the University in Chapel Hill several years ago.

All members of her family were with her in New York at the time of her death.

MISS METTIE E. RICKETTS

In the issue of North Carolina Christian Advocate, Thursday, February 3, 1949, was published an article entitled, "Miss Mettie E. Ricketts Passes."

Since publication of the article mentioned a letter has been received from Mrs. Lawrence S. Ricketts, sister-in-law of the late Miss Mettie E. Ricketts, Orange, Virginia, stating that two brothers of the late Miss Ricketts also survive: Mr. Lawrence S. Ricketts, Orange, Virginia, and another brother who lives in New York.

S. B. TURRENTINE.

FOUR METHODIST LEADERS WRITE FOR WEEK OF DEDICATION

CHICAGO.—Four prominent Methodists have written addresses to be used as resource material for talks by laymen during the Week of Dedication, March 13-20, the Advance for Christ and His Church headquarters has announced. A total of 100,000 copies of each address has been printed for distribution to pastors, lay leaders, and others in the local churches.

Alexander Nunn, managing editor of The Progressive Farmer, Birmingham, Ala., has written the address titled "This Year's Harvest Depends Upon You." He is associate district lay leader of the Montgomery (Ala.) District. He was a speaker at the Methodist Rural Life Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, and is now serving the church at large as a member of its survey commission to make its organization more efficient.

Mrs. Arletta Christman Harvey of Monrovia, Cal., has prepared an address on "Can We? Will We—We Must." Mrs. Har-Harvey is a housewife and an active leader in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Rev. M. W. Clair, Jr., pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Chicago, has written the address, "The Church Is An Open Door."

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, is the author of the fourth address, "Shall We Take Up Our Crosses?" Dr. Flemming is chairman of the department of the church and economic life of the Federal Council of Churches, and prior to his election to the presidency of Ohio Wesleyan a few months ago, he was a member of the three-man United States Civil Service Commission and a prominent Washington, D. C., church leader.

The addresses have been prepared under the direction of the General Board of Lay Activities in cooperation with the Advance movement.

CONFERENCES INCREASE WORLD SERVICE GIVING

THE TWO Conferences in North Carolina contributed $98,669.70 to World Service from June 1, 1948 to January 31, 1949, according to a report released by Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer. Of this amount the North Carolina Conference sent in $37,-120.92, and the Western North Carolina Conference $61,548.78. During the same period last year the two Conferences contributed $92,218.76. The figures this year represent an increase totaling $6,450.64, or slightly over 7%. For the church as a whole, the increase over last year is 6.74%.

These figures do not represent the amount kept by the Conferences for Conference Benevolences, a part of World Service, and roughly about 50% of World Service.

APPOINTED

BISHOP HARRELL authorizes the appointment of Dr. H. E. Spence as minister in charge of the Blowing Rock Methodist Church for the approaching summer season. Dr. Spence initiated a program of work at the Methodist Church in Blowing Rock last summer that attracted wide attention. Still greater plans are being made for the coming summer. The program proper will get under way with the arrival of Dr. Spence the first Sunday in June, and will continue through the summer season. Further announcements concerning the work there will be made from time to time.

JOHN HOYLE, JR., Dist. Supt.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

FOUR OAKS Methodists welcomed seven new members last Sunday.—N. DeF.

REV. J. E. GARLINGTON of Conway has gone to the home of his parents in Pollock, La., to recuperate from a recent illness.

REV. M. V. THUMM, pastor of Bethel Church, Greensboro, has been ill at St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, for the past few days. He is improving satisfactorily.

REV. AND MRS. J. K. Bostick of Kenley announce the birth of a daughter, Bonnie Dixon, February 14. Mrs. Bostick is the former Miss Julia Geiger of Raleigh.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS, totaling $1,000 in cost, have been made on the dining room, kitchen and bathroom of the Maxton parsonage. Rev. H. G. Cuthrell is in his first year as pastor.

MRS. E. G. COWAN, wife of Rev. E. G. Cowan, pastor of the Roberdell Church, entered Duke Hospital Monday where she will receive treatment several weeks for arthritis and complications.

DR. R. DWIGHT WARE, superintendent of the Ashville District, will attend the National Study Conference on Churches and World Order in Cleveland, Ohio, March 8-11, sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

THE CONGREGATION of Central Church, Ashville, will hear Rev. Reid Wall, superintendent of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Charlotte, on Sunday, March 6, and Dean Harold A. Bosley in Week of Rededication services beginning Sunday, April 3.

MR. GURNEY P. HOOD of Raleigh, chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance of the North Carolina Conference, is the speaker Thursday, February 24, at the annual Laymen's Dinner at Wesley Memorial Church, Warrenton.

THE CONGREGATION of Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, held the annual church study this week. Rev. T. Marvin Vick, pastor, was assisted by Rev. J. K. Ormond of Benson, Rev. J. W. Lineberger of Fuquay Springs and Rev. G. S. Eubank of Red Springs. The theme was "The Church and the Rural Community."

RIVER BEND CHURCH on the Lowesville charge is making plans to clear a debt of $4,329 by September 4, and to have the church ready for dedication. Hills Chapel Church, also on the Lowesville charge, is under construction on a "pay-as-you-go" plan. Rev. M. C. Ellerbe is the pastor.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, in his opening message during Religious Emphasis Week at Duke Sunday, used as the theme "The Right to Be Happy." Happiness, he told a vast audience of students, faculty members and visitors, must be pursued under the constitution of the universe, under one's own constitution, and under the constitution of the group with which we live. In the special services which began Sunday and closed Wednesday, the university community also heard Dr. Edwin E. Aubrey, president of Crozer Theological Seminary, and members of the Duke faculty.



Marietta Harrison

MISS MARIETTA HARRISON, of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, has assumed her duties as director of Christian education at First Methodist Church, Wadesboro. Miss Harrison is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harrison, and was graduated last month from High Point College. She received her education in the public schools of Rocky Mount, at Pfeiffer Junior College and High Point College. Miss Harrison worked on Caravan teams in Louisiana and Indiana and for one summer was youth worker in Trinity Church, Raleigh.

REV. M. R. CHAMBERS of Milton received injuries last Friday evening when the car in which he was riding to a Rotary meeting was forced to strike a steel post to avoid collision with a U. S. mail truck. It is understood that Mr. Chambers received injuries about the eyes and face, and that he is in a hospital for treatment.

REV. LEON C. LARKIN, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, and Rev. A. L. Thompson, chairman of the North Carolina Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes and pastor of Fairmont Church, Raleigh, attended the annual convention of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes in Chicago last week.

SPRING HILL and Pinewoods churches on the Thomasville circuit have installed new heating plants this winter. The Spring Hill plant is oil-fired, and cost $1,600; the Pinewoods plant, coal-fired, cost $1,300. Extensive repairs have also been made on the parsonage, and the pastor, Rev. D. A. Oakley, and his family have had three poundings.

YOUTH WEEK is being observed at Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton, this week, with David L. Cozart, Jr., of Raleigh and New Bern the featured speaker on Sunday evening. Other plans include fellowship hours and other activities during the week. Young people will have charge of the worship service next Sunday morning.

HUGH CHATHAM Memorial Hospital, Elkin, was one of the three Methodist institutions in the Western North Carolina Conference to benefit from the will of Mrs. Livvie Sparger, Mount Airy. Dr. J. S. Hiatt, superintendent of the hospital, has received a check for $2,034.38, which represents one-third of Mrs. Sparger's life savings. "We are truly grateful for her remembrance," Dr. Hiatt wrote. Mrs. Sparger was at one time a patient in the Hugh Chatham Hospital.

DR. JELLINEK in "Recent Trends in Alcoholism and Alcohol Consumption" shows that from 1930 to 1944 the number of alcoholics per 100,000 population decreased in Kansas by 11.1 per cent, in Oklahoma by 10.5 per cent, and in Mississippi by 17.5 per cent, while in New York the number increased by 34.3 per cent. In California the increase was 31.3 per cent, and in Missouri, 28.8 per cent.

CLINTON METHODISTS held a spiritual life conference on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week with visiting ministers assisting Rev. J. H. Lanning, the pastor. Included were Dr. H. P. Powell, Raleigh; Rev. V. E. Queen, Fayetteville; Rev. A. P. Brantley, Goldsboro; Rev. F. D. Hedden, Lumberton; and Rev. K. E. Wheeler, Roseboro. Theme of the conference was "Advancing in Christ—His Kingdom and Church."

REV. E. H. LOWMAN, pastor of Monticello-Rose Chapel charge in the Statesville District, received a class of twenty-one new members on Sunday, February 13. Seven came from other Methodist churches, nine were baptized, and fourteen were received on profession of faith. This church is two and one half years old. The initial membership was seventy. The membership at present is one hundred and thirty-seven. The new educational building which also serves as a sanctuary is nearly paid for. The building is situated on four acres of land owned by the church. Rev. J. H. Armbrust preached the sermon on membership day.

THE MARION District MYF held it's quarterly meeting on Monday, February 14, at First Church, Marion, with approximately 225 in attendance. The program was planned by the McDowell County Sub-district Council with Rev. J. B. McLarty leading the opening hymn sing. The service of worship was led by Jim Haney, sub-district president. Members of the Council took the parts of youth in a local MYF who were studying missions in Japan and the Philippine Islands and had invited two speakers to tell them, first hand, of these countries and their needs. The speakers were Mrs. N. S. Ogburn, who was in Japan for some 20 years, and Rev. George Needham who was in the Philippine Islands while serving as a chaplain. After the business session the social hour followed.

VICTORY IN ROCKINGHAM

Dear Editor:

I am writing about two things—one is you and the other one is Starnes. They did not have to make you an editor, you were born that way. As to Starnes, his article on Visitation Evangelism was timely and true. Warren Petteway, Frank Meacham, and I proved the truth of it week before last. With the help of 20 preachers nearby, we put on a two-day visitation and as a result received 107 members. For four years the Rockingham church has used the visitation and the follow-up method, and we have added 400 to the roll. Now we have to threaten them with special collections to keep the crowd back.

ED EARNHARDT.

Gets Reward for Best Report; New Bern District Meets April 20; Mrs. Hillman Appointed

Edited by Mrs. A. H. Borland
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BEST REPORT FOR 1948

The department of literature and publications received the orchid from the Jurisdiction secretary for the best report for 1948! Congratulations to Mrs. Fred L. Johnson as conference secretary and to the district secretaries, Mrs. R. W. Morgan, Mrs. Merritt Hooper, Mrs. Jesse Gibson, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. L. D. Gill, Mrs. J. Kerr Harris and Mrs. Daniel Lane!

MEETINGS FOR THE NEW BERN DISTRICT

Mrs. R. L. Cox, promotion secretary of the New Bern district, announces the annual district meeting for Jarvis Memorial Church in Greenville on April 20.

Zone meetings are as follows: Wayne zone in Bethel Church. Mt. Olive circuit, April 29. Mrs. Lloyd Sutton of LaGrange is the leader. Tri-county zone will meet in Oriental on May 3. Mrs. Donald Witherington is the leader. Cartaret zone will meet in Franklin Memorial Church in Morehead City on May 12. Mrs. J. L. Smith, Sr., of North Harlowe is the leader. Central zone will meet in Grifton, May 18. Mrs. D. Lester Latham of Washington is the leader.

NEW SOCIETY IN ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

With the organization of a Woman's Society of Christian Service at Bethany Church at Gulrock, the Mattamuskeet charge is completely organized.

This church has had a Ladies Aid for many years and has done an excellent work in the local church, but with the cultivation done by their pastor, Rev. J. C. Harmon, the women decided they wanted to organize into a Woman's Society of Christian Service. On February 2, Mrs. George Jackson, district promotion secretary, and Mrs. Earl Meekins, district president, assisted in the final organization. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. T. O'Neal.

This church is a small rural church and every woman except one in the church was a member of the Aid. They are now all members of the Woman's Society.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Warren Payne; vice-president and secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. Addie Gibbs; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Pugh; promotion secretary and also secretary of literature and publications, Miss Ione O'Neal; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. J. T. O'Neal; secretary of missionary education and secretary of children's work, Mrs. Leonard Pugh; and secretary of supply work, Mrs. John H. Gibbs.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF W. S. C. S.

April 5, 6, 7, the dates for the annual conference to be held in Burlington! Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. Each church is entitled to one delegate from the Woman's Society and one delegate from the Wesleyan Service Guild. Send the name of the delegate as soon as elected with the name of the church and the registration fee of $6 to Mrs. E. S. W. Dameron, Union Avenue, Burlington. The deadline for the registration is March 25. Front Street Church is planning to have the best conference ever held. Everyone is looking forward to this conference.

Every society is expected to bring or send a sacrificial offering to be placed on the altar at communion. This offering to go to the suffering children of Europe.

Be sure the names of the deceased members of your society for 1948 are sent to the promotion secretary of your district as soon as possible, that the names may be enrolled for the memorial at conference.

LETTER ON STUDENT WORK

Mrs. C. M. Allen, secretary of student work for the Durham District has sent an excellent letter to her secretaries. Here are some excerpts from her letter:

"The great Advance program is on in every Methodist church. We, as student secretaries, are vitally concerned in this program. We are the women who have the privilege of working with students. These students of ours are the ones to whom the church is looking to carry this Advance message to the four corners of the earth.

"The third point in this program of the Woman's Division is the recruiting of 1,000 life service volunteers within the next four years. We can and must help. The objectives for student secretaries are: 1, to present the needs of the world to students; 2, to secure the names of students who are interested in full time Christian service and send these names to the conference secretary of missionary personnel, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern; 3, to encourage the presentation of the Advance program at all student conferences; 4, to use students from overseas to personalize the colleges in the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund; and 5, to encourage the campus community to be responsible for a displaced person, preferably a student, brought under Church World Service.

"May we have the faith that the living God will use consecrated and trained young people to change the shape of things to come."

MRS. E. L. HILLMAN MISSIONARY PERSONNEL SECRETARY OF DURHAM DISTRICT

Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, promotion secretary of the Durham District, announces the appointment of Mrs. E. L. Hillman, 114 Watts St., Durham, as the new district secretary of missionary personnel.

STUDY CLASSES

In Mrs. N. P. Edens' letter to the district secretaries of missionary education, she gives some very definite information concerning study classes which is very important.

Each society is requested to have two approved study classes before May 31. You may study "Newness of Life," "The Bible and Human Rights," or "On Our Own Doorstep." It is hoped that each society will study "China, Twilight, or Dawn?" during the first quarter of the new year, June, July, August. The goal is for each society in the conference to have and report at least three study classes before the first of September to the district secretary of missionary education. Societies may come together to have their classes, if that is best, but each keeps a separate record and sends a separate report. Jurisdiction recognition may also be received for this type of class, provided each keep a separate record and reports the class on individual jurisdiction blanks which you may receive from the district secretary.

The church-wide class (or joint study with the pastor), is not an approved study, therefore no credit will be given for it, but it is urged that you co-operate with your pastor in promoting this study. Just report it as a church-wide class on the report blank.

Informal classes are to be called "Special Classes" now, and are to be held to meet some special need of the women.

DR. HELEN KIM ON THE NEW KOREA

The Republic of Korea, freed from thirty-six years of domination by Japan, is now reviving its old cultures—its music, art, language, dancing, singing, dress and customs, according to Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha Woman's University of Seoul, Korea. "The new Korea is short of leadership and short of technicians and skilled workers—such workers were discouraged during the years of Japanese control," said Dr. Kim. "But today we aspire to build a national culture that will help international culture. We want to dig into the past and modernize it for the needs of the present day. We want to serve the world, and not to become a military power."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Remember the World Day of Prayer is March 4. Attend the meeting in your community and join hands with the praying men and women of the world, that real peace and security may come to all the peoples everywhere.

METHODIST WOMEN URGE LEGISLATION

Methodist women, numbering 1,500,000 in some 30,000 societies across the United States, are urged to press Congress and county and state governments for legislation to check the Ku Klux Klan, and also to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in a communication sent to 500 women church leaders by Miss Thelma Stevens, secretary of the department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. The women executives in 100 conference societies are urged to have hundreds of thousands of women, as well as local societies, visit or write their congressmen, their legislators, and other government officers on these questions. Specifically Miss Stevens and her department ask legislation "prohibiting the appearance on public highways, grounds or buildings, or persons from organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, using disguises to conceal their identity; and against the desecration of the cross as it is being used by the Klan to intimidate and spread terror." They recommend, too, "the outright abolition" of the House Committee on Un-American Activities" for the publishing of falsehoods about individuals who have never been interviewed or had opportunity to refute the allegations."—Women in the Church.

Good Offerings Being Received for Bennett College; Fine Schools Continue; Youth to Stress MY Fund

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RESPONSE IN RACE RELATIONS

Contributions received during the past week indicate that Race Relations Sunday, February 13, was observed generally in the conference. For a number of years this offering has been directed to Bennett College, Greensboro. The offering throughout the church will be used in the interest of higher education in our Negro colleges. All contributions should be designated for race relations and should be sent to Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Box 828, Salisbury. Miss Summersett will keep the records and Mr. Wiles will forward the check to the proper treasurer at the end of the conference year. Contributions were received as follows up to February 18:

Midway (Midway-Groometown) $1.25; First-Morganton, $20.00; Abernethy Memorial-Newton, $15.00; Shiloh (Claremont-Shiloh), $5.00;Gethsemane (Summerfield), $9.00; Ebenezer (Welcome) $5.00; St. Pauls-Charlotte, $18.10; Pleasant Garden, $11.70; Oakdale, $6.00; First-Lincolnton, $30.00; Ebenezer-Belmont $10.00; First-Salisbury, $38.00; Bethlehem (Bethlehem-Shiloh) $5.00; Bostic Charge, $8.35; Long's Chapel, $15.04; Hoyle Memorial-Shelby, 13.63; Lowell, $19.10; Kilgo-Charlotte $12.-00; Bethlehem, $20.13; Brevard, $10.00; Summerfield, $11.00; Kona, $8.00; Glenwood-Greensboro, $11.00; Boulevard-Statesville, 18.00; Bethel (Swananoa), $12.00; Woodleaf, 8.47.

We wish to thank Ray Brewer, J. Maurice Butler, Mrs. Ted R. Miller, Wade R. Bustle, Leroy A. Smith, Margaret E. Allred, J. I. Ayers, Mrs. J. B. Tyson, Jr., Wade Ballenger, R. C. Nimon, Goldie Allen, Mrs. W. T. Purgason, Maud Mason, George H. Needham, and others for these reports received so soon after February 13.

EXCELLENT TRAINING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Some of the best attended training schools held during the past few years have been conducted in our conference in recent weeks. The Rowan County School set an all time record. The Cabarrus County School had 223 in attendance with 189 receiving certificates on the closing night. Attendance at the opening session of the Gastonia Area school on February 13 was most pleasing. On Monday, February 14, the Forsyth County group surpassed all records of former years with aproximately six hundred at the opening session. The Mecklenburg County School is underway this week with renewed interest and with a much larger attendance than in recent years. One of the major emphases of these schools is a course on Christian Beliefs and a general presentation of the church-wide theme on Our Faith.

KANNAPOLIS AREA SCHOOL

Beginning on Sunday night, February 27, and continuing through Thursday, the churches of the Kannapolis area will meet together each evening for the school to be held at Trinity Church. Courses and instructors for the week are: Christian Beliefs, Dr. R. L. Ownbey; Youth and Christian Home-Making, Rollin P. Gibbs; The Teaching Children by Miss Elizabeth Meaning of Methodism, Reid Wall; and Oliver. Cecial G. Hefner is pastor of the host church and E. H. Nease, Jr. is dean and director of the school. Pastors of the participating charges are: H. S. Williams, C. F. Womble, E. H. Nease, Jr., W. B. Shinn, Cecil G. Hefner, J. W. Combs, and Ray M. Alber.

ANSON COUNTY SCHOOL

First Church, Wadesboro, J. Elwood Carroll, Pastor, will be host to the Anson County School scheduled for March 6-10. Three courses will be given as follows: Christian Beliefs with special emphasis on Our Faith, Dr. R. L. Ownbey; Use of the Bible with Children by Miss Elizabeth Oliver; and Youth and Worship by Mrs. E. H. Saville of Roanoke, Virginia. Pastors and superintendents of the participating charges are: J. E. Carroll and Tom M. Little; J. R. Little and O. E. Ross, John Brewer, F. S. Clark, Nelson Burr; McRae Crawford and E. E. Huggins, W. T. Hinson, P. E. Greene; C. D. Brown and R. B. Hardison, Mrs. J. P. Phillips, J. S. Campbell, Raymond Diggs; J. A. Sharpe and F. H. Ratliff, Herman Bowman, Mrs. P. L. Griggs; J. J. Shepherd and Bob Mitchum, W. O. Auston, Jr., Ira Kiker, Mrs. Clarence Smith, E. W. Caudle; J. T. Frazier, Jr., and J. H. White, T. A. Jones, J. W. Cameron, S. B. Funderburke; C. W. Dennis and Mrs. O. S. Anderson, C. M. Byrd, Miss Juanita Rorie, Mrs. T. J. Ingram, James Roberson.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY SCHOOL

The annual school for this area will be held again this year at First Church, Forest City. J. W. Braxton is pastor of the host church and Courtney B. Ross is dean and director of the school. Three courses will be given as follows: Christian Beliefs by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe; The Methodist Youth Fellowship by Robert H. Stamey; and The Use of the Bible with Children by Mrs. J. A. Gray, Atlanta. Pastors and superintendents of the charges participating in the school scheduled March 6-10 are: Courtney B. Ross and Wallace Littlejohn; D. M. Nifong and G. A. Hines; C. Y. Ingram and E. N. Washburn, Mrs. Maxine Hollifield; E. W. Needham and James Tinkler; J. A. Fitzgerald and Mrs. F. B. Edwards, D. W. Moore, Horace Elliott, Miss Minnie Shehan, Harvey Wilkie; J. W. Braxton and Mrs. J. B. Duckett; G. E. S. Miller and George Dobbins; O. L. Robinson and W. M. Kirby, Earl Taylor; E. P. Greene and Sam Ruppe, H. H. Phillips, Howard Daniel, W. G. Harris; C. F. Tate and George Robertson, Mrs. Othello Guffey, Miss Rose Swofford, Howard Spratt, Frank Melton, Melvin Hutchins; P. F. Snider and Paul Wall, G. C. Hardin, D. E. Carter.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY, APRIL 3

Sunday, April 3, was designated as Church School Day by the Annual Conference at its last session in High Point. This observance is authorized by the Discipline and is carried in the report of the Board of Education as follows: "We recommend that Church School Day be observed, April 3, 1949, and that every Church School in the conference be urged to give a generous offering again this year to the Conference Youth Camp Fund." Local church boards of education meeting in March will want to make plans for this occasion at that time.

Main Street Church, Gastonia, has already remitted an offering of $150.00 for this cause. We sincerely appreciate the leadership of this fine church for this good cause.

METHODIST YOUTH FUND YOUTH'S MAIN EMPHASIS IN MISSIONS ADVANCE

Methodist youth have been sharing in the missionary enterprise through their contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund. Mission work related to the Fund is of vital importance and needs continued and increased support. As a part of the great Advance Program, it might seem expedient to some groups to accept what is called a "special" and to neglect the ongoing program. It will be well to remember that an advance is not made by neglecting one piece of work in order to start a new one in some other place. To fail to support Christian education in China in order to open a new hospital in the heart of Africa would not be an advance.

Suggestions from National Leaders

In the light of the above, the council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, a representative of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the staff of the Youth Department in the General Board of Education last fall voted that the Methodist Youth Fund would be youth's main emphasis in the Missions phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church.

Interboard Committee Concurs

At the recent meeting of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education this was accepted with the addition of the following: "Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, as such, should not be approached with or take on specials." The entire statement included the goal that every member in every MYF contribute to the Methodist Youth Fund. This will have significance for those who are especially related to the activities and program of Methodist Youth Fellowship groups. In interpreting the above-stated action, it is recognized that youth, as a part of the church, will certainly assume their responsibilities in working toward and contributing to any "specials" taken on by the churches to which they belong. MYF groups, as such, however, should consider that their main missions emphasis and responsibility is the Methodist Youth Fund.

World Service and Overseas Relief

Other points in the missions phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church for youth relative to giving are: (1) Every member in every Methodist Youth Fellowship contribute to World Service through the fourth Sunday offering and through general church benevolences; and (2) every Methodist Youth Fellowship share in relieving the world's suffering by giving to relief through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. These were also approved by the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.

Health of Children Good; Charges Pay Askings; Gift to Endowment and Annuity Bond Received

By O. V. Woosley

The Children's Home
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

A home for the homeless. Owned and maintained by the Western North Carolina Conference

O. V. WOOSLEY, Superintendent

GOING SOMEWHERE

Your correspondent is about ready to go somewhere. He is a bit agitated as to whether he will get everything done before leaving time. He will attend the annual meeting of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes and the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes immediately following. These meetings will be held in Chicago and are expected to be full of interest and profit.

OUR CHILDREN

It is a satisfaction to be able to report that our children are in good physical condition and in good mental attitude. Only a few little youngsters are in the infirmary with temporary colds. Two are convalescing from adenoid and tonsil removals. The biggest concern of those attending the little youngsters is to keep them in bed long enough to get well. Little five-year-old Charles got caught between the upright pieces at the foot of his bed and had to call for help. It seemed that Charles had grown bigger while wiggling in his confinement. The little lad tells me he thinks he will not do it again.

FIGURING ON FIGURES

Our Mr. Simpson has completed his work sheet for rendering a report to the Duke Endowment on our operations during last year. His figures show that we had about 500 more days of care last year than during the previous year, the total being 149,540. His figures also show that we have some 600 fewer days of care for orphans and half orphans, those for whom the Duke Endowment makes financial consideration. Our total enrollment for last year was 492. The average enrollment was 408.6. Three out of four of the applications we now review have to do with children from broken homes.

THE NEW EDITOR

We recently had a short visit with the new editor of the Advocate, Rev. Cecil W. Robbins, and were very favorably impressed with him. He is a friendly sort of fellow and apparently has a good deal of ability. We will learn to know one another better as we go along. This scribe has worked under the direction of editors of the Advocate dating back to Rev. H. M. Blair. He has not written much of great consequence, but he has filled a lot of space. Hail to the new chief!

TWO OF A KIND

The picture this week is that of Brenda and Linda Bishop, four years old last June, and happy members of the baby cottage family. They are very much alike and what happens to one usually happens to the other, even getting sick together. These lovable little twin youngsters are sponsored by the Adult Fellowship Department of First Church, Hendersonville, Mrs. Harold Moore being the correspondent.

JOY BELL RINGERS

At this writing, some two weeks before it will appear in print, the following listing of joy bell ringers is being made, meaning that the listed congregations, with their pastors in charge, have forwarded as much or more than the basic Children's Home apportionment for the present conference year, some having paid their entire askings. When they do, such causes the joy bell to ring:

Polkville circuit, five congregations, R. H. Nicholson.

Oak Grove, Landis circuit, Charles L. Ledford.

Oakboro, Albemarle circuit, J. M. Morgan.

New Hope and Union, New Hope-Bethel circuit, J. A. Sharp.

Coburn Memorial, Salisbury, E. H. Brendall.

Lee's Chapel, Greensboro, P. E. Lindley.

Pleasant Hill, Cleveland circuit, J. H. Trolinger.

Snow Hill, Sandy Ridge circuit, J. C. Gentry.



Which is Which?

A WOMAN'S WISH

Before her death after an extended illness, Mrs. Livvie Richards Sparger, of Mount Airy, expressed a wish that her savings account, jointly owned by her and her brother, J. C. Richards, of Mount Airy, be divided into three equal parts, one-third going to the Children's Home, another third to the Methodist Home for the Aged in Charlotte and the other third to the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin. The check forwarded by Mr. Richards to us amounted to $2,034.58. This money is being placed in our permanent endowment fund and the income from which will in perpetuity serve boys and girls enrolled here.

A WOMAN'S INVESTMENT

We recently received a check for $10,000 from a good woman who desired a Children's Home annuity bond in that amount. This bond has been forwarded to this good woman and will guarantee to her $550 per year through her lifetime, the principal then coming to The Children's Home's permanent fund. This is a good investment through lifetime and a good gift to The Children's Home through all time.

WHAT TO BUY

The question of when, what, and how much to buy is continually before us. About the only answer that can be given to the purchasing agents is to watch for good bargains and invest for only a few months ahead. We are buying some clothing for next fall but only in such instances as when prices are cut to about fifty per cent of recent retail prices. Careful buying plays a big part in the financial welfare of a family as large as ours.

THE FRUIT TREES

The extended warm weather has caused us to be apprehensive about whether our fruit trees will bloom too early. With a bountiful crop of blooms in evidence last year and every reason to believe that we had passed the frost line, one cold night destroyed practically all our fruit. We have hope that such will not happen this year. We are continually increasing the number of trees in our orchard, having added well over 100 last fall. Caring for an orchard is an expensive proposition but not too expensive when we secure fruit from it.

THE DAIRY HERD

We have had several years of concern about our dairy herd, one thing after another coming along to handicap our output. We, of course, provide all the preventive care that the best veterinary service can render. During the past year we invested over $7,000 in new stock, disposing of some of the old stock. We now have a bountiful supply of milk.

HOG KILLING TIME

Sixteen-year-old Buck came by again this morning for an excuse for being late for school. He reported that the hog killing crew was late showing up and by the time he got through with rounding up the hogs, school opening time had passed. Buck was reminded that he had been late about every hog killing time. This lad has tended to seventy-five hogs through last summer and this winter and has done a good job of it. They average some 300 pounds apiece. He wants the slaughtering process to be properly done. Only a few hogs are left to be slaughtered.

THE PRISON MAN

A lovely little pre-school age girl enrolled with us has a father in prison who writes: "I am very grateful to all of you for the fine treatment I know my daughter is getting at the Home. I am very sorry I have to be in prison like this. It is very hard to be away from someone you love. I go to church here every Sunday, and upon my release from here I intend to keep on going to church every Sunday. I am going to do everything in my power to make a man of myself that my daughter will be proud of. I think a lot of my Methodist preacher who helped get my little daughter in The Children's Home. My future looks much brighter since I have learned about her and know that she is well provided for."

Sunday School Lesson for FEBRUARY 27

Standards of the Kingdom

Matthew 5:17-20; 6:33; 7:21-27

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Jesus warned the Jews that they were not to be a nation chiefly anxious to quarantine against contact with the Gentiles. They were to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world (Micah 4:1-3). But in stressing the mission of the Jews to stretch out a helping hand to the heathen and to hold up a torch in the darkness to guide them, he had to ignore those restrictions that forebade contact with Gentiles lest they might be ceremonially defiled. He even touched lepers, put his hand on dead bodies, and also noted that often Gentiles were better than Jews (Luke 4:25-27; Matthew 8:1-11). Even good people were made anxious by this overriding of Jewish restrictions and prejudices.

As one looks at a florist repotting his plants he might suspect that he was bent on destruction, but of course his only purpose is to give them larger room to grow and fresh earth from which to draw nourishment. That is precisely what Jesus was doing in the Sermon on the Mount. Said he, I came not to destroy but to fulfill. He was unspeakably anixous that every value in the Old Testament should be preserved, and that every reaching out for better things that we find in that brave old book should be consummated. Jesus was the greatest conservative in history; but to that end he also became the greatest progressive. He electrified the law and the prophets, and sent through them a heavenly current that made every negative a positive.

But while Jesus often ignored the letter of the law he carried out the spirit of it with the most radical thoroughness. The old law said, Thou shalt not kill. But Jesus said, If you feel like killing a man you are in danger of the judgment, and if you insult him you are in still greater danger. If you call him a cursed fool, and thus tend to light the fires of hell in his heart, hell will break out in your own heart by spontaneous combustion.

For us Christians every week ought to be a fire prevention week, a week in which we alertly guard against giving any brother a grievance that will light in his heart the fires of hate, a week in which if a man smites us on the one cheek we will turn to him the other also, and we turn the heavenly fire hose of love and kindness on everyone who hates or despises us.

Jesus was so passionately eager to fulfill the spirit of the law and the prophets that he ignored the letter when the letter would keep him from carrying out the spirit. He said, You Jews with your high ideal of one holy, true and just God were meant to season and preserve society, but your scruples about ceremonial defilement keep you from helpful social contact with Gentiles. You are so snobbish that your salt has lost its taste, and religion that is not helpful to those with whom it comes in contact is useless, nay, worse than useless. The problem is to find a place to dump it.

When Jesus saw the faith of the Roman centurion he said, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel; and I say unto you, he said, You Israelites are intended to be the light of the world, and to set an example of kindness and helpfulness and pure living that will attract all mankind (Isaiah 2); but instead of that you put your light under a bushel.

But it is so difficult to love your neighbor as yourself that no one can do it unless he has an adventurous faith in God's answer to prayer. You must remember, says Jesus, that just as an earthly father would not give his child a stone when he asked for bread, so also your heavenly Father will not fail generously to supply your deepest need for strength and grace to do unto others as you would that they should do unto you.

One is frightened by our Lord's solemn words, Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Men say security is in guns and money; Jesus says security is in loving God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself. The way to life, he says, is the Golden Rule. That frees you from all artificial restrictions so that you can give yourself in joyous abandon to the life of love. If you seek first the kingdom of God in which all men are brothers, and in response to the love of God give yourself in sincere love to your fellow men, neither flood nor cyclone can harm you, for your house is founded on the rock.

Dear Editor:—

Sunday, February 13th marked the passing of another milepost in the life of this retired preacher. How old? Well to quote Jacob, "Few and evil have the days of the years of my life been." God has permitted me to live for 79 years. My privileges of service have been great, and the blessings of God upon me have been wonderful. The occasion brought more than a score of cards and letters with their cheering messages of love and good will. One card bore the signature of twenty-five good friends. Some said "Write to the Advocate again." And one good brother said, "Write again about the retired preachers." Space in the Advocate is precious or I would write more often. And as to the retired minister I have had my say, except to say this. The Chinese have a saying; "Do not unto another what you would not wish him to do you," or our own golden rule in reverse. So with reference to all elderly persons. If you are still in active life put yourself in the position of the aged and act accordingly. And I am not advocating a thing that I have not for a lifetime tried to do. And in behalf of all the retired ministers in the Conference let me add, I am sure every one of us deeply appreciates what the Conference is doing for us financially. But for that our cupboards would truly be bare.

May I also say, my heart goes out in loving and prayerful sympathy to Bishop Paul N. Garber and the great Christian workers, who are under arrest in Bulgaria. Any one who knows Bishop Garber knows that you cannot associate him with wrong doing in any form. The very life and personality of the man lifts him above suspicion. So let us pray and trust and work in every righteous way for the relief and release of these Godly people.

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God Is My Helper

Billy Brown was almost seven. For weeks he coaxed to know what his parents had for his birthday.

"Is it a paint-set?" asked Billy.

"No"

"A train?"

"No," said his mother, "and stop teasing!"

"A dog?" asked Billy last, because that was what he wanted most. His mother's silence made him sure he was right, although she didn't confirm it.

"Yippee!" shouted Billy. From then on, all he could think about was the dog. At school, he told the big news to his friends and to Miss Johnson, his teacher. At last his father admitted it and allowed Billy to help him build a little house for the dog in the backyard. Every day, when Billy came home from school, he ran to the yard to take another look at the little dog house.

But the day before his birthday, something happened to make Billy change. At school, Miss Johnson told Billy's class about the children in Europe.

"They come from many countries," she said, "from all races and religions. They are very much like you, except that the war has taken away their homes and parents. They have little or no food to eat, and only rags to wear. We, in America, can help by giving up the money it would take to buy the one thing we want most. If we send that money to the United Nations, they will send it across the ocean to buy food and clothes for your brothers and sisters in Europe. They will be so thankful, and it will please God, who helps us when we trust Him and do good for others."

The thing Billy wanted most was the dog. But he wanted to help the children even more. When he came home, he did not go to the little house in the yard.

"What is the matter?" asked his mother. Billy did not answer.

"That dog won't want a master with such a long face," teased his father.

Billy tried to hold back the tears. "I d-don't want a d-dog now!" he cried.

"But why?" asked his parents.

"B-Because . . . After a sniffle or two Billy told them everything Miss Johnson had said. His parents smiled proudly at him.

"You've learned a fine lesson," said Billy's father. "The money for the dog **will** go to those children instead, just as you want it."

Billy was smiling now, too. "Thanks, Dad," he said. "We can get the dog next year, maybe—but the children need food and clothes **now.**"

Next morning on Billy's birthday, the mailman came with a big box. It was for Billy from his grandfather in Texas. Billy wondered what it could be. It was too big to be a paint-set or even a train, and besides, a funny sound seemed to come from inside. Quickly, Billy tore off the paper, and there in a crate, barking happily, was a little puppy! Billy and his parents could hardly believe their eyes.

"How did Grandpa know?" Billy asked as he hugged the little fellow.

"Grandpa didn't know," his mother said, "but God did. When you helped others, he helped you."

"Yes," Billy's father said softly. " 'Delight thyself in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.' "—Religious Press Committee.

DON GILBERT AND THE WIND

Wrapped up to his nose
And down to his toes
And walking on wings
Don Gilbert goes.
The wind goes along
To sing him a song
And the old wind sings,
"I'm strong! I'm strong!

"You can't play today,
I'll blow you away,
Who-o-o, who-o-o, zip! zip!
Run home and stay!"
The harder he blew
Who ran faster too?
With a hop and a skip,
Don Gilbert, that's who!

—Sophie Rowe.

SMILES

A little boy returned home dejectedly from his first day at school.

"Ain't going tomorrow," he said to his mother.

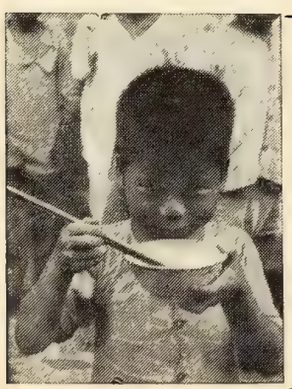
"Why not, dear?"

"Well, I can't read, 'n' I can't write, 'n' they won't let me talk; so what's the use?"—The State.

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February

Bethlehem, 11 27
St. John's, 7:30 27

March

Davidson-Fair View, 10 6
St. James, 7:30 6
Charlotte, First, 7:30 7
Hawthorne Lane, 7:30 9
North Monroe-Benton Heights: North Monroe, 11 13
Asbury-Oak Grove: Asbury, 3 13
Kilgo, 7:30 13
Peachland: Hopewell, 11 20
Lilesville: Forestville, 3 20
Ansonville: Cedar Hill, 7:30 20
Marshville: Wingate, 11 27
New Hope-Bethel: Long Pine, 3 27
Prospect: New Hope, 7:30 27

April

Mouzon, 11 3
Unionville, 3 3
Spencer Memorial, 7:30 3
Spencer Memorial, 11 10
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Paul, 3 10
Moore's Chapel, 7:30 10
St. Paul, 11 17
Monroe Circuit: Midway, 2:30 17
Morven: Pleasant Hill, 8 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: ANSONVILLE, 9:30 21
Duncan Memorial, 11 24
Weddington: Bond's Grove, 3 24
Waxhaw: Heath Memorial, 7 24

May

Central Avenue, 11 1
Polkton: Poplar Hill, 3 1
Indian Trail-Stallings: Beulah, 2:30 8
Belmont Park, 7:30 8

SALISBURY DISTRICT
Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

February

Mount Olivet, 11 27
Roberta, 7 27

March

Kannapolis: Trinity, 7:30 2
Epworth, 11 6
Midway, 7 6
Salem, 11 20
Albemarle Circuit: Union Chapel, 3:30 20
Albemarle: Main Street, 7:30 20
Rocky Ridge, 11 27
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 27
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February

Mt. Hermon, Belmont, 11 27
Fountain Place, Fountain Place, 7:30 27

March

Hillsboro, New Sharon, 11 6
Duke's Chapel, Duke's Chapel, 7:30 6
Sub-District Advance, Trinity, Durham, 7-9:30 7
Sub-District Advance, Rougemont, 10-1 8
Sub-District Advance, Long Memorial, Roxboro, 7-9.30 8
Sub-District Advance, Yanceyville, 10-1 9
Sub-District Advance, Fairview, 7-9:30 9
Sub-District Advance, Saxapahaw, 10-1 10
Sub-District Advance, Front St., Burlington, 7-9:30 10
Sub-District Advance, Pittsboro, 10-1 11
Sub-District Advance, Hillsboro, 7-9:30 11
Burlington, Glen Raven, 11 13
Saxapahaw, Clover Garden, 3 13
Bahama, Mt. Bethel, 11 20
Alamance, Sapling Ridge, 3 20
Roxboro, Cavel, 11 27
Person Circuit, Warrens Grove, 7:30 27

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
J. Herbert Miller, D.S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

February

Columbia: Wesley Memorial, 11 27
Creswell: Creswell, 7:30 27

March

Manteo, 11 6
Stumpy Point: Manns Harbor, 3:30 6
Belhaven: Pantego, 11 13

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
Walter C. Ball, D.S., 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.

February

Carthage: Cameron, 11 27
Stedman: Cokesbury, 7:30 27

NEW BERN DISTRICT
B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

February

Bridgeton, 11:15 27
Snow Hill: Calvary, 7:30 27

March

Morehead City, First, 11 6
Franklin Memorial, 7:30 6
Mt. Olive Ct., Smiths, 11 12
Trenton: Shady Grove, 11 13
Ayden: Macedonia, 7:30 13
Riverside-Brgtn.: Beech Grove, 11 20
Grimesland: Salem, 7:30 20
Grifton, Edwards, 11 27

April

LaGrange, Trinity, 11 3
Mt. Olive: Calypso, 7: 30 3
Vanceboro: Lanes, 11 10
Pink Hill: Woodington, 7:30 10
Fremont: Yelverton, 11 17
Seven Springs: Zion, 7:30 17
Dover: Lanes, 11 24

May

Stonewall: Bayboro, 11 1
Aurora: Campbells Creek, 7:30 1
District Conference: Epworth (Vanceboro Charge) 5
Oriental: Arapahoe, 11 8
Pikeville: Saulston, 7:30 8
Goldsboro Ciruit: Salem, 11 15
Ocracoke, 7:30 18
Marshallberg, 11 22
Beaufort Circuit: Core Creek, 7:30 22
Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 28

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February

Oxford, 11 27
Oxford Circuit: Herman, 3 27
Stem, 7:30 27

March

Westover: Pleasant Grove, 11 6
Raleigh, Trinity, 7:30 6
Princeton, 11 13
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 13
Clayton, 11 20

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February

Battleboro, 11 27
Farmville: Lang's, 7:30 27

March

Spring Church-Garysburg: Lebanon, 11 6
Seaboard: Concord, 3 6
Northampton: Lasker, 7:30 6
Roanoke Circuit: New Hope, 11 13
Littleton Circuit: Vaughan, 7 13
West Halifax: Union, 11 20
Conway: Bethany, 7 20
Norlina: Norlina, 11 27
Middleburg: Drewry, 7 27

April

Tarboro, 11 3
Elm City: Mount Zion, 3:30 3
Kenly: Buckhorn, 7:30 3
Spring Hope: Stanhope, 11 10
Nashville: Yorks, 3 10
Pinetops: Temperance Hall, 3 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: BETHEL, 9:30 19
Bethel, 11 24
Robersonville: Vernon, 3 24
Scotland Neck: Hobgood, 7:30 24
WASHINGTON, D. C., SEMINAR 26-28

May

Rosemary, 11 1
Warrenton: Hebron, 3 1
Littleton: Littleton, 11 8
Warren: Prospect, 3 8
Clark Street: Maple Creek, 3 15
Whitakers: Speight's Chapel, 7:30 15
Rich Square: Woodland, 11 22
Enfield, 11 29

June

Stantonsburg, Lebanon, 11 5
Saint Paul, Sandy Cross, 7:30 5
Weldon, 11 12
Halifax, Pierce, 3 12
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 19

July

Marvin: White Oak, 11 3
Evanedale, 7:30 10
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11 17

WILMINGTON DISTRICT
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February

Maysville: Pollocksville, 11 27
Swansboro, 7 27

March

Duplin: Wesleys, 10 6
Wallace, 7:30 6
Pembroke: Calvary, 11 13
South Robeson: Bethesda, 7:30 13
Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 20
(Dedication of parsonage in the afternoon)
Wilmington, Grace, preaching, 11 27
Town Creek: Zion, 7:30 27

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In Memoriam

MRS. W. B. HICKS

BISCOE.—Mrs. W. B. Hicks, loyal member of Page Memorial Church, Biscoe, died December 30 at the age of 72. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor and Rev. H. R. Ashmore and Rev. M. E. Tyson. Surviving are four daughters. Mrs. Reid T. Garrett, Rockingham; Mrs. Ralph Williams, Atlanta; Mrs. Vardell Williams, Fayetteville; Mrs. Raymond Ade, Bronxville, N. Y.—A. M. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

MRS. ALICE BARBER SMITH

REIDSVILLE.—Saturday, December 4, 1948, just at the close of day, the gentle spirit of one of our loyal members and dear friends slipped back to God who gave it. Mrs. Alice Barber Smith was one of the oldest members of Mt. Carmel Church and a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Under her able and inspiring leadership the society has grown. She was made the first life member and for years was president of the society until her health forbade her attendance.

Therefore be it resolved:

First: That we, the members of the Mt. Carmel Woman's Society of Christian Service, bow in humble submission to God's will, but knowing our society has lost one of its most devoted and faithful members.

Second: That we extend to her husband and children our heart felt sympathy and may the grace of God comfort them in these days of sorrow.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent the Christian Advocate and Reidsville Review for publication and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our society.—MRS. J. T. SPARKS, MISS HELEN STONE, MRS. T. B. STRADER, Committee.

JAMES H. SHRUM

GASTONIA.—On Saturday, February 5, 1949, James H. Shrum, of Route 3, Lincolnton, passed to his heavenly reward. Seventy-five years of age, he had been a life-long member of Asbury Church, and for the greater portion of that time, a steward in the church—and those who knew him would say, a good steward in all the senses of that noble word. Born and reared in the same community in which he lived most of his life, he served all good causes, especially the church, with marked faithfulness. In early manhood he was married to Miss Laura Finger, who, with their 11 children, and a number of grandchildren, survives him. He and Mrs. Shrum in 1946 gave the land on which the handsome new parsonage of the Asbury Circuit now stands. Funeral services were conducted at his beloved church on Monday, February 7, by his pastor, Rev. John C. Kendrick, and Rev. R. L. Bass, Rev. R. L. Forbis, and Rev. Lester A. Beal.—W A STANBURY.

MRS. ESSIE F. IDOL

BURLINGTON.—Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has called from our midst, December 8, 1948, our beloved friend, Mrs. Essie F. Idol, who was a true and loyal member of Webb Avenue W. S. C. S.;

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Second, We consider it a great privilege to have known one who had such a genial personality and was so much loved by all who knew her. May the memory of her devotion to our church encourage us to move forward in the performance of our allotted tasks in the spirit of love and humility, until we have been called to our eternal home.

Third, That we extend to her bereaved family our love and heart felt sympathy, and as a memorial of everlasting love to our deceased friend, that these resolutions be recorded in our minutes, a copy be sent to her family and a copy to the Christian Advocate for publication. Respectfully submitted.—THELMA OVERMAN, LOTTIE GRACE HOLT, SALLY HOWERTON, Committee.

MRS. ALICE PARKER HARPER

FARMVILLE.—We, the members of teh Methodist Church of Farmville, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the board of stewards, and the community at large, have recently suffered a great and irreparable loss in the passing of Mrs. Alice Harper Parker.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Woman's Society of Christian Service:

First, That we deeply regret the departure of our beloved and faithful member whose long and consecrated service to this church and all its agencies and institutions, were above all praise. We shall miss her loyalty and sound advice in matters of church government.

Mrs. Parker was a most efficient member of the society, a faithful attendant at Sunday school and church services; and a most highly respected Christian woman. She presented chimes to her church and established an endowment to provide for their maintenance.

At the time of her death she was corresponding secretary of the society, president of the Belle Bennett Sunday school class, and historian of the church.

Second, That we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to her daughter in her bereavement, that her loss is our loss; and direct that Mrs. John J. McDavid be furnished a copy of these resolutions, a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the Farmville Enterprise, and be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.—MRS. WESLEY R. WILLIS, MRS. B. O. TURNAGE, MRS. R. A. FIELDS.

MRS. G. T. BRITTON

GREENSBORO—It is with hearts full of sadness that we, the members of Calvary Methodist Church, record the passing of one of its most faithful members. On the evening of October 18, 1948, Mrs. G. T. Britton was suddenly called home. We cannot understand, but God doeth all things well.

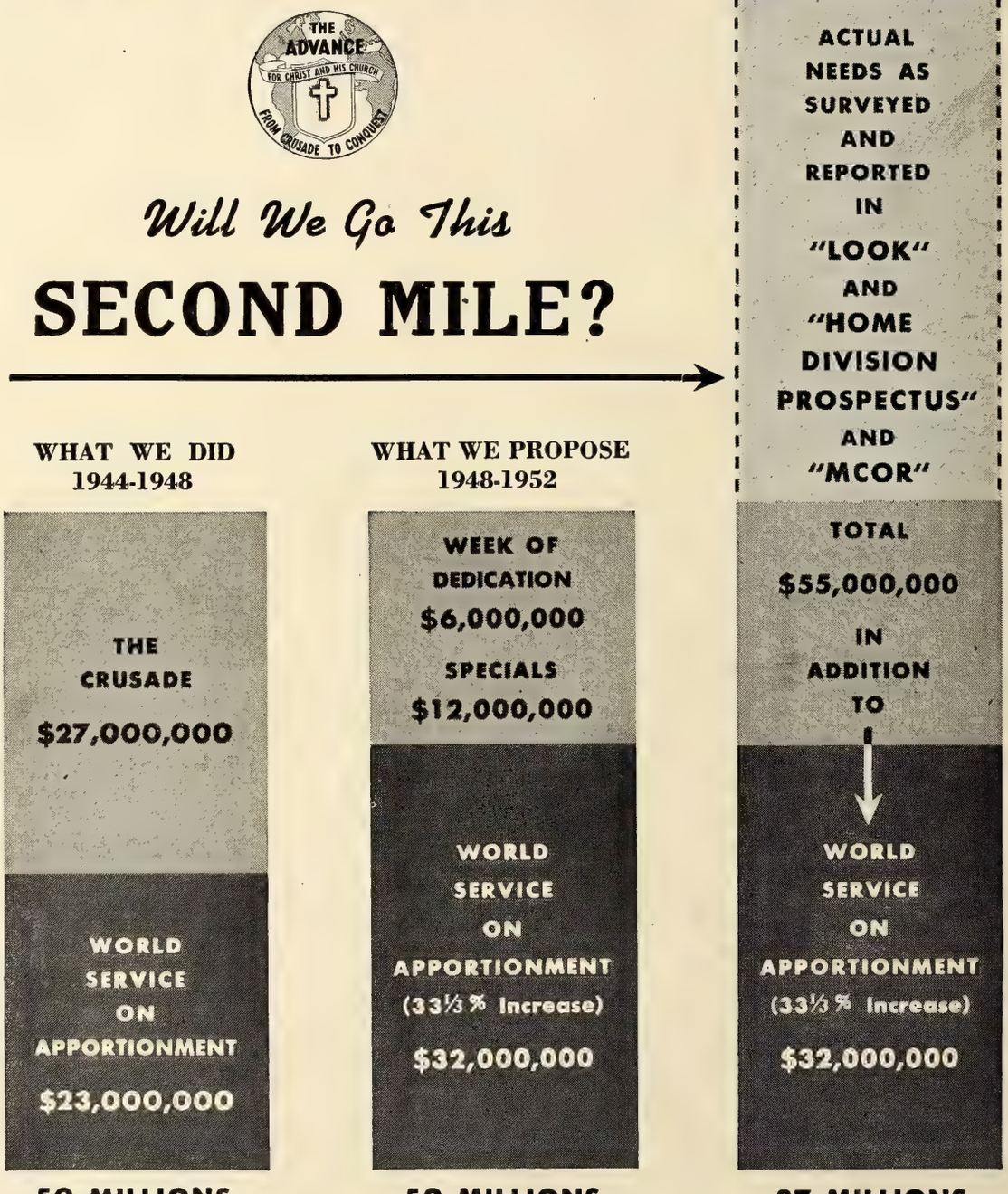
We cherish her memory and appreciate her service and loyalty. In her going the Woman's Society of Christian Service has lost a most devoted member. We bow in humble submission to His divine will, and feel that it was a blessing to have been permitted to know and love her.—MRS. J. G. SULLIVAN, MRS. J. F. CAUDLE, MISS PEARL McCULLOCH, Resolutions Committee of W. S. C. S.

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First in the Christian's Devotional Reading for Lent is the Bible

Urges Support of Geneva Area; Forum to Meet; Writer Discusses Prayer and Deeds; Lists Grow

AN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF BISHOP GARBER'S AREA

By Bishop Frederick D. Leete

A half dozen recent letters from Bishop Paul N. Garber in Geneva, while not requesting financial assistance, indicate conditions which are most suggestive. Economic pressure upon all Methodist, as well as other Churches, in Central and Southern Europe is exceedingly serious. Missionary appropriations are not large enough to enable an administrator in such a field to help pastors and their families to meet insistent personal needs. The able and loyal labors of the Bishop of Methodists in ten countries in a most trying period of history may well be generously sustained by Boards of the Church. But why should not individuals who believe in the cause he represents, and who have some of the Lord's money, send to our good and great representative resources with which he may help keep alive through the present crisis the bodies and souls of struggling Christians? Warm and cheering letters with larger or smaller checks, from Methodist laymen will strengthen leader and people to hold on until the day of redemption comes. No little might of prayer should also be devoted to the deepest issues involved. The Church of Christ in divided and imperilled European lands will yet see the victories of faith. We may share in the trials of the present and in the ultimate triumphs of Christianity. This writing is without the request of Bishop Paul N. Garber, 37 Quai Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland.

FELLOWSHIP FORUM TO DISCUSS SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHIN THE MINISTRY

At the request of many members of the Conference the Methodist Fellowship Forum has invited Dr. W. A. Stanbury, a member of the Judicial Council, to lead a forum on the subject, "The Methodist Minister in Relation to his Fellow Ministers." The place: The Methodist Home, Charlotte, N. C. The time: Tuesday, March 8, 12:30 p.m.

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The Day After Prayer

By W. W. Reid*

I have always been sorry that Jesus did not go further in relating the parable of the Pharisee who was rather pleased with himself, and of the publican who would not lift up his eyes "but smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." I have always wondered what the publican—who was a taxgatherer under the rather iniquitous Roman system of levying and collecting taxes, and apparently was conscience-stricken by his actions—did about this matter the next day.

I wish Jesus had told us whether or not this man had resigned from the tax-gathering business. Did he make some return of the wealth that came to him "by sin?" Did he tell his Roman employer or his fellow publicans what he thought of the whole scheme? Did he get into a more moral business? . . . The King James Version merely tells us that he "went down to his house justified"; Dr. Moffatt says, "he went home accepted by God." Neither is very explicit: I would like to know if he just felt better for confession—then went on in the nafarious business!

This is why I am sometimes troubled by my church friends who say—often from the heart, sometimes I fear only because these are the words on the printed page before them—"we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and there is no health in us." And then the following Sunday and the next they say it, in the same tones and the same manner, all over again. Perhaps they have done something to remedy the situation between Monday and Saturday; if not, of what value is the confession? I trust it is not just a sedative to take pain from mind and spirit. I trust sometime they can say in truth, "Thank you, God, for helping me overcome this particular sin," and then tackle the next.

Neither confession of wrong nor profession of standing on the side of right is of much value unless there is something tangible done about it. Sin is eradicated by turning away from it—and confession is only a first step that braces us and clears the air for that eradication. A creed, no matter how beautifully it may be worded, is lifeless until its professors carry it into action: the creed, however, may and should serve the purpose of focussing attention upon—and clearing the way for taking a direct path toward—the good envisioned.

Something of this point of view must have been in the mind of Professor Matthew Spinka, of Hartford Seminary Foundation, when he told the Foreign Missions Conference of North America the other day: "It must be remembered that even though we may be wholly and profoundly convinced of the immeasurable superiority of the Christian cause over that of communism, the church may still suffer an irreparable damage in the conflict in which the two systems are engaged by failure of Christians adequately and realistically to implement their faith. The fault is not that of Christianity, but of Christians. The conflict is no longer merely an ideological one; it has taken the form of a life-and-death struggle in many parts of the world. For Christianity, just like communism, the primary concern is not merely to understand life theoretically, but to change it. To pray, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,' lays upon the Christians the obligation to dedicate themselves to the realization of the kind of world they are praying for."

Neither can we take too much satisfaction in the fact that communism as yet lags in action far behind its profession of love and concern for the common people; yes, lags far behind the nations, Christian in name, against which it rails. Neither Christianity nor communism is going to win this ideological warfare on professions, but on deeds as those deeds affect the lives and freedoms and happiness of men and women.

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EDITORIAL

The Spiritual Significance of Lent

Lent, which means springtime, gets its name from the lengthening of the days in the spring. It began on Ash Wednesday of this week, and will continue forty days, excluding Sundays, leading up to Easter. To the Christian, Lent means more than the lengthening of the days and the revival of life in the physical world. It is the season of fasting. It is the time of self-examination, of penitence, of self-denial. It is the season of meditation, of prayer, of Scripture reading, of church-going. It is the time for spiritual renewal. It is fitting that Commitment Day and the Week of Dedication will be observed during Lent. Methodists are appropriately making more of the spiritual significance of this traditional Christian season.

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Why Commit Ourselves?

The General Conference has designated the first Sunday in Lent each year of the present quadrennium as Commitment Day. This year Commitment Day falls on Sunday, March 6. On this day many pastors will give members of their congregations the opportunity to sign the following pledge: "The Lord Jesus Christ being my helper, I commit myself to sobriety and a good example."

Now, many church people, on first thought, will look upon this proposition with undisguised skepticism. They see no reason to sign a pledge which might conceivably circumscribe their freedom, or bind them to a promise they may not want to keep. So their first impulse is to return the card unsigned.

There are several good reasons, however, why the sincere churchman will want to give this matter more careful thought. For one thing, the pledge itself deserves serious consideration. It is not narrow or negative or offensive but broad constructive, reasonable. It emphasizes sobriety and a good example. It's the kind of pledge that many church people have already made secretly. Now they can make it openly.

Again, there are direct personal benefits that can come from this commitment. Each day we are compelled to make commitments. To fail to commit ourselves, is to deteriorate in character. The uncommitted life is the unsuccessful life. Character, in part, is the result of great and noble commitments. More than once many of us have been saved from falling by great moral decisions made long before actual temptation came. A pledge to sobriety, solemnly made and solemnly respected, gives incentive and strength for creative, purposeful living.

Finally, there is the good effect our commitment will have on others. We are so bound up with those about us that every decision we make becomes in a very real sense their decision. Therefore, if our example may inspire someone else —a loved one or friend or a young person—to make a promise that could easily save him from the misery of alcoholism, surely we shall want to think twice before we refuse to make our commitment.

A Litany of Preparation

By Fred H. Shinn*

MINISTER: "*Our Father,*"

PEOPLE: For Christ and His Church we pray.

MINISTER: *If we have sought glory for ourselves,*

PEOPLE: Let that glory fade.

MINISTER: *If we have sought glory for Christ and His Church,*

PEOPLE: "Establish Thou the work of our hands upon us."

MINISTER: *If we have wrought in our own spirit,*

PEOPLE: Enable us to know Thy spirit that we may make our work Thy work.

MINISTER: *If we have exalted ourselves above Christ,*

PEOPLE: May Christ Himself come among us.

MINISTER: *If we are making the Church serve our own purposes,*

PEOPLE: May the Church of Christ come down from heaven to dwell in our hearts.

MINISTER: "*Thy Kingdom come.*"

PEOPLE: We pray for Thy Kingdom.

MINISTER: *Forgive us, Lord, as we forgive one another.*

PEOPLE: "Thy Kingdom come."

MINISTER: *Teach us to love thee above all.*

PEOPLE: "Thy Kingdom come."

MINISTER: *Teach us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.*

ALL: Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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Prospects for State-Wide Liquor Vote

There is accumulating evidence that the prospects for an early state-wide liquor referendum are beginning to brighten after years of continuous harrassing discouragement to multitudes of North Carolina citizens. First, the people seem more determined than ever that such a vote be had. When 2,300 busy people, representing hundreds of thousands of citizens all over the State, are willing to take a day, such as they did recently, to plead for a state-wide referendum before the Joint Committee on Propositions and Grievances, it is apparent that the people are genuinely aroused. Secondly, Governor Scott seems as determined as the people that a state-wide referendum be held. In his campaign last summer, in his inaugural address early this year, in his statement before the legislature last week, and in private conversation, he has made his position crystal clear. It is possible that his influence may be the deciding factor in the whole matter. Thirdly, the wets are obviously frightened. The extent of their fears was revealed last week when they brought before the Joint Committee on Propositions and Grievances 2,000 people presumably opposing a state-wide referendum. Heretofore they have been able to depend upon back-stage maneuvering, and have paid little attention to public hearings. Evidently they are aware of the rising tide of public opinion against their cause.

In the light of these facts, will the people get an opportunity this year to vote in a state-wide liquor referendum? No responsible person would be willing to make a prophecy one way or the other. Perhaps it is too much to expect action this year. However, if the legislators have any respect for the will of the people, if they believe in real democracy, if they are able to read the signs of the times, they will give the people the opportunity to express themselves on this burning issue without delay. If they do not this year, we believe the time will come soon when the demand for a state-wide referendum will be so great that the legislature will be forced to grant it. The people are in this fight to the finish.

Have You Looked Inside?

by DR. W. A. STANBURY*

"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are holding to your faith. Test yourselves."
—II Cor. 13:5 (R. S. V.)

NOT long ago I looked on the bureau for my hairbrush. It was not there. I asked my wife if she knew where it was. She replied, "Have you looked inside the top drawer?" With that sure instinct for neatness so characteristic of women at their best, she had removed it from the table where I had carelessly placed it, and put it out of sight. The question she asked has a point: "Have you looked inside?"

It is a good question for anybody, man or woman, youth or child, "Have you looked inside?" Not inside a bureau drawer, but inside yourself! Said Socrates, "Know thyself." Said Paul, "Let a man examine himself . . . examine your own selves." Well, have you examined yourself, looked inside? And what did you find? Or, if you should do so, what do you think you would find? What would the test of a thorough and fearless examination show?

Mostly, we do not like to be questioned too closely about ourselves. For example, the lawyer cross-examining a witness frequently causes the latter extreme embarrassment and pain. Not less often welcome is self-examination; but often it is a very wholesome and necessary exercise. And, though this is by no means an insistence upon morbid introspection and introversion, it must be honest and thorough and unrelenting. Impartial and objective self-analysis, one would suppose, is a difficult if not impossible feat; perhaps is even a contradiction in terms. Can we not always find plausible and comforting reasons for whatever evil we do, and whatever fault we happen to fall into? But we must be as exacting and as clear-sighted as we can, not excusing ourselves, and yet not blaming ourselves too corrosively.

Such self-examination, I believe, will show us two rather surprising sets of facts, one very discouraging, even shocking, and the other quite inspiring. For the truth is, we are both much worse and much better than we are accustomed to believe.

We do not enjoy being told that we are not good, but on the contrary are "sinners." (Paul declared, "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.") But at least we can tell ourselves the truth about it: we must "confess our sins"—and to confess is, in simplest terms, just to tell the truth about something. There's no use lying to ourselves!

The Freudians and others have certainly opened up the chasms and abysses of possible, if not actual evil in us. There is no more terrifying experience than to look with clear eyes into our hearts and see what human beings, —what we ourselves,—are capable of, if not actually guilty of. And our Lord said, you remember, that to look with a lustful eye is already to have committed adultery in one's heart!

Have you read the first chapter of Romans? What dreadful shapes stalk and creep through those unforgettable verses! How depraved the Romans must have been, or many of them!—as any reading of the plays and histories of the time, or later fictional sketches of Roman life will shockingly reveal. And yet Paul's descriptions of Rome are genuinely illustrative, at least potentially, of any human heart. You can find a whole first chapter of Romans in your own heart! There is in us all a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr. Hyde. There comes to mind the famous story, credited variously to many different famous men, and in particular to the life of John Bradford (16th century) and Richard Baxter (17th). Seeing evil-doers being taken to the place of execution, Bradford exclaimed, "But for the grace of God, there goes John Bradford."

Self-examination, though never easy, is imperative. An honest look within reveals that we are both much worse and much better than we are accustomed to believe. This first Lenten message, beginning properly where Lent begins—with a look inside,—brings not self-condemnation and despair, but new hope and the inspiration to continue more zealously the spiritual quest.

Who has not felt the same? Who can say to what depths you and I might not have fallen, had it not been for the grace of God ministered to us through Christian homes, churches, good teachers and pastors, decent friends, good books, and a thousand other agents and agencies, not to mention the direct benefits of His forgiveness, redemption, and daily mercy? Who has not been appalled as he contemplated the deep pride of his heart, his envious spirit, his jealous disposition, his selfishness, his capacities for dishonesty, cruelty, social prejudice, contemptuousness, harshness of judgment, deception, impurity, hatred? Who has not been shamed and humiliated again and again because of outbursts of temper, lapses of behavior, failures to be kind and considerate, outcroppings of greed and self-seeking? Was Jeremiah overstating the truth when he declared, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

Surely any man who looks honestly into his own heart to contemplate the possible evil that lies so deep there and is so ready to leap to the surface, not to mention its daily outbreaks in ordinary life, will draw back in horror, and cry with Paul, "Who shall deliver me from this body of death?"

Fortunately—and God be thanked!—this is not the whole story. Just as there is a potential Romans 1:18-32 in every heart, there is also a thirteenth of First Corinthians. Were this not so, hopeless indeed would be our condemnation.

For we are better than we think,—we shall all quickly agree that we are better than others think! This must not be allowed to make Pharisees of us, because no man is good who does not have a humble spirit. Pride is the first of the "seven deadly sins."

Let us be fair to ourselves, and honest if we can. There are noble qualities in each and all; God put them there; it is ours to discover them and cultivate them and bring them to fruition. Even in the least promising, there is ever some germ and growth of good. Many a man whom the community called irretrievably bad has in some moment of crisis proved himself a hero, and redeemed a wasted, desperate life by some act of self-devotion: plunging into the water or into the flames of a burning building to rescue a helpless woman or child, snatching someone from in front of a moving car while being knocked down and mangled himself. When in the Civil War Lincoln was inspecting some of the defenses around Washington, and when, seemingly careless of his own safety, he stepped up on the breastworks, an easy mark for the fire from the Southern lines, a quiet, unassuming, unknown soldier interposed himself between the war President and danger. In the humblest and most unlikely persons, such a spirit often manifests itself; it was there all the while, but only upon occasion does it ring out in spontaneous and unintended brilliance.

What capacities for heroism, for selflessness, for courage, for sacrifice, for devotion, for patience, for sweetness, for love, for goodness, for Christlikeness, there are in all of us—if they were but developed! In the New Hebrides, John G. Paton was assaulted by a brutal native who sought to murder him. Wrote Paton, "I must set myself to love this man. I must remember that he is, as I am, one for whom Jesus died."

Yes, there is a whole first chapter of Romans in each of us, but there is a thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, too. Have you looked inside? And which of these are you giving the upper hand?

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Children of Chaos

by HENRY C. SPRINKLE, JR.*

THE Christian Church in America, the public schools and all other agencies concerned with the welfare of children and youth must face this issue, and it is dreadfully serious: The breakdown of the American home is occurring at an accelerated pace just at the time when the number of children in the country has reached an all-time high. To add to this dangerous situation it is commonly recognized that the public schools of the nation have reached a low ebb both in the ratio of qualified teachers and of teachers in training.

What chance Christian citizenship for these children of chaos? This is the problem of the decade in America. It cannot be ignored. It cannot be postponed.

According to the United States News, during the three years and six months ending July 1, 1945, wartime births in this country were nearly one million greater than had been predicted by census experts. The birth rate since the return of the service men is probably even higher. It is predicted now that by 1950 there will be 5,025,000 more children under ten years of age in the United States than there were in 1940.

But the boom in births is more than matched by the boom in divorces. While pre-war divorces in America were increasing and had already reached the ratio of one divorce for every six marriages, the wartime frenzy which greatly increased the number of marriages has resulted in a ratio of divorces, despite that increase of about one divorce for every three marriages. In many states the ratio is higher; in some countries divorces have exceeded marriages. Whose is the responsibility for dealing with the problem which this alarming situation presents?

The experience of juvenile courts, reformatories, and social workers in general reveals that most juvenile problems are parent problems. The court that sentenced a mother to prison for a neglected child's delinquency the other day merely emphasized an extreme case which is nevertheless representative of a great number of instances in which deliquent children are in trouble because father has left home and mother frequents the taverns.

Dr. Arthur W. Combs of Syracuse University has stated that "the child who is faced with the problem of dealing with parents on the brink of divorce, or the child who feels rejected and unwanted because of his race, creed or social position may find his problems completely beyond his ability to solve, and the eventual effects upon his personality and adjustment may be destructive beyond measure." Assisting children to find solutions of their problems, he points out, "requires an understanding that it is the meanings that exist for the child that are important rather than the meanings we perceive as adults. It demands a willingness to subjugate self in the best interest of the child and an absolute respect for the integrity of the developing personality."

The one hopeful element in the current scene is the revitalization of the program of Christian education and church life which is evident in nearly every quarter. The Advance for Christ and His Church within Methodism is matched by a resurgence of evangelistic, educational and missionary zeal throughout Protestantism. It is not a zeal without knowledge, either; and there are many church school workers, pastors and Christian laymen who are seeking to qualify themselves for effective service in the training of children and youth for Christian citizenship.

The one hope for millions of children born in this chaotic decade is the revitalized program of Christian education and church life taking form in all Protestantism, and finding expression particularly in Methodism's Advance for Christ. Christian stewardship demands that we bring into the church the fifty per cent of children and youth now unreached, not simply to save them from delinquency, but to help them develop their remarkable gifts, that they in turn may bring sanity and hope to a distraught world.

Everyone who can help has a responsibility for stabilizing the American home, improving parenthood and giving fathers and mothers an increased sense of responsibility for bringing up their boys and girls under the protecting influence of Christian faith and Christian principles. But surely this is the first task of the church school. Divorces cannot be undone, and the damage to the personalities of children and youth resulting from broken homes cannot be completely overcome. The church and the church school must stress the responsibilities of Christian parenthood.

Parent education, sadly neglected hitherto in most church schools, is a particularly challenging field. Spiritual illiteracy is back of juvenile and parental delinquency. The importance of premarital counseling and Christian teaching to give a new sense of vocation in marriage must not be overlooked.

The church must learn to make it possible for both parents and children from broken homes to turn to the church and the church school for competent help and the saving power of religious faith. The great Teacher did not neglect the children nor repel them. He set the child in the midst. He saw in childhood the potentialities of the Kingdom of God. He commissioned Peter especially to "feed my lambs." Nor was He condemnatory and repulsive to people who came to him with domestic problems or sordid martial difficulties. The church must minister in his name and in his spirit to those who require understanding, forgiveness and healing of soul.

For the tidal wave of population resulting from the wartime boom in births there is brief time for the church to make preparation. The Sunday school facilities and teaching staffs must be expanded. Summer vacation projects, special programs in emergency housing areas, greatly increased church camps and summer conferences, the use of abandoned school houses in rural areas, and the enlargement and improved equipment of church school rooms and buildings, all these means must be used with the purpose of conserving the personalities of children and youth for Christian citizenship.

Only 50 percent of American children and young people are in church schools of any kind today. Here is a challenge to every church member, whether he is a parent or a teacher or neither of these. The other 50 percent must be brought in. One man in a rural community in North Carolina who felt that he could not teach a class or assist effectively in an administrative capacity in his church school purchased a bus and drives it on a Sunday round of the community, bringing children and young people to Sunday school and church services.

Christian stewardship has no more sacred trust than the personalities of the precious millions of boys and girls who have come to a distraught world with wonderful possibilities for bringing to it new sanity, new hope and new life. The failure to conserve and make possible the normal development of these promising young persons for Christian citizenship would be tragic. We must not fail.

"To a man who believes in the Christian religion the Christian college is not a duplication of what the state is doing, but an essential addition. It covers the whole personality of man, instead of limiting itself to a part of his faculties."
—PRESIDENT J. A. MARQUIS.

WE SPEND nine billion dollars a year on the production of 750,000 alcoholics and thirty million a year to treat and prevent tuberculosis and cancer.—Dr. Andrew C. Ivey.

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The Week of Dedication

by Bishop Costen J. Harrell

THE WEEK of Dedication is rapidly approaching! It should be a most fruitful season for the Methodist Church in all parts of the world. The General Conference has issued a clarion call that during the week March 13-20 our people in large churches and small shall come together, and under the leadership of our devoted ministers and laymen look upon the world for which our Lord died and rededicate themselves to the task which He left with us.

The idea and the observance of the Week of Dedication are most significant. Its beginning leads us to believe it is of God. In the spring of 1943, the Council of Bishops and the World Service Commission met together in Chicago. The question before them was, what could be done to strengthen the arm of the church as she ministered amid all the confusion and tragedy of a World War. One of the bishops arose and suggested that a week be set aside for prayer and a consideration of the world's tragic needs, and that at the end of the week an offering be received to undergird the world-wide ministry of the Church. It was significantly called the Week of Dedication. With no overhead organization, the appeal was transmitted to our people through the regular church channels. The week was widely observed throughout the Church. The laymen did valient service. It was estimated that during the preparation and observance at least 100,000 laymen spoke in Methodist Churches in this land. Without quotas of any kind, the cash offering totaled approximately $1,000,000. The heart of the Church was blessed, and funds were provided for urgent causes at home and abroad. By any standard of judgment, the Week of Dedication was a success.

In 1944, the same appeal, transmitted in the same way, was made to the churches. It was widely observed and the offering was a little less than in 1943. It was the opinion of all those who had led in the undertaking that we had discovered a most effective means for reaching the heart of the Church.

During the quadrennium, 1944-1948, the Crusade had right-of-way. The Week of Dedication appeal was, therefore, temporarily discontinued. The General Conference of 1948 revived the Week of Dedication. Again, there is no overhead organization. The appeal comes to us through the regular channels of the Church. Most of our Crusade funds have been invested in the work of the Church, and many enterprises are dependent on the response which this appeal makes to our people.

Literature has been issued from the Advance office in Chicago, carefully prepared by our most competent leaders, telling the story most effectively. No loyal Methodist can hardly fail to experience a thrill when he thinks of 42,000 congregations in every part of this land gathering at the same time to take on their hearts the world's needs and rededicating themselves to living the Christian life and serving the Christian cause. Especially do we urge that large use be made of our laymen. Suggested three-minute addresses have been prepared for laymen speaking at regular church services prior to the Week of Dedication. It is also urged that in every church where the pastor cannot be present, a layman meet with the people, tell the old story as effectively as he can, and receive their dedicatory offering. Expressions from district superintendents and pastors, and every other indication, lead me to believe that the Methodists of the Charlotte Area are responding wholeheartedly to this appeal.

As everyone knows, the Week of Dedication is March 13 to March 20, and may it be a glorious and fruitful week in all our churches!

Meditation

It seems but just a little while
Since days of childhood, glad and free;
They're gone; but will some future mile
Bring us such days again to see?

Some hours past have been so bright
Their very memory brings sweet pain
Regret that they have passed from sight,
A wish their gladness to regain!

Life's waning strength, diminished powers—
Dim sight, few teeth, slow step, gray hair,
And memory less than youthful hours—
All leave strong love of life still there.

The many prayers that we have prayed,
Day after day, where have they gone?
Our inner lives, they've shaped and made,
And led our footsteps toward the Dawn!

The Power that gives both rain and sun,
Makes roses bloom and planets roll,
Most surely knows how all is done;
Loves beauty, truth, and thinking soul!

Who made us love life, knowledge, skill,
Will our small samples make complete;
Our sanest thought is faith He will
All our true prayers with answers meet!

JOHN CLINE



CAMPUS PROBLEM

Churches Urged to Help Displaced Persons; Honor Eight Laymen; World Service Giving Increased

MCOR ASKS CHURCHES TO RELOCATE 2,000 DISPLACED PERSONS IN 1949

By HENRY KOESTLINE

CHICAGO—The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief laid plans to get 2,000 displaced persons into the United States during 1949, heard up-to-the-minute reports on relief needs abroad, and discussed ways of obtaining the 2½ million dollars necessary in the next year to meet those needs at its annual meeting held here recently.

Bishop Titus Lowe, executive director, reported that more than 7½ million dollars has been given to relief overseas through MCOR's New York City headquarters since its beginning in 1940. This does not include thousands of tons of clothing and food sent through such agencies as Church World Service and CARE.

Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, associate secretary, declared that countries, such as Belgium, receiving Marshall Plan aid, will not need much relief from Methodists this year, but in other European countries the need remains the same, and in China and Korea the need is greater. The total of this year's budget is the same as last year, according to the Committee's treasurer, Dr. George F. Sutherland.

The Committee soundly denounced the present displaced persons law because of the extreme difficulty of meeting all of its provisions. Of the 205,000 permitted to come into the United States by June 30, 1950, only 6,000 have been brought in by all agencies in the first eight months under this law. The number should be 60,000 now if the total is to be reached by the closing date. Methodists feel a responsibility for 5,000 of the total but only 90 approved assurances have been processed by MCOR to date.

In line with the recent action of the Federal Council of Churches, the Committee asked "Congress and the American people" to make certain changes in the DP laws. These changes include dropping the provisions which discriminate against race or nationality, eliminating housing and job assurances, and raising the total number to be admitted to 400,000. The Committee pointed out that Canada, Australia, England, and Belgium are doing their share of relocating the DP's.

Dr. Warfield noted that in spite of the difficult law, the Lutheran church has 3,500 approved acceptances, and Baptists expect 15,000. Roman Catholics already have more approved acceptances than can be used under the present limit of persons. He pointed out that 35 per cent of the DP's are Protestant and about 1,500 of this group are Methodists.

Cost of relocating a displaced person is $100 and local churches will be asked to accept this obligation for 2,000 under the plan of specials in the Advance for Christ and His Church program.

In helping the displaced persons come to America, Methodism is not forgetting the 10 million refugees in Germany. A "Methodist village" of 85 homes is now being built for some of them outside Lubeck, Germany, on land given by the city.

The displaced persons come from Eastern Europe. They fled before the Russian occupation and are now in over-populated Germany, living in prisoner-of-war barracks with as many as 12 in a room. The refugees, on the other hand, are Germans left homeless by war's devastation.

The MCOR's 1949 budget will not only help displaced persons and refugees, but will provide milk immediately for thousands of undernourished children, make medical aid available to the sick and aged, and give supplements to the pitifully small salaries and other church workers.. Literally thousands of lives will be saved if all the money is obtained, Bishop Lowe said.

Bishop W. W. Peele of the Richmond Area, Chairman of the Committee, presided at the two-day meeting.



Anticipating the first church-wide observance in Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church, Dr. E. Harold Mohn (left) of Chicago, executive director, and Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Week of Dedication committee, prepare to make transcribed addresses which will be heard over radio stations and in church groups throughout the nation, Mar. 13-20. Church officials estimate that between 10 and 15 million people will hear their messages during the week of special spiritual emphasis. Dr. James W. Sells of Atlanta arranged the transcriptions, which include sacred music by the Methodist Hour Choir.

EIGHT NAMED TO METHODIST HALL OF FAME IN PHILANTHROPY

Chicago—Eight persons who have made outstanding contributions to hospitals and homes of The Methodist Church were named to membership in The Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy at the closing session of the two-day annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes held here recently.

Those named to membership were:

George K. Belden, Minneapolis, Minn. insurance agent—Member of the board of directors of Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, since 1908 and president of the board since 1937, who carried forward the hospital's early expansion program and has been a counselor and promoter of its forward program.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roy Cullen, Houston, Texas—founders of America's second largest foundation: The Cullen Foundation, benefactors in talent and funds of hospitals in Houston; contributors of a million dollars to the Methodist Hospital, Houston.

Roy J. Covert, Billings, Mont. banker—One of the original incorporators in 1917 of the Deaconess Hospital, Billings, fund raiser for the institution and leader in the present building expansion and chairman of its building committee.

Walter Hyatt Davis, Westminster, Md. automobile dealer—for many years president of the board of the former Cassel Home for the Aged, instrumental in uniting two former institutions into the Asbury Methodist Home for the Aged, Gaithersburg, Md.; president of its board since 1945; generous benefactor of the Home and other Methodist institutions.

Charles H. Harris, M.D., Ft. Worth, Texas—Founder of Harris Hospital, Ft. Worth, in 1919; first major contributor, chairman of the executive board for ten years, organizer of the Harris School of Nursing and later the Harris College of Nursing; by personal effort and generous contribution he redeemed the hospital from bankruptcy, established the Charles H. Harris Foundation for the College of Nursing, contributed approximately a million and a half dollars.

Sebastian S. Kresge, Detroit, head of the Kresge chain stores, primary donor whose gift made possible the Children's Village of the Methodist Children's Home Society, Detroit; active member of the board of trustees, contributor, through the Kresge Foundation, of gifts in excess of two and a half million dollars to the Children's Home, generous benefactor of other Methodist institutions and causes.

Frank Chambless Rand, St. Louis, Mo., shoe manufacturer — Trustee of Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, for 33 years, president of its board for 27 years; made possible in 1931 the surgical unit building of the hospital which in turn made possible the largest single hospital building in the U. S. devoted to X-ray and radiology: instrumental in establishing at Barnes Hospital a school of hospital administration.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT INCREASES WORLD SERVICE

The summary of World Service acceptances in the North Carolina Conference will be given district by district, one at a time, with the conference total at the end.

Rocky Mount District

A. J. Hobbs, superintendent

Total acceptances $24,341
Apportionment for District 21,784
Acceptances exceed apportionment 2,557
Acceptances exceed 1947-48 apportionment 39%
Acceptances exceed 1944-45 apportionment 48%
33 charges increased World Service acceptances over 1947-48.
21 charges increased pastors' salaries over 1947-48.
11 charges of the 37 in the district accepted PAR or better. Charge and pastor are listed below:

Battleboro, J. T. Greene; Bethel, W. M. Howard; Elm City, B. F. Musser; Evansdale, W. N. Vaughan; Nashville, L. A. Watts; Roanoke Circuit (new charge), John T. Maides; Robersonville, J. Hilary Worthington; Rocky Mount (Marvin Charge), A. S. Lancaster; Warrenton, L. C. Vereen; Weldon, B. H. Houston; Whitakers, E. H. Measamer.

Commission on World Service and Finance
M. J. COWELL, Secretary
1417 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount.

ONE hundred and thirty-six activities for home church projects suggested by the Youth Department of the General Board of Education are listed in the booklet, "These Things Need Doing" (No. 2170-B). The booklet may be ordered from the Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn. Single copies free; $1 per hundred, cash with order.

The talent of a man without morality is a public calamity.—Author Unknown.

Forsyth School Successful; New Charge Builds Parsonage; Greensboro Church Conducts Crusade

FORSYTH HOLDS GOOD TRAINING SCHOOL

By R. Delbert Byrum*

AN EXCELLENT staff of teachers, good publicity, fair weather, and the faithful attendance of the people were the main contributing factors to the success of the Forsyth County Training School which was held at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, February 14-18.

On Monday evening, February 14, supper was served to the teaching staff, members of the school's Board of Managers, and members of Centenary's Board of Education in the church dining room.

In addition to the class sessions, assembly periods were conducted each evening in Memorial Auditorium. The general assembly on Monday evening, 7:30-7:50, was devoted to introductions and directions to the various class rooms. Speakers for the remaining assembly periods were, as follows: Tuesday, Dr. J. Earl Moreland; Wednesday, Mrs. J. C. Burrow; Thursday, Dr. D. T. Rowlingson; Friday, Dr. Mark Depp.

The following courses were taught by the respective instructors: **The Children's Division of the Church,** Mrs. J. A. Gray, Marietta, Ga.; **The Use of the Bible With Children,** Mrs. Ada W. Smith, Baltimore, Md.; **The Child's Approach to Religion,** Mrs. J. C. Burrow, Columbia, Miss.; **Understanding Ourselves,** Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke, Va.; **Understanding Adolescents,** Miss Elsie Ellen Moore, High Point; **Ways of Teaching,** Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Greensboro; **The Church Working With Adults,** Mrs. E. D. Lewis, Charlotte; **Christian Beliefs,** Dr. Earl Moreland, Ashland, Va.; **New Testament: Content and Values,** Dr. D. T. Rowlingson, Emory University, Ga.

It was felt that more people were reached through the training school this year than in past years. Memorial Auditorium was filled to overflowing each evening, and this was true on Wednesday evening despite a terrific downpour of rain. More than 700 people attended the school for one or two nights. The number enrolled was 656; these persons were present for three or more evenings. The certificates of credit that were issued totaled 533; 25 of these certificates were received by persons representing 6 other denominations. Forty Methodist churches from Forsyth County took part and persons from these churches received 508 certificates. All of these figures exceeded those of the training school last year.

Favorable comments from the various instructors in the school is further evidence of a profitable week spent in study and sharing. Questions and discussion in the class periods proved quite helpful to all.

The Board of Managers of the Forsyth County Training School consisted of the following persons: Rev. Carl H. King, Dr. H. G. Allen, T. B. Dixon, Ira G. Shamel, B. L. Watkins, Mrs. T. T. Macguire, Rev. R. Delbert Byrum.

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Trust that man in nothing who has not a conscience in everything.—Sterne.

If we choose to say that man is too little to merit communion with God, we must be indeed great to form a judgment on the subject.—Pascal.

WEST MARKET STREET MEMBERS GIVE LIBERALLY TO BUILDING PROGRAM



Dr. Inman

Climaxing a crusade over the past several weeks, members of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, laid on the altar Sunday morning on Loyalty Sunday in cash and pledges $142,500 for a new educational and recreational building. In this achievement the congregation was led by Dr. E. C. Few, pastor, and Dr. F. M. Inman, a representative of the Division of Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

The church had on hand $100,000 which was raised several years ago. This amount will be added to the contributions made Sunday. Church leaders expect to continue the campaign several days, and it is believed that the total amount will eventually exceed $300,000. Pledges are made to run for 100 weeks.

The crusade was under the direction of Dr. F. M. Inman, who came to Greensboro early in February, and will remain until the campaign is finished. Dr. Inman preached on the second morning in February, and explained the program to the congregation in a special service that evening. An executive committee, with J. C. Cowan, Jr. chairman, has had general oversight of the campaign. A master committee of 200, making up a 100 teams, visited in all the homes of the congregation to explain the program, and to urge their attendance at church last Sunday. Several letters went out to the congregation to give detailed information. Members were furnished with pledge cards, and were asked to bring their pledges to the service Sunday morning. Climaxing the service, following an appropriate message by the pastor, the people brought their pledges to the altar.

Church leaders are well pleased over the outcome of the crusade, and feel that the church has been greatly blessed by this concerted effort.

It is believed that this is the first campaign of this nature conducted in this section under the auspices of the Division of Church Extension of the Board of Missions. This is a service furnished by the church at a minimum cost to the local church. It is conducted on a high plane, with no high pressure methods. Only men who are well qualified are sent out for this purpose. For the services of the director the local church is asked to pay to the Board of Extension only $100 a week, plus board and rooms.

Dr. Inman is a native of Indiana, has spent most of his ministry in the pastorate. He has been in this work about six years.

It is understood that the Board has about six men who are devoting full-time to this special work. The Board, so far as it is able is glad to furnish held to any church planning a financial campaign.

Were there no bearers, there would be no backbiters.—Proverb.

If you say that which is ill, you shall hear that which is worse.—Erasmus.

EASTOVER CHARGE BUILDS PARSONAGE

By R. C. Mooney, Jr., Pastor

ON SUNDAY afternoon, January 24th, open house was held at the newly completed parsonage of the Eastover Charge near Fayetteville.

This event marked the culmination of efforts extending over a period of fifteen months by the congregations of the Salem and Downing Street Churches. In the fall of 1947 these two congregations discussed with Rev. W. L. Clegg, then District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, the possibility of forming a new charge. At the session of the Annual Conference at Elizabeth City the new charge was authorized and was named the Eastover Charge. To make this new charge possible Salem was taken from the Fayetteville Circuit. The churches were without a parsonage. At the first Quarterly Conference on December 4, 1947, A. R. McLaurin, L. E. Ray, W. J. Melvin, J. N. Coble, and L. B. Garmon were elected Parsonage Trustees and were asked to consider proposed building sites and building plans and make recommendations to the Quarterly Conference. Following this Quarterly Conference, Finance Committees were elected in both churches and members of these Committees began immediately to collect funds for the building project. The Trustees presented their recommendations to a called session of the Quarterly Conference on February 22, 1948, and they were adopted. The Trustees and F. A. Dawson and Rev. C. Frank Culbreth were designated as the Building Committee and were given authority to proceed with the building of a seven room parsonage on a lot donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Draughon. L. E. Ray and F. A. Dawson were elected co-chairmen of the Building Committee. Construction was begun early in the spring of 1948 but because of unavoidable delays, the parsonage was not completed until early in January, 1949. The Building Committee did a splendid work during these months in selecting good workmen, in providing the best materials possible, and in supervising the construction of the parsonage. The Finance Committees conducted a very successful financial campaign, raising most of the total cost of the building program. The two congregations, the young adult class and the W. S. C. S. of the Salem Church bought all new furnishings for the parsonage. The parsonage and its furnishings are valued at $17,000, and is one of the finest, best furnished parsonages in this section. It is a monument to the foresight and vision of two splendid congregations who have labored tirelessly to provide the best possible home for their pastor and his family.

This heroic undertaking has not hindered progress along other lines. In little more than a year the budget in each of the churches has been greatly increased. In 1946-1947 the two churches paid $1800 for the pastor's salary; in 1947-1948 they paid $2200; this year the salary is $2900. Other items of the budget have been increased proportionately. Forty-four new members were received into the two churches last year.



Eastover Parsonage

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

COL. WILEY M. PICKENS was the Layman's Day Speaker at the Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, last Sunday.

MEMBERS of Trinity Church, Red Springs, began the construction of a new parsonage this week. Rev. G. S. Eubank is the pastor.

THE NEED for larger quarters is causing the congregation of First Church, Henderson, to study plans for a building enlargement program.

DR. WALTER V. CROPPER, executive secretary of the Louisville (Ky.) section of Church Extension, Board of Missions and Church Extension, died February 18 in Louisville of a heart attack.

REV. W. A. KALE, pastor of Central Church, Shelby, will conduct a seminar on "A Faith for Today" in the Catawba Valley Leadership School at Newton March 20-23.

REV. LEE F. TUTTLE, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, was in Greenville, S. C. last week, where he taught a course on the Christian Faith in the Greenville Standard Training School.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Albemarle, on Race Relations Sunday, established a scholarship fund for a boy or girl from the local Negro high school. The scholarship will be good at any of the Methodist colleges for Negroes.

SPENCER MEMORIAL Church, Charlotte, is participating in a leadership training school which began Wednesday evening and will continue each Wednesday for five weeks. The school is sponsored by the Churches of North Charlotte and Queens College.

REV. GARLAND R. STAFFORD of Taylorsville will be the speaker March 6-8 in a school of missions sponsored by Central, Commonwealth and Kilgo Churches in Charlotte. The theme is "The Church and the Rural Community."

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. J. Bernard Hurley of Salisbury, a daughter, Lucretia Ann, on Sunday, January 30, at Rowan Memorial Hospital, Salisbury. Mrs. Hurley before her marriage was Miss Doris Dreibelbis of Phoenixville, Pa.

MORE THAN a hundred young people attended the Atlantic Ocean Sub-District recently at Hatteras, according to Rev. J. T. Fisher, pastor. The Sub-District is composed of Young people on Hatteras Island. Mr. Fisher also reports that a doctor has settled on the Island, and that plans are underway for a hospital in the near future.

ONLY 360 of the 3900 persons entering the United States prior to February 1 under the Displaced Persons law passed by Congress last June have come under Protestant auspices, according to the World Council of Churches. Protestants are urged to redouble their efforts to secure jobs and housing essential to the resettlement of Displaced Persons.

GLENN McCULLEY of Lenoir, Joe Warner of Greensboro and Herbert Waldrop, Jr., of Greenville, all ministerial students at High Point College, were in charge of morning worship services at Memorial Church, Thomasville, last Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, who was preaching at Spartanburg, S. C.

DR. B. G. CHILDS of Duke University was the Layman's Day Speaker last Sunday morning at Dilworth Church, Charlotte.

PAUL R. ERVIN, of Charlotte, popular Church School teacher, was the speaker at Laymen's Day services last Sunday at Kilgo Church, Charlotte.

MRS. W. C. SMITH of Portsmouth, Va., in renewing her subscription, writes that the Advocate has been coming to their home for 54 years.

W. F. VEASEY of Washington, superintendent of Beaufort County schools, was the speaker at Hertford last Sunday morning.

M. R. CHAMBERS, pastor of Milton charge, remains in a critical condition at Memorial Hospital, Danville, Va. A U. S. Mail truck hit his car on Craighead St. in Danville, inflicting severe head injuries.

DR. EDWIN ROSS, pastor of Parkway Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md., spoke at College Place Church, Greensboro, last week. He was sponsored by the Methodist students at Woman's College.

EVERY family in Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, is receiving a copy of Sanctuary, devotional booklet, during the Lenten season as a gift of the Spiritual Life Committee of the Woman's Society and the Peacock Bible Class.

OCRACOKE Methodists had as their guest speaker on Laymen's Day Theodore Rondthaler, principal of the Ocracoke school and son of Moravian Bishop Howard Rondthaler of Winston-Salem.

BISHOP G. Bromley Oxnam received the annual award presented by The Churchman, liberal Protestant Episcopal periodical last week in appropriate ceremonies. "Fearless preacher, inspired American, beloved bishop" are the words that head the engrossed citation.

DR. RUSSELL L. DICKS, associate professor of Pastoral Care in the Duke Divinity School, has been elected Chaplain of Duke Hospital. Dr. Dicks succeeds Dr. F. S. Aldridge who died last year.

REV. ALLEN P. BRANTLEY, pastor of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, was the speaker at the Goldsboro Lions Club last week, using as his theme "Brains, Bread, Belief and Brotherhood."

OVER 76,000 Churches representing every major Christian denomination and Communion have united to take one simultaneous offering for World Relief at church services Sunday March 27, according to a Federal Council news release.

BISHOP JOHN S. STAMM, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has declared that the "real issue" in the trial of 15 Protestant church leaders in Bulgaria "appears to be the conflict between loyalty to God and loyalty to an earthly power" as he urged all members of the 27 denominations in the Federal Council's constituency to join in prayer for their "persecuted" brethren. The aggregate membership in nearly 29,000,000.

THE BUILDING of a church in a typical American community will be the subject of NBC's "Living—1949" program Sunday, March 6 (4:35 p.m., EST), when the documentary series marks the World Day of Prayer. The title: "A Blueprint and a Prayer." This story of modern religious life reflects the plight of communities, springing up everywhere, whose residents have no church facilities.

"Faith is a Family Affair," a message sponsored by the Institute of Life Insurance, will appear in 375 leading daily newspapers to coincide closely with World Day of Prayer observances, Friday, March 4.



In a progressive series of gifts ranging from a key ring to the beautiful portfolio shown here, Rev. Carl King's birthday was observed by Methodists from all sections of Rowan County on the third night of the 1949 Training School held at First Church, Salisbury. It just happened that Carl's birth anniversary came during the week the school was held, and the hundreds of students enrolled took this means to show their appreciation of his many years of faithful service to the Western North Carolina Conference. The presentations were made, appropriately and cleverly, by Leroy A. Smith, member of First Church.

Several Attend Jurisdiction Meeting; Glen Alpine Host to Advance Meeting; District Secretaries Meet

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NOTICE:

Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of our Conference, would like copies of our Annual Meetings, as follows: Three copies of 1946 and one for 1947. She needs these to complete the Memorial Roll. Anyone having extra copies of these are asked to send them to her at 358 Hill Street, Asheboro, N. C.

JURISDICTION MEETING

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service is meeting this week in Louisville, Ky. Delegates from our Conference and the North Carolina Conference are traveling together in a special Pullman car. Those going from our Conference are: Mrs. J. W. Payne, by virtue of her office as president and as a Jurisdiction officer; Mrs. J. W. Harbison, Jurisdiction officer; and Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, Mrs. R. M. Hauss and Mrs. C. N. Clark, representing the Woman's Society, and Mrs. R. I. Corbett or Miss Lottie Duncan, representing the Wesleyan Service Guild.

INSTRUCTION FOR PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS

In view of the fact that some officers are a little uncertain as to what is expected of them for the transition period between December, 1948, and June, 1949, a concise and informative letter has been written by Mrs. J. W. Payne, president, and Mrs. David D. Smiley, treasurer, and sent to all local presidents and treasurers. Although some of this information has already appeared on this page, we are hereby giving it again. The letter is as follows:

"Some of our women are worrying about what to do during the five months until June first, when we start the new fiscal year. This is the way you are to report: By March 31st, the local treasurer should send to the Conference treasurer the money for the first quarter (just as she has always done).

"Before the end of the first quarter, the president should ask every woman to be prepared to bring her money for both April and May to the April meeting.

'By April 30 the treasurer should send the money collected for both April and May to the Conference treasurer so all funds can be sent at once to the Division treasurer in New York. Then the work for the five months can be closed and we can start the new year June 1 with all our finances up to date.

"Remember that you make your payments for the five months on the basis of what you paid in 1948 "within the appropriation." Those gifts that are "within the appropriation" are the Pledge, Life Memberships, Penny-a-Day Fund, Lenten Offering, and Missionary Projects. For example, if a Society paid a pledge of $75, gave a Life Membership of $25 and paid $20 on the Penny-a-Day Fund, then their total giving "within the appropriation" would be these three gifts added together which give a total of $120. Now 5/12 of that $120 would be the amount that the Society would be expected to pay for the five months, which would be $50. This amount may be more than you would have expected it to be but we MUST increase our giving if we possibly can. The high cost of living makes just as many problems in our mission fields as it does at home and our mission board is facing a real emergency. We know that not one of us would want our Board to close any of our work and bring workers home on account of the lack of money.

"In your new Report books you will see that the reports are to be used from January 1, 1949, to June 1, 1950, which makes 17 months. All officers, except the treasurer, will have only one report to make for the five months and that report is to be sent in June 1.

"'Be sure to elect your officers in April and have your secretary send the names at once to your District Promotion Secretary. Have your pledge service in May and install your new officers then.

"It would be wonderful if every society would send a delegate to our Annual Conference in High Point April 6-8. Full information about the Conference will be sent you at an early date by your District Promotion Secretary."

ADVANCE MEETING AT GLEN ALPINE

At the February meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Glen Alpine Methodist Church, Marion District, the Advance Program was impressively presented by a caravan composed of Mrs. Emmett McLarty, Jr., of Morganton, Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., and Mrs. J. F. Jonas of Marion.

Mrs. McLarty, in explaining the purpose of the program, emphasized that the Advance Program is to enrich and enlarge Christian influence; that we must advance in the direction that will do the most good to the church, community and nation. In the discussion of the first of the four point program, she stressed the fact that in order to get more members we must make them feel it is worth belonging to. We must sell ourselves, then we can sell others.

Mrs. Jonas outlined the second point of the program and stressed the importance of studying, praying and giving. She closed her remarks with, "As Christian women we must incorporate Christ in our lives; we must give the best we have."

In conclusion, Mrs. Hoyle discussed the other parts of the program and pointed out that one of the best ways to get Christian workers needed by the Methodist Church is for us to sell the idea to our young people of the need for Christian service. Many would become interested if encouraged. Mrs. Hoyle cited the pleas of other countries for our help. She closed her remarks by making the group feel that they were the instruments for carrying Christianity to the world.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. F. O. Lefevers and refreshments were served following the program.

MRS. J. A. SPENCE HOSTESS TO BOARD MEETING

The executive board of the Thomasville District Woman's Society of Christian Service met February 3 at the home of Mrs. J. A. Spence in Asheboro for their semi-annual meeting. Mrs. Spence, president of the district, presided over the meeting. An inspirational worship service was led by Mrs. L. F. Ross.

Each district officer gave interesting reports of the past year and told of plans for the coming year. Two resignations, Mrs. Herbert O. Sink, chairman of the research committee, and Mrs. L. F. Ross, secretary of spiritual life, were accepted. Mrs. L. Herbert Smith was elected to succeed Mrs. Ross as secretary of spiritual life.

Mrs. Clarence Cranford, secretary of promotion, gave an informative and interesting talk on the board meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service which she attended at Pfeiffer College. Mrs. Cranford discussed plans for the Advance Program which will be presented at the sub-district meetings. She also stated that 101 societies had made their new aims and plans for the year. In addition to the members, three visitors were present: Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., vice-president of the Western North Carolina Conference; Mrs. J. G. Winkler, Conference secretary of youth work; and Mrs. Harlan L. Creech, Jr., wife of the pastor of First Church, Asheboro.

A delicious two-course luncheon was served in a lovely setting of artistic arrangements of spring flowers in Mrs. Spence's hospitable home.

MRS. SHELLEY ENTERTAINS DISTRICT SECRETARIES

Mrs. Ira C. Shelley, Conference secretary of Supply Work, invited all District Supply secretaries and the following Conference officers: Mrs. David D. Smiley, treasurer; Mrs. J. G. Winkler, secretary of youth work; Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, secretary of children's work; and Mrs. Cicero Groome, district secretary of Christian social relations, to her home for a meeting on February 4. Reports and plans were discussed for the promotion of Supply work in the Conference. It was decided that beginning with the Conference secretary, the district secretaries of supply work would send an article once a month to be printed on the Woman's Page in the North Carolina Christian Advocate setting forth the plans and projects of this department.

It was also suggested that secretaries of supply work attend the School of Missions and Christian Service at Pfeiffer College in June and that five districts, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Thomasville, Statesville, and Marion, send their coupons to the Bethlehem Center at Winston-Salem, and the other five send theirs to the Bethlehem Center at Charlotte. Just now the Winston-Salem Bethlehem Center is using the coupons to erect a fence around the Center property.

The Supply Askings for our Conference for foreign work in 1949 are:

China—Missionary Homes, furnishings, stoves, cooking and heating equipment, $750.

Latin America—Mexico - New Mexico, evangelistic work, dispensary at Aztecas, $450; Peru, Lima High School, $200.

Philippine Islands—Literature, audio-visual aids, institutes and youth work, $725.

India and Pakistan—Dispensary equipment in two villages, $500.

Japan—Kindergarten equipment and supplies, relief supplies, milk and vitamins; refrigerators for missionary homes, $1200.

Korea—Jeep for a rural worker, $75.

Malaya—Books for Libraries, $200.

Large amounts of undesignated cash is greatly needed in each of these fields. (The askings for the home field will be published in our next Woman's Page.)

Needs of Children Pointed Out; Miss Sutton Conducts Vacation School Institutes; Church School Gains

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WHAT TO DO ABOUT CHILDREN

All the way from the home, to the school house, to the State Legislatures, to the National Congress people are talking about what to do in view of the great crowd of small children and babies on hand since the birth rate was reversed during war and post-war days. Some people who are responsible for the public education of this great crowd of small children are genuinely alarmed about the prospect in view of the continuing difficulty of finding money for repairing old school buildings and constructing new ones. It seems unbelievable to think that a nation which can spend between nine and ten billion dollars a year on alcoholic beverages is unable to cope with the educational needs of the first "bumper crop" of babies and small children that we have had in many, many years.

DOES THE CHURCH WANT CHILDREN?

These little fellows will be pathetic creatures if they find the nation doesn't want them, at least not enough to give them an adequate school building and well-trained teachers. Worse still, will be their plight if the church does not want children enough to bring them into a Sunday school and provide an adequate place for their Christian training, under a qualified teacher. We cannot meet this situation with good wishes. Something has to be done.

SPRING AND SUMMER CHILDREN

Several things may be done about the Christian training of our children during the spring and summer seasons just ahead. Training for Christian professions and church membership for the older children is a great need already right here with us. Palm Sunday and Easter are less than two months away. The teachers of older Juniors and of Intermediates in the youth division, should be working with pastors to bring the opportunity of life as a believing Christian and a church member to every older junior and intermediate child they can reach.

CHILDREN AND RALLY DAY

During this spring every church school can celebrate Church School Rally Day and feature the religious education of children at this time. In the "hey day" of such special celebrations, the children had a very big place in affairs. People enjoyed these celebrations immensely and talked about them for the next twelve months. In recent years we have tried to improve the psychology of rally day programs and have succeeded in taking most of the interest out of them. With the big crowd of war-time and post-war children coming up for the attention of the church and church school, perhaps we can emphasize the child's place in the Sunday school enough to get some results and still keep the really necessary rules of child training.

RALLY DAY AND OUR CONFERENCE

Rally Day in our Conference might well emphasize the needs of children in the annual offering taken on that Sunday. Our Conference has done very well with Rally Day, but not too well with the offering. Most of the conferences comparable to ours turn in from two to four times as much money in the Rally Day project as does ours. A good idea might be to devote the Rally Day offering to the activities of the Children's work in our annual conference. We could build up our offering to the point where the resources of the Conference Office of the Board of Education would never again be without a Director of Children's Work, and so that the Children's department would not be hampered by the too close limitations of the regular conference appropriation for promoting all phases of Christian education in the conference.

CHILDREN AND VACATION

This year a great "come back" in vacation schools is expected in our conference. Last summer most of the schools which had been planned after the third week in June had to be cancelled on account of the polio epidemic. The cancellation of those schools hurt the children's feelings as much as anything about the drastic epidemic experience. Therefore a very special effort to conduct a vacation school in every church on every charge is essential.

WHAT MAIL!

Miss Doris Sutton, Director of Children's Work for our Conference, is sending out 700 letters and 700 packets of materials on the vacation school work for this summer. These go to the local church Superintendents of Children's Work. All pastors and church school superintendents please take notice that a complete mailing on vacation schools has gone to your local church leader of children. Somewhat later (so they won't lose them too soon) catalogues of vacation school text books and other materials will be mailed to the Pastors. This will probably be sent right after Easter as a practical matter of putting this piece on the Pastor's desk just after his special Easter activities have been completed. But this should be just a last reminder. Planning should start immediately and the good lady who is your children's division superintendent has the materials and directions.

FINE START ON INSTITUTES

Miss Sutton has made a fine start on Vacation School Institutes in the Conference. Her two training sessions for district teams held at Greenville and Raleigh were well attended and the spirit of the meetings was just about all one could desire.

In fact these meetings were so fine that Miss Sutton could smile back at the rest of us in the conference office because we didn't think such cooperation could be expected after two years with no Director to conduct vacation school institutes. Now we do not consider anything impossible. Pastors and local church superintendents of children's divisions will receive insistent notice of the location of a vacation church school institute to take place somewhere within convenient reach of every pastoral charge during the month of March. Be sure your school is represented.

STAY YOUNG AND ACTIVE

Anyone who takes special interest in children continues young in spirit in spite of years. That can be true of our Annual Conference. A special effort on behalf of our children can keep us from falling back into the habit of defeat we had fallen into in our church schools before the Crusade for Christ. During the Crusade we gained back the students we had lost over a 17 year period of decline and went far beyond. For the four years of the Crusade our total gain in enrollment was 27%. That is very encouraging and shows what Christians can do when concentrating on a duty and opportunity. Our danger now is that with the Crusade past we will start losing again in reaching the people. For the rest of this year let us fortify ourselves against such a prospect by doing more for our children than we ever have before in our church schools.

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Miss McLamb Joins Staff; Attend Chicago Meeting; Appeal for Hymnals; Visit Lillington Charge

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

A SUPPLY MATRON MOVES IN

We have a new member on our staff of workers here in our home. Miss Orell McLamb of Roseboro came to serve with us February 13. She received special training at Pineland College and Eastern Carolina Teachers College.

Miss McLamb has taken over the duties of "Supply Matron." She will relieve other matrons when they have their week off. Every seven weeks, each matron has a week of rest and relaxation.

If you have had the care of 24 children night and day for six weeks, you will see the wisdom of this plan. Every cottage mother needs a change and rest every few weeks.

Miss McLamb loves children. She is at home in the laundry, the kitchen or in the study hall. She has already won a place for herself in our family. We are happy to have her as a member of our staff and to serve with us in the care of our boys and girls.

MISS MARKS IN HOSPITAL

Miss Lena Marks, one of our most faithful and efficient matrons, had to enter Rex Hospital this week for an operation. We are glad to report that she is doing nicely and should be back on the campus in about ten days. Miss McLamb, our new matron, is in charge of the supply room while Miss Marks is away.

SONG BOOKS ARE NEEDED

I am sending out an urgent request for church hymnals. Our young people need a hundred Methodist hymnals for use in our chapel services. Second-hand copies can be secured from our Publishing House, if some person or group would like to take this as a special project. Our children love music and will appreciate a gift for our chapel.

CHARGES—PAID IN FULL

We have reported 13 charges that have a perfect score on their Apportionment. We are happy to add the First Church, Rocky Mount, to our list this week.

Some charges are very close to the goal. We hope to hear from these in a few weeks. Our healthy and happy children join with me in a song of thanksgiving for all that our friends are doing to support us in our work.

CONVENTION HELD IN CHICAGO

The National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes held a meeting in Chicago, February 16 and 17. Mrs. Larkin and I had the privilege of attending this convention. An interesting and inspiring program was presented to the 300 delegates in attendance.

Two days were filled with general meetings and discussion groups. I am wondering how many of our members know of the ever expanding service of our Church in this field of human welfare?

Ministry of Healing

Seventy Methodist Hospitals in this country ministered to more than 4,500,000 patients during 1948. Our Church has been doing a magnificent work in healing the sick and showing compassion for the suffering.

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Homes for Children

Our Church is operating 47 homes for the care of dependent children. Last year around 6,000 boys and girls received care in these institutions. It would require many volumes to tell of the personal care and Christian training that these children received at the hands of the Church.

In 1948, over 2,000 applications came to these homes that could not be accepted. The need is great, and each home is receiving more than the normal capacity of the Orphanage. More buildings are going up each year and our great Church is serving all the children that we possibly can reach with the resources at our command. As we "Advance with Christ" let us not forget the "little ones" he put first in his plan for the Kingdom.

SCHOOL FURNITURE

During the last few days we have purchased and placed new furniture in our fifth grade classroom. At the present time we have two carpenters building book cases, bulletin boards and doing some general repair in the school building. Next summer we hope to do some additional work in the classrooms. When orphanages elect to operate their own schools instead of sending the children to the public schools, they are obligated to meet the standards of the public schools. This we are determined to do both from the point of view of the school plant and the quality of instruction.

A NEW BEATITUDE

Miss Mary Ferree was directing a little service in a local church Sunday morning. A child was called on to announce the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Little Claudette King stood up and said: "We will now sing one verse of the song, "Blessed be them that are blind." She could not understand why the people were amused.

The Superintendent of the Blind School, here in Raleigh, said recently, "Many people are afraid because they see too much." Perhaps that is the philosophy that was in the mind of Claudette King.

VISIT TO LILLINGTON

It was our privilege to spend Sunday, February 20, with W. A. Tew and his members at Lillington. These people have a lovely sanctuary, and convenient class rooms for their Sunday school.

The minister and his family are in a new parsonage. This home will be dedicated later on this year.

Mrs. Sam Hudson served as our pianist, and directed a program presented by six of our junior boys. At lunch time the homes of the church people were open to us. The boys had many nice gifts in addition to a bountiful lunch.

At three o'clock, we held a service at Pleasant Plains with the pastor, W. A. Tew, in charge. Some of our children came to us from that community. The brother of two of our orphan children came up to talk with me after the service. He would like very much to be in our home with his younger brother and sister. It is tragic when a home is broken up and brothers and sisters have to be separated, as in this case.

It was a beautiful day and filled with many happy experiences. We are deeply grateful to our friends on the Lillington charge for their loyalty and their love.



OFFICE PRACTICE

Billy Griffin, high school freshman, gets some valuable experience in the principal's office. He is shown here at the typewriter.

Sunday School Lesson for MARCH 6

AS A MAN SOWETH

Mark 4:1-9; Luke 15:13-14

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The trees scatter seeds in prodigal abundance, but millions of the seeds never germinate; and Jesus says that this is also true of the seeds of the gospel which he and his followers sow. Many of them do not find soil in which they can develop. Men are free, and are not forced to receive the truth, but God designs that all of his children should have a chance to hear and receive the gospel.

If we were all quite honest with ourselves we would be frank to acknowledge that at some times, and as over against some aspects of the truth, we have been all these kinds of hearers, wayside hearers, stony ground hearers, or hearers in whom the cares of the world and the pleasures of life have choked the word. And how few of us have so applied the teachings of Jesus that we have brought forth a hundred fold in practical results! Hence our failure to get results in working for others ought simply to be added challenges to sow more prodigally and enthusiastically.

But while our Lord's parable of the sower warns us not to be discouraged if much of our work seems to be in vain, it inspires us to rejoice in the fact that if our zeal is abundant and unflagging we are sure to get results. As a whole, our work will not be in vain in the Lord. Let us not be weary in well doing, says the apostle, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

This parable of the sower tells us that it is unjust to criticise ministers of the gospel because some of their enterprises end in failure. When a lady was shown a large number of unsuccessful mechanical devices which Mr. Edison had constructed in the course of the experiments leading to one of his great inventions, she exclaimed, "What a pity that so much work was wasted!" "No, Madam," answered Mr. Edison; "we learned from this a number of ways not to do it." The Christian worker to be criticised is the one who keeps on experimenting along lines that have been definitely proven ineffective, or who ceases to experiment. I am become all things to all men, says Paul, that I may by all means save some (I Corinthians 9:22). One hopes that we are just at the beginning of an era of redoubled and enthusiastic experimentation to find ways effectively to spread the gospel.

But we sow seeds not merely in the lives of others, but in our own lives. "Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny."

In the parable of the prodigal son the younger brother was tired of the restraints of his father's house. He longed for a chance to have his fling. So he asked for the portion of goods that would naturally fall to him, and took his journey into the far country where he wasted his substance in riotous living. Why was he riotous in his dissipation? Was it to express his happiness? Nay; rather it was to still his misgivings. For the time being, however, he was very popular. But soon his money was gone, and then his friends left him, and the parable says, There arose a mighty famine in that land. Whether the wild wanderer always actually encounters a physical famine or not, one thing is certain: he soon suffers from an inner famine.

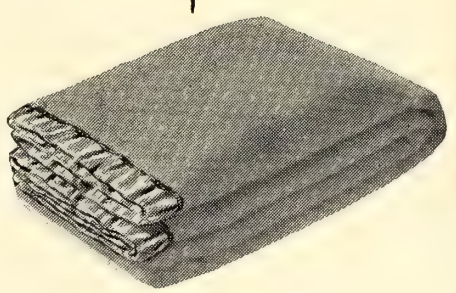
He has lost his self-respect, and life for him has also lost its meaning. Like Macbeth, he feels that it is a "tale told by an idiot, full of sound an fury, signifying nothing."

When the prodigal was sent into the fields to feed swine he even envied them as they seemed to get satisfaction out of the carob pods they devoured. When a man, made in the image of God, makes a hog of himself he never gets a hog's satisfaction. "Deep loathing and sated lust make human life a hell."

But this misery was a mercy; it made the prodigal long for his father's house, and he said, I will arise and go to my father. And the father whose love he had utterly failed to appreciate saw him afar off. He had been expecting him to return, and was looking longingly down the road for his appearance. So the old father actually ran and fell on his neck and kissed him, and called for the best robe, and shoes for his feet, and even for a ring for his finger. And this is a symbol of our Heavenly Father's love for all sinners. Heaven help us all to be eagerly expecting the return of the worst reprobate, and to be ready for a great celebration when he appears!

Although I should preach of God for a hundred years, that He is so kind, sweet, and merciful, and helps men—and have yet not tasted this by experience, it yet all amounts to nothing, and no one thereby learns to trust God aright.—Luther.

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Children's Storytime

The Little Boy Who Won a Prize

By PERLEY R. WADE

In the famous old city of Edinburg, across the sea, there once lived a little boy named Louis. He could not run and play with the other children because he was sick a great deal. But he had a nurse who loved and cared for him, and what wonderful stories she told him! He loved them all—stories of fairies and elves, stories of great men who lived long ago, and many others, but best of all he loved the stories from the Bible.

One rainy day he felt very miserable. His head ached and he had to stay in bed. He had been trying to march his soldiers up and down the bedclothes, but they kept sliding off on the floor. At last he was so tired he just couldn't help crying.

Good Nurse Cunningham understood just how little Louis felt. She wrapped a quilt around him and rocked him gently in her arms until he fell asleep. Her lap was such a comfortable place that when he woke he felt much better.

Then Nurse Cunningham told little Louis that his uncle was going to give a Bible picture to the nephew or niece who wrote the best story about Moses. How Louis did wish that he could win it!

"I have been thinking," said Nurse Cunningham. "You are too small to write the story yourself, but you could tell it to me and I could write it down just as you tell it."

"Oh, goody!" cried little Louis, clapping his hands. "Oh, Nursie, let's begin at once!"

So good Nurse Cunningham brought pencil and paper, and little Louis told her what to write. When he was better he drew pictures on the pages. He drew the baby in the cradle in the rushes, and the sister watching over it, and many other pictures, and at the very end he drew Moses as an old gentleman with a long coat like the one his grandfather wore to church on Sundays.

His uncle was so pleased with the story and pictures that he sent the prize to Louis—a book of Bible stores, with pictures, and with his name "Robert Louis Stevenson" painted on the very first page.

How proud little Louis was of the prize he had won! Years afterward when he grew to be a man he wrote many wonderful stories and poems which were published in books and which made his name famous, but he never forgot the story of Moses, and the prize he won with the help of good Nurse Cunningham.

(This story is based on notes taken by Miss Wade in a class on English and American Literature conducted by a Harvard professor who knew Robert Louis Stevenson.)—Western Recorder.

The Best of References

Not long ago there was a business man who needed a boy in his office, so he went to the front of his store and hung a sign in the window, "Boy wanted. Apply to Manager. References Required."

You have no idea how many boys applied. It took the manager all day long to see them—fat boys with references from their neighbors, thin boys with references from their teachers, tall boys with recommendations from the pastors, and small boys with notes from their mothers. And yet, in the end, he hired a boy who had no references and was too new in town to have teachers or pastors!

"But see here," said the other manager, "isn't that a strange thing to do? To advertise for references and then not have any consideration for them?"

The manager smiled: "That little fellow had the best recommendations of the whole bunch," he laughed, "for when he came into the room he wiped his feet on the mat and closed the door quietly behind him, which showed he had been well brought up. You should have seen some of the other boys slouch into the room and heard them slam the door.

"Then, there was one very tattered boy in the waiting room; everybody poked fun at him, but my boy gave him half his newspaper to read while they waited. That showed kindness and courtesy. Then, when he came into the office to see me, he carried his cap in his hand, and he didn't act too good for the place, or too smartalecky to answer my simple questions.

"Politeness goes a long way in an office! Then, when I asked him to write his name on a card he removed a hair from the pen which had blurred the signatures of all the other boys ahead of him. That showed that he was neat and efficient. There was a book on the floor which everybody had stumbled over, but he picked it up, so that I knew that he took an interest in orderly appearances. His clothes were well brushed, his hair was well combed, his finger nails were clean—so you will admit that with quietness, orderliness and neatness, I had all the references I needed. I think he will make good." And he did. —Top 'o the Morning.

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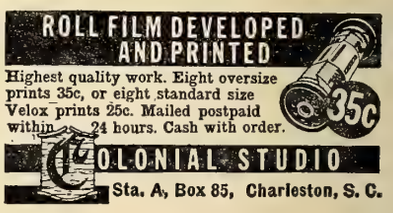
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March

Davidson-Fair View, 10 6
St. James, 7:30 6
Charlotte, First, 7:30 7
Hawthorne Lane, 7:30 9
North Monroe-Benton Heights: North Monroe, 11 13
Asbury-Oak Grove: Asbury, 3 13
Kilgo, 7:30 13
Peachland: Hopewell, 11 20
Lilesville: Forestville, 3 20
Ansonville: Cedar Hill, 7:30 20
Marshville: Wingate, 11 27
New Hope-Bethel: Long Pine, 3 27
Prospect: New Hope, 7:30 27

April

Mouzon, 11 3
Unionville, 3 3
Spencer Memorial, 7:30 3
Spencer Memorial, 11 10
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Paul, 3 10
Moore's Chapel, 7:30 10
St. Paul, 11 17
Monroe Circuit: Midway, 2:30 17
Morven: Pleasant Hill, 8 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: ANSONVILLE, 9:30 21
Duncan Memorial, 11 24
Weddington: Bond's Grove, 3 24
Waxhaw: Heath Memorial, 7 24

May

Central Avenue, 11 1
Polkton: Poplar Hill, 3 1
Indian Trail-Stallings: Beulah, 2:30 8
Belmont Park, 7:30 8

GASTONIA DISTRICT

W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

March

Sulphur Spring, Salem, 11 6
Cleveland, Mt. Moriah, 11 13
Shelby, Hoyle Memorial, 7 13
Cherryville, First, 7:30 16
Sharon, 11 20
Concord-El Bethel, Mary's Grove, 3 20
Bessemer City, Bethea, 7 20
Shelby, Lafayette Street, 7 23
Rock Springs, Mt. Pleasant, 11 27
Boger City, 7:30 27
Kings Mountain, Grace, 7:30 30

April

Lowesville, New Hope, 11 3
Asbury, Iron Station, 7 3
McAdenville, West Cramerton, 7 6
Belwood, Kadesh, 11 10
Sulphur Springs, Sulphur Springs, 3 10
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30 10
Shelby, Martin Street, 11 17
Cramerton, 7:30 17
Belmont, First, 11 24
Mt. Holly, 7:30 24

May

Cherryville Circuit, Bess Chapel, 11 8
Lincolnton, First, 7:30 8
Gastonia, Myrtle, 7:30 11
South Fork, Wesley's 11:15 15
Vale, Maedonia, 2:30 15
Fallston, Lawndale, 7 18
Dallas, Dallas, 11 22
Crouse, Crouse, 3 22
Polkville, Rehoboth, 11 29
Lowell, South Point, 7:30 29

June

Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 11 12
Gastonia, East End, 7:30 12
Stanley, 11 19
Gastonia, Trinity, 7:30 19
Lincoln Circuit, McKendree, 11 26
Gastonia, Bradley Memorial, 7:30 26

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

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February

Lindsey St., Reidsville, 7:30 9
Haw River Ct., Mizpah, 7:30 21
Muir's Chapel, 7:30 22
First Church, Draper, 7:30 24
Meadow View, Draper, 7:30 24

March

Bethlehem, 7:30 1
St. Paul's, 7:30 2
West End, 7:30 3
Glenwood, 7:30 4
Rehobeth, 11 6
Lindsey Memorial, High Point, 7:30 6
Bessemer, 7:30 7
Proximity, 7:30 8
Midway-Groometown, Groometown, 7:30 9
Calvary, High Point, 7:30 10
Ward Street, High Point, 7:00 13

May

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Carraway Memorial 2-9 p.m. 1

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

March

Epworth, 11 6
Midway, 7 6
Salem, 11 20
Albemarle Circuit: Union Chapel, 3:30 20
Albemarle: Main Street, 7:30 20
Rocky Ridge, 11 27
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 27
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March

Hillsboro, New Sharon, 11 6
Duke's Chapel, Duke's Chapel, 7:30 6
Sub-District Advance, Trinity, Durham, 7-9:30 7
Sub-District Advance, Rougemont, 10-1 8
Sub-District Advance, Long Memorial, Roxboro, 7-9.30 8
Sub-District Advance, Yanceyville, 10-1 9
Sub-District Advance, Fairview, 7-9:30 9
Sub-District Advance, Saxapahaw, 10-1 10
Sub-District Advance, Front St., Burlington, 7-9:30 10
Sub-District Advance, Pittsboro, 10-1 11
Sub-District Advance, Hillsboro, 7-9:30 11
Burlington, Glen Raven, 11 13
Saxapahaw, Clover Garden, 3 13
Bahama, Mt. Bethel, 11 20
Alamance, Sapling Ridge, 3 20
Roxboro, Cavel, 11 27
Person Circuit, Warrens Grove, 7:30 27

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D.S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

March

Manteo, 11 6
Stumpy Point: Manns Harbor, 3:30 6
Belhaven: Pantego, 11 13

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

March

Morehead City, First, 11 6
Franklin Memorial, 7:30 6
Mt. Olive Ct., Smiths, 11 12
Trenton: Shady Grove, 11 13
Ayden: Macedonia, 7:30 13
Riverside-Brgtn.: Beech Grove, 11 20
Grimesland: Salem, 7:30 20
Grifton, Edwards, 11 27

April

LaGrange, Trinity, 11 3
Mt. Olive: Calypso, 7: 30 3
Vanceboro: Lanes, 11 10
Pink Hill: Woodington, 7:30 10
Fremont: Yelverton, 11 17
Seven Springs: Zion, 7:30 17
Dover: Lanes, 11 24

May

Stonewall: Bayboro, 11 1
Aurora: Campbells Creek, 7:30 1
District Conference: Epworth (Vanceboro Charge) 5
Oriental: Arapahoe, 11 8
Pikeville: Saulston, 7:30 8
Goldsboro Circuit: Salem, 11 15
Ocracoke, 7:30 18
Marshallberg, 11 22
Beaufort Circuit: Core Creek, 7:30 22
Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 28

RALEIGH DISTRICT

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March

Westover: Pleasant Grove, 11 6
Raleigh, Trinity, 7:30 6
Princeton, 11 13
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 13
Clayton, 11 20

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March

Spring Church-Garysburg: Lebanon, 11 6
Seaboard: Concord, 3 6
Northampton: Lasker, 7:30 6
Roanoke Circuit: New Hope, 11 13
Littleton Circuit: Vaughan, 7 13
West Halifax: Union, 11 20
Conway: Bethany, 7 20
Norlina: Norlina, 11 27
Middleburg: Drewry, 7 27

April

Tarboro, 11 3
Elm City: Mount Zion, 3:30 3
Kenly: Buckhorn, 7:30 3
Spring Hope: Stanhope, 11 10
Nashville: Yorks, 3 10
Pinetops: Temperance Hall, 3 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: BETHEL, 9:30 19
Bethel, 11 24
Robersonville: Vernon, 3 24
Scotland Neck: Hobgood, 7:30 24
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May

Rosemary, 11 1
Warrenton: Hebron, 3 1
Littleton: Littleton, 11 8
Warren: Prospect, 3 8
Clark Street: Maple Creek, 3 15
Whitakers: Speight's Chapel, 7:30 15
Rich Square: Woodland, 11 22
Enfield, 11 29

June

Stantonsburg, Lebanon, 11 5
Saint Paul, Sandy Cross, 7:30 5
Weldon, 11 12
Halifax, Pierce, 3 12
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 19

July

Marvin: White Oak, 11 3
Evansdale, 7:30 10
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11 17

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

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March

Duplin: Wesleys, 10 6
Wallace, 7:30 6
Pembroke: Calvary, 11 13
South Robeson: Bethesda, 7:30 13
Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 20
(Dedication of parsonage in the afternoon)
Wilmington, Grace, preaching, 11 27
Town Creek: Zion, 7:30 27

Evangelists' Slates

ROY T. HOUTS, Approved Evangelist
Route 3, New Market, Tenn.

March 27 to April 10, Reynolds Memorial, Bristol, Va.
April 10-24—Chilhowie, Va.
April 24-May 1, Madison, N. C.

JOHN R. CHURCH, D.D., Route 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.

March 13-24—First Methodist, Ellijay, Ga.
March 27-April 7—Grace Methodist, Salem, Ill.

In Memoriam

MRS. A. H. NEUGENT

GREENSBORO.—On December 4, 1948, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to remove from this earth Mrs. A. H. Neugent, a beloved and consecrated member of Calvary Methodist Church. We deeply mourn this great loss. She was kind and affectionate, always desirous of bringing happiness into the lives of others.

We will not say that she is dead, but just away. The Sunday school and Woman's Society of Christian Service will greatly miss her presence.—MRS. J. G. SULLIVAN, MRS. J. F. CAUDLE, MISS PEARL McCULLOCH, Resolutions Committee of W. S. C. S.

MRS. ELIZABETH DUVALL LATHAM

WARRENSVILLE.—The members and friends of Warrensville Methodist Church are sadly bereaved in the sudden death of Mrs. Elizabeth Duvall Latham, February 9, 1949.

Sister Latham was a sincere Christian and always deeply devoted to the better interest of the church, the schools, and the community. The call came at the close of a happy, busy day with her students.

Surviving is one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, a student at Brevard College. Doubtless the Master will say, well done.—J. L. A. BUMGARNER, Pastor Warrensville Ct.

MRS. L. G. SLOAN

Mrs. L. G. Sloan, a member of Iotla Church, Franklin circuit, passed away December 25, 1948. Born in Buncombe County March 27, 1873, Mrs. Sloan was a faithful member of the woman's society and the church. To know her was to love her, and we feel her going very deeply.—MRS. R. L. POINDEXTER.

MRS. MARY FRANCES (MOLLIE) TILLEY

On February 4, 1949, at 5:00 p.m., the spirit of Mrs. Mary Frances (Mollie) Tilley, 78, widow of Archie P. Tilley, of the Walnut Grove community of Orange County went back to God who gave it. She had been in declining health for several years and critically ill for the past month.

She was born March 20, 1870, in Orange County, the daughter of the late James C. and Maranda Wilson Turner. She received her education in the schools of Orange County and had lived there all her life. She had been a member of Walnut Grove Methodist Church since girlhood.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Sam Woods, Hillsboro; four sons, Luther C., Loy G., Lacy H., all of Hurdle Mills, R.F.D., and Rev. Lester A. Tilley of Morehead City; one sister, Mrs. Martha Neville, Chapel Hill; and one brother, J. F. Turner, Hillsboro; twenty-two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from Walnut Grove Church, Sunday, February 6 at 2:30 p.m., by Rev. Henry B. Lewis, pastor. The body lay in state in the church forty-five minutes before the funeral service.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Hugh Woods, Lacy H. Tilley, Jr., Loy G. Tilley, Jr., Charles, Wayne and Kenneth Tilley. Other grandchildren served as floral bearers.—LESTER A. TILLEY.

LILLIAN BARFIELD EVANS

BLACK CREEK—Whereas God in His wisdom removed from our midst on December 3, 1948 the gentle loving spirit of Lillian Barfield Evans, the wife of Ernest Evans and mother of Jesse Lee Evans, We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service pay loving tribute to her memory.

Mrs. Evans was a member of the Methodist Church of Black Creek and a charter member of the original Betty Bass Missionary Society. She always put her church first. Her fervent prayer was for a new church. She lived to see the beginning of this church.

Mrs. Evans was a good neighbor and a devoted mother.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we extend to the bereaved family our heart felt sympathy in the loss of their loved one, that a copy of these resolutions be placed in the minutes of our Society, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for Publication.—MRS. ANNIE E. AYCOCK, MRS. L. D. TOMLINSON.



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Book Reviews

More Hilltop Verses and Prayers, By Ralph Spaulding Cushman and Robert Earl Cushman, Nashville, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1949. Pages 96, $1.00.

Lovers of devotional literature who were inspired a few years ago by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman's Hilltop Verses and Prayers will be delighted to learn that he has written a companion volume entitled **More Hilltop Verses and Prayers.** Many people in this section will be happy to know that his distinguished son, Robert Earl Cushman, professor of systematic theology in the Duke Divinity School, has written the prayers for this new book. The poems have a typical Cushman air. They are melodic, lilting, beauteous, mystical, sweet. They come from a poet's soul whose inspiration comes from the Poet of the ages. They are down-to-earth, and cover a variety of moods. The prayers are brief, full of meaning, and bring the worshipper closer to God. Carefully selected Scriptures passages make the volume a valuable devotional guide. For private use, for family devotions, or for brief devotions, this little book will prove most helpful—C.W.R.

The Church School and Parish House Building, By Elbert M. Conover. Published by the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, and the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, New York, 1949. Pages 96, $1.50.

Churches planning to erect or remodel educational buildings will do well to purchase this little volume written by an outstanding church building authority who was aided by a hundred persons engaged in the work of Christian Education. The author begins with basic principles, and outlines step by step the procedure in a sound building program. Most building problems are contemplated and faced honestly. Suggestions for equipment and furnishings are also taken into consideration. There is a section for those who are interested in remodeling, with special concern for the small church. Included are many excellent pictures and drawings of floor plans. Dr. Conover has many invaluable suggestions put succinctly and interestingly, thereby saving building committees time and money. These suggestions, the fruits of years of study both in the field of church architecture and Christian Education, afford committees information that will prove quite helpful in small or large building programs.—C.W.R.

MRS. JOHN HOYLE, JR., ELECTED TO JURISDICTION OFFICE

Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., wife of the district superintendent of the Marion District, was elected to the office of recording secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service at its meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky, last week. Mrs. Hoyle is now Promotion Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, after serving for several years as recording secretary, and she succeeds Mrs. J. Roy Jones of Columbia, S. C. in the Jurisdiction work.

The Western North Carolina Conference has three officers in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Mrs. J. W. Payne of Cherryville is Chairman of the Research Committee, Mrs. J. W. Harbison of Shelby is secretary of Supply Work, and Mrs. Hoyle elected at the recent Conference.

Other officers elected at this meeting were: Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Cookeville, Tenn., president; Mrs. E. V. Perry, Rolling Fork, Miss., vice-president;and Mrs. B. R. Stout, Knoxville, Tenn., treasurer.

"Seek... Knock... Ask—
and it shall be opened unto you"

THE ADVANCE
FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH
FROM CRUSADE TO CONQUEST

WEEK OF
DEDICATION
March 13-20, 1949

In the words of Bishop Paul B. Kern, vice-chairman:

"When Methodism goes to its knees something big and tremendous will happen to us and the world."

Millions of Methodists are being called to their knees in our "Week of Dedication," March 13-20. What a great spiritual experience this will be.

Methodists rededicating their lives to Christ and His Church. Methodists searching their souls prayerfully for strength to face the task ahead. Methodists giving of their substance that our world mission may minister to those less fortunate than we.

This is an unusual undertaking. There will be no quotas to be met. No credits received. No thought of self as we give ourselves to Him.

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THE WEEK OF DEDICATION—MARCH 13-20

Vacation School Workers Meet; Durham District Increases World Service; Dr. Ormond Begins Series

MISS SUTTON PLANS VACATION SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Vacation Church School Training Conferences were held recently in Greenville and Raleigh to train District Teams. Composed of four members—representing the kindergarten, primary, junior, and intermediate departments—these teams will conduct Vacation Church School Institutes over their respective Districts during March.

Listed below are the places the Institutes will be held. All dates are not complete, but information will be mailed to Pastors and Directors of Children's Divisions later this week just as soon as definite word has been received from all the ministers.

By the time this article is published some of the Institutes will have been held. If you have missed the one nearest you—choose another and take advantage of that one. We want all churches represented, because any ideas you receive or any you share will mean that some child's life will become more Christlike. Could there possibly be a greater challenge?

Call all your Children's and Intermediate workers—get together — and make a fruitful day of it in one of the following Institutes:

Durham District: Roxboro, Burlington, Chapel Hill.

Elizabeth City District: Belhaven, Gatesville, Windsor, Elizabeth City, Manteo Edenton, Ahoskie.

Wilmington District: Lumberton, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Clinton.

Raleigh District: Oxford, Raleigh, Four Oaks.

Fayeteville District: Fayetteville, Rockingham, Carthage.

Rocky Mount District: Wilson, Warrenton, Scotland Neck.

New Bern District: New Bern, Ayden, Mount Olive.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS TO MEET

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet at the Selwyn Hotel, Charlotte, Thursday, March 17, at eleven o'clock.

All members are cordially urged to be present.

HERMAN F. DUNCAN, Secretary.

WORLD SERVICE ACCEPTANCES:

North Carolina Conference

Durham District

E. L. Hillman, Superintendent

Total Acceptances $33,950
Apportionment for District 32,980
Acceptances exceed apportionment 970
Acceptances exceed 1947-48 apportionment 21%
Acceptances exceed 1944-45 apportionment 24%
This year
32 charges increased World Service acceptances
27 charges increased pastors' salaries

The 17 charges and pastors of the 48 in the district accepting PAR or better for World Service are:

Alamance, W. M. Wells; Andrew-Fletcher, M. M. Meredith; Fountain Place, J. C. Loy; Burlington Circuit, R. L. Nicks; Butner, J. S. McCartt; Cedar Grove, H. B. Lewis; Duke Memorial, R. E. Brown; Maybrook-Massey, W. K. Starrs; Trinity, Durham, D. D. Holt; Durham Circuit, C. J. Huneycutt; Eno, W. C. Feltman; Fairview, C. M. Fogleman; Leasburg, E. F. Smith; Rougemont, J. S. Donohoe; Roxboro, Long Memorial, C. P. Womack; Roxboro Circuit, H. C. Duncan; Swepsonville, J. R. Poe.

Commission on World Service and Finance
M. J. COWELL, Secretary

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Will you please state in the Advocate that I returned from Japan this week by plane, and am now with my family at 1917 Linden, Caldwell, Idaho.

I returned earlier than I had expected because of some bronchial trouble—hoping that the good climate of Idaho might bring relief. I expect to return to Japan with my wife and small daughter later this year. While in the States I hope to visit north Carolina.

With very best wishes, I am
Very cordially yours,
I. L. SHAVER

Dear Editor:

Here is a little news item which you may be able to use. In a day of mounting divorce rates and a time when broken homes are accepted almost as the norm, a thing occurred in our town which deserves notice. Within a month three couples celebrated golden wedding anniversaries. On January 11, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carson had been married fifty years; the next day Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carson had been married fifty years. The two Mr. Carsons are brothers. Then on February 8, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner passed the half hundred mark of married life. All of these except Mrs. W. J. Carson are members of the Methodist Church in Bethel. Here is evidence that some people mean it when they say, "'Till death us do part."

Very sincerely,
W.M. HOWARD

Dear Editor:

In his article in last week's Advocate entitled "Children of Chaos," Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., has hit the nail on the head in discussing one of the biggest problems facing our churches and our Welfare Departments. We need more articles like this. In fact, we need a sermon like this in every church in our conference.

Sincerely,
J. A. BEST, Superintendent
Public Welfare, Wayne County

BETHEL LEADS

Lists of 4 or more Advocate subscriptions received March 1 to March 7, inclusive:

Church (Charge)	Agent	Subscriptions
*Bethel (Rocky Mt.),	T. R. Andrews & X. E. Manning	31
Biscoe,	A. M. Williams	13
Jarvis Mem., Greenville,	Van C. Fleming, Jr.	12
Bethel (Salisbury Dist.),	J. L. Trollinger	10
Cross Mill,	P. L. Smith	9
Washington,	C. Freeman Heath	9
Edgerton Mem., Selma,	H. B. Baum	7
Hertford,	D. L. Fouts	7
Vanceboro,	V. R. Crowder	7
West End,	J. W. Sneeden	6
Kitty Hawk,	W. J. Freeman	6
*Bethabara, Stedman Charge,	Mrs. Harvey Grantham	6
Fairmont, Raleigh,	A. L. Thompson	6
**North Davidson,	D. B. Alderman	5½
Mt. Tirzah, Marvin R. Park,	Jr.	5
Kenley,	J. K. Bostick	5
Wesley Memorial, High Point,	P. G. Neal	5
Newton Grove,	R. L. Hethcox	4
Bethany, Conway charge,	Mrs. L. C. Davis	4
Gatesville,	Thos. A. Collins	4
Park Avenue, Salisbury,	F. M. Page	4

Rev. James A. Allen, pastor of Trinity church, Winston-Salem, reports that his church has reached its quota.
*Denotes quota reached.
**Denotes quota doubled.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That a pure heart and a clean character will give wings to his words and meaning to his ministry. All of us who preach should desire to lift up Christ in the pulpit that those who hear may see and follow Him. Let us not forget that unless we reflect Christ in our daily living, when alone and in personal contacts, there is no basis for hoping to present Christ effectively in the sermon. What a minister does and says in daily living is the best and final evidence of his actual character. We ministers should know that we are marked men; that not only those who hear us preach but all others in the parish constantly evaluate our lives by what they see us do every day of the week. To be told from the pulpit how to walk down a rough and unknown path is not enough. It is safer and more comforting if a good guide will walk the way with us. "The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds." It is still true that what we do speaks louder than what we say.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The North Carolina Christian Advocate is proud to begin with this issue a series of brief articles by Dr. J. M. Ormond. Dr. Ormond needs no introduction to readers of this paper. He is an esteemed member of the North Carolina Conference, former professor of rural church administration in the Duke Divinity School, and writer of many articles and books. Ministers and laymen alike will look forward to this weekly visit with a man who writes out of a broad and rich experience in the pastorate and in the classroom as a teacher of ministerial students, and whose contribution to Methodism in this section is of inestimable value.

WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERING

The Week of Dedication offering will be divided as follows: 20% to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; 25% to Home Division; and 55% to Foreign Division projects. Local treasurers, however, do not make any division of the funds.

You are advocating the Advance when you advance the Advocate. The Advocate will give up-to-the-minute news and inspiring articles on the Advance. Help us place it in every home on your charge, and thus help the Advance succeed!

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Editorial Comment . . .

The Emphasis Is on Dedication

Concerning the Week of Dedication, March 13-20, one fact stands out clearly. The emphasis is to be on dedication. Bishop Paul B. Kern, general chairman of the Week of Dedication, and other Advance officials have stressed this point. Bishops, district superintendents and Conference Advance committees repeatedly have called attention to this fact. By now there should be no confusion or doubt in anybody's mind. The emphasis is to be on dedication.

Of course, this does not mean that the offering to be received on Sunday, March 20, is incidental or inconsequential. It means rather that the offering is to be the fruit of our dedication. Put another way, it is the evidence of our dedication. In a real sense it will reveal the measure of our dedication. In the face of the very urgent needs at home and abroad, thoughtful Christians realize that full dedication carries with it an awakened sense of responsibility toward all mankind. Therefore, as we offer ourselves to Christ, we shall offer our substance to help him redeem a lost world.

But the emphasis has been placed squarely where it should be. The emphasis should be on dedication.

It should be on dedication, first, because this is our supreme need. On the whole, we are not a dedicated people. Now, many of our members are fully surrendered to Christ, for which we are profoundly thankful. Many others, however, are not taking seriously the vows they made at the altar. Consider, for example, the matter of church attendance. Is not this one test of our devotion? Yet multitudes of our people who promised God they would support his Church with their presence never darken the door of the church. Other multitudes attend irregularly, indifferently, when the notion strikes them. On an ordinary Sunday, the average church will have scarcely more than thirty percent of its members present. Attendance at most Sunday evening services is pitifully small. Does this sound like real dedication?

Then consider our giving. Perhaps our contributions to World Service indicate the measure of our consecration. During the last quadrennium 8,000,000 Methodists gave about $51,000,000, including Crusade for Christ funds, to World Service. This is a large sum. Yet it actually averages slightly over $6.00 for each member during the four year period, or about $1.50 per person a year. At a time when the world's needs reached unprecedented heights, and at a time when our material prosperity reached an unprecedented peak, the average Methodist responded with three pennies a week for world redemption! Does that indicate a dedicated heart?

Consider also our service. Do not our deeds reveal the extent of our consecration? Then why are such few carrying more than their share, while so many do practically nothing?

Our problem is basically a problem of dedication. There is something dreadfully wrong at the center of our lives. We lack consecration. Give us a dedicated people, and our churches will be filled to overflowing with joyous worshippers; there will be money to meet the needs at home and abroad; there will be someone to fill every job. The church will become a living, dynamic, transforming power.

The emphasis is rightly placed; for our supreme need is dedication.

The emphasis should be on dedication, furthermore, because the hope of building a new world lies with people who are fully surrendered to Christ. The two groups in our generation that have talked most about the new world are communists and Christians. In many respects communism has gained more ground than Christianity. Beginning a few years ago with a small inconspicuous group, communism has spread until its power has reached world-wide proportions and its adherents are numbered by the millions? How has this radical movement made such incredible progress? Well, by deception and intrigue and false propaganda. But that is not the whole story. Communism has spread because its proponents have been dedicated to a cause. They have been willing to make the utmost personal sacrifices to advance an idea.

We do not believe that communism is the answer to the world's deep hunger and need. On the contrary, we believe it is contributing greatly to the world's misery and despair. The only hope for a new world is in Christ. But we shall not get that new world simply by cursing the communists. Nor can we get it with a timid, half-hearted, easy-going loyalty to Christ. It will take a devotion to our Master as selfless, as sacrificial, as heroic, as the early Christians had. It will require men and women who offer their all to him, whose hearts are aflame with a missionary passion. It will require men and women who are willing to take up their crosses and, if necessary, to die for him. That sort of devotion springs only from a dedicated heart.

The new world must begin at the altar of the church. It will begin when men and women gather around that altar, confess their sins, renew their vows to Christ and his church, and then lose themselves in his service. Let us pray that Methodists everywhere may be willing to make that kind of dedication during the Week of Dedication. But regardless of what others may do, let each of us, personally make it. With such an experience, the new world for us will be on the way. And by our dedication we can hasten its coming everywhere.

The emphasis is rightly placed—on dedication!

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.—Romans 12:1, 2.

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Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.—Mark 8:34.

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My task is not to remake myself, but to be willing enough and humble enough to let God remake me.

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The family altar and the church altar are symbols of a security more dependable than bulging banks and mighty armies.

TO YOUR ALTARS, METHODISM!

By PAUL B. KERN*

Deep in the heart of The Methodist Church there is something fine and reassuring. It is not always evident in our actions and attitudes, but we cannot long be content if its manifestations are not found in our life. It is **the experience of God in the inner life of the believer.**

It is for the lack of his mind that we grope in darkness. It is the denial of his love that breaks the circles of our human brotherhoods. Mistake it not—what God wants with this Methodism of ours in this generation is to use it as a free and unobstructed channel for his grace. Are we willing to let God use us to save a world? Not use our money, or our brains, or our human strategies—but us—all we are and all that, by his grace, we can become. Are we willing? That is the real question.

The Week of Dedication comes this year March 13-20. This week is the culmination of preparation upon the part of pastor and people. Nothing else should intrude upon these sacred days. We are to turn again to our altars and seek the Lord.

We shall give ourselves to prayer and witnessing. We shall seek the unsaved. We shall search our own hearts, to discover what God's will may be for us.

This is not a week of preaching by the pastor, but a time when laymen—both men and women—shall be given a chance to testify. The young people are to share in the experience. There should be frequent meetings centered around the quest for a deeper religiou experience. Every church, on every charge and circuit, should have services.

Our laymen are ready to fill pulpits and conduct meetings. On Sunday, Mar. 20, it is hoped there will be a service in every Methodist church in America. The pastor and the charge lay leader have received full directions for the observance of this Week of Dedication. There is no rigid pattern, but there will be one great spirit moving throughout the length and breadth of our church, and it will all be to the glory of God and his kingdom.

When we seek for channels through which to express this deepened devotion, it is natural that we should turn to needy spots in our world where we can help to lift the burden from tired and overborne shoulders. So, on the closing Sunday, March 20, there will be a free-will offering in every church for great projects in mission fields abroad and in needy spots at home.

It will not be for ourselves, but for others. It will go for definite nonrecurring items, carefully chosen and each one approved by the executive committee of the Advance for Christ and His Church. Overseas Relief will come first; then a hospital in Central Congo; then a social settlement building in South America. Alaska and Puerto Rico, the Philippines, churches for our Negro congregations will follow—and so on and on. It is earnestly hoped that there will come to these desperately needy projects more than $1,000,000.

There are no quotas. There are no credits on anything. You just give what is in your heart to give. It is between you and God, and it will all go at once to a place and a project in Christ's kingdom to which help could come in no other way.

There is a lot of our money that God wants and needs. Or is it **our** money? Maybe we have been keeping too much of his money for our own use.

Let us enter the Week of Dedication with gladness of heart, rejoicing in the chance to pause long enough in these busy days to catch a fresh vision of his face.

*Bishop of the Nashville Area.

Advance, O Church of God

Advance, O Church of God, advance!
Your banner be unfurled;
A higher sovereignty unites
The Kingdoms of this world.

Advance, O Church of God, advance!
One World can never be
Until mankind, in search for truth
Learns only love sets free.

Advance, O Church of God, advance!
We dare not longer wait
To share our Christ with all the world.
It is already late!

The times in which our lives are lived
Are as a chastening rod.
The world, confused and changing, calls;
Advance, O Church of God!

By GARLAND EVANS HOPKINS

O Almighty God, who hast made the Church a shining light in the darkness and tumult of the world, turn the hearts of thy people to thee, and grant that we may dedicate ourselves to the service of thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAY OF DEDICATION

By BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL

The Week of Dedication ends on March 20, which is the Day of Dedication. That day should be a challenge and an opportunity to every church in Methodism. It is an opportunity for every Methodist minister to deliver his best and most appealing missionary sermon and to challenge his people to dedicate themselves anew to the world-wide task of the Church. On charges of more than one church, the voices of our most devoted laymen should be heard where the minister cannot be present.

We stand in need of some great missionary preaching. The Church's unified budget has contributed much toward business efficiency, but in adopting it we have lost something. In other years, when we took our offerings for missions, it was the custom for the pastor to lay the great cause on the hearts of his people and ask for an offering. In these later years the missionary cause has been included in a budget and our people have contributed more from a sense of loyalty to the church than from the realization of a great need. As a result, the missionary passion has waned in the hearts of ministers and people. How great is the necessity that it be revived!

One of the primal purposes of the Week of Dedication is to re-awaken in the hearts of our people the missionary passion. Dedication is not an indefinite term. It is more than a formal prayer and a passing emotion. When one dedicates himself, he must dedicate himself to something. On the Week of Dedication we are called to dedicate ourselves to the Lord and to the spread of His Kingdom to the ends of the earth. This means the dedication of ourselves to a great missionary outlook and outreach. When was there a time more propitious for this than this year of grace and confusion, 1949!

For a number of years, the women of the church have used very effectively an annual week of prayer. Through it they have cultivated the missionary spirit throughout the church. The purpose and design of the Week of Dedication is that it may do for the church at large what the week of prayer has done for our women's organization. This would be inestimable gain!

THE WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERING

By E. HAROLD MOHN*

THE genius of The Advance for Christ and His Church is its freedom for choice and action guaranteed every church and person facing responsibility to do something toward redeeming mankind.

Yet in spite of this fact, questions pour into The Advance Office, by letter and telephone—"What is our quota for the Week of Dedication?" "We were given specific figures for the Crusade for Christ, but what does The Advance expect of us?" "We have provided for World Service by accepting an increased apportionment of 33 1/3% over that of 1944 and now, how much is our church expected to give to the Week of Dedication Offering and also to 'Specials'?"

Carefully do we explain that The Advance for Christ is different. We remind these questioners that the Week of Dedication program sets no quotas, has no high pressure appeals, and gives no credits except the charge by charge reports in the special column provided for that purpose in the Annual Conference Year Book. We explain that the offering of March 20 is a "free will" expression of love for Christ and an act of gratitude to Him for the opportunity to minister to desperate needs in His name. A church finance committee will write into its budget a generous amount to meet a definite quota, yet the members who contributed to it might miss the blessing that comes from an awakened conscience and a heart kindled in behalf of needy causes or persons.

What are these needs that are included in the Week of Dedication call? First there is Overseas Relief for our Methodist people in devastated countries where just a little help means the diferences between life and death. Then there are those 300 Crusade Scholars, natives of foreign mission lands. These are college youth, carefully selected, soon to return to their homeland for missionary service. They are almost our most effective answer to the inroads of Communism and the undergirding of Christian democracy. This continuing stream of 300 young people is wholly at the mercy of our Week of Dedication Offering.

So, too, the Lambuth Memorial Hospital in Africa, the Nadiad Hospital in India, the University Church near the campus in Havana, the Sweet Memorial Center in Chile, all dependent upon this Offering.

Likewise, desperately needed are mission churches in Puerto Rico, at Anchorage in Alaska, Naaleku in Hawaii, Mexican and Indian missions in the United States, community centers for Chinese, Negroes and other racial groups, and a dozen more Home Mission Projects—all look to this Week of Dedication Offering as their one hope.

Are there no quotas for all this? The answer is not quotas, but opportunities. These causes are listed because of exceptional need and in order to inform our people exactly where and how their gifts will be used. All of these causes are listed, showing the amounts required for each, in a poster sent to every pastor from The Advance Office. Advancing Methodism believes that out of the loyal dedication of hearts that have been surrendered to the spirit of Christ will come abundant free will offerings for these claims. The last Dedication Day, observed in 1944, almost one million dollars was laid upon Methodist altars. It will require 1½ millions to meet the needs above described.

There are no quotas for the Week of Dedication offering. But for those who insist upon knowing how much their church should give, the executive director of the Advance presents the needs and offers a suggestion. He is careful, however, to leave the final decision upon the heart and conscience of the individual and the church.

As Bishop Paul B. Kern, Chairman of the Week of Dedication program, so perfectly states it: "No one will suggest to you the amount you should give, unless in the spirit of the Week of Dedication, you ask your pastor or some other close friend for a suggestion. It will be, according to the promptings of your heart, your sacrificial gift at the altar."

Even so, the questions keep coming our way. Some days ago an official in one of our churches pressed the writer for a "dollars answer" about his church's responsibility. Our reply was in the vein of Bishop Kern's statement, but the questioner became more insistent still. "You haven't told me how much money is needed. Just how many dollars does The Advance for Christ expect from my church?"

Therefore, we made some suggestions with the warning that such were not quotas, but guide-posts, given with the understanding that the people must let their dedication take them as far as the Spirit of Christ impelled them to go in bringing their offerings to the altar. With that warning in mind there is a simple method for any church to determine its responsibility with mathematical accuracy.

That suggestion is as follows: Our World Service apportionment in 1944 was approximately 23 million dollars, and the Church gave more. It gave also about 27 millions to The Crusade, for the total of 50 millions.

If, in this quadrennium we give as much as in the last one, it is to be done by increasing 23 millions of World Service to 32 millions, and by giving 18 millions to the Week of Dedication (6 millions) plus Missionary Specials (12 millions), payable in four years, for the total of 50 millions.

Therefore, if your church gave $27,000 to The Crusade, it should now give $18,000 to both the Week of Dedication and Specials. That would mean that each year your church should give $1,500 to its Week of Dedication Offering, in four years, $6,000. If the figure of $2,700 is used, then such a church would hope to give $150 next March 20 and a like sum each year of the present quadrennium for a total of $600 in four years. For those who ask and insist, this is the mathematical answer. Another may be an amount equal to 25 cents per member for the Week of Dedication Offering.

But there is that far greater and more signifiicant reply. It is "the love of Christ that constrains us." "For their sakes we consecrate ourselves." "Inasmuch as we do it unto the least of these we do it unto Him." This is the answer of the warm heart that understands. Nothing less than this will represent a glad and generous dedication of ourselves.

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Not My Share But My All

Not even my money can substitute for that great concern that must take possession of my life. Once I, as a professing Christian, come face to face with my own shallowness and throw my whole life into bringing about God's desires for His World, then there will be no more thought of "what is my share?"

His concern will be my concern. His people, black or yellow, brown or white —these will be of my very own. All my resources shall be His, and I shall never again need to be prodded and begged to advance the Church of Christ in the world. It will be my very life.—*Arletta Christman Harvey in a speech, "Can We? Will We?—We Must."*

Renew Your Vows!

By REV. LEON RUSSELL*

"When you make a vow unto the Lord your God, you must pay it without delay."— Deuteronomy 23:21 (American Translation.)

WE ARE at the beginning of Lent. We have come again to that time when the thoughts of all faithful followers of Christ look forward to the commemoration of the last week of his earthly life and his sacrifice upon the cross. We know that our hope is rooted in divine suffering, and we cannot think about his sacrifice without a sense of rebellion against self-indulgence, for that is what Lent implies if it is taken seriously.

We need a special time for honest inner inspection and for the cultivation of those spiritual disciplines without which our spiritual lives become unreal. We need to face the duty of self-denial. Surely, one cannot watch the Master of men walking the road that led to Calvary's cross without a feeling of shame that we have followed in his footsteps with so little real earnestness and at so little cost to ourselves. We must fling away all pretense and face our souls in the light.

Certainly we cannot remember the sacrifice of Jesus without wanting, in some way, to declare anew our devotion and loyalty to him. Can't you hear him saying to you?

"I gave my life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead;
I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou giv'n for Me?

"I suffered much for thee,
More than any tongue can tell,
Of bitterest agony,
To rescue thee from hell;
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee,
What hast thou borne for me?

"And I have brought to thee,
Down from my home above,
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and my love;
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee,
What hast thou brought to me?"

It has occurred to me that the best way we can answer his questions, spend a goodly Lent, and properly observe a Week of Dedication, will simply be to renew the vows we made when first we professed our faith in Christ and became members of his church. Let us then renew the vows we made unto the Lord our God.

We stood before the altar of the church, declared our allegiance to Christ as our Saviour and Lord, and in the presence of the congregation assumed the vows of church membership. Having professed our faith in Christ, we answered affirmatively the question: "Will you be loyal to The Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?"

Let us renew the vow we made when we promised to uphold the church with our prayers. For this vow is at the very heart of whatever devotion we have for Christ and His Church; for it means far more than the simple recital of the words of prayer, more than the vain repetition of pious phrases. It means more than saying your prayers.

I know of no better definition of prayer than that of the Westminster Shorter Catechism: "Prayer is the offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to His will." This puts the emphasis where it belongs—on God and God's will. If God has a will and purpose for our lives, the most important thing anybody can do is to try to discover and obey God's will. Prayer is man's first and final effort to serve God. Certainly then George Santayana was right when he said: "Prayer is not a substitute for work; it is a desperate effort to work further and to be efficient beyond the range of one's powers. It is not the lazy who are most inclined to prayer; those who pray most care most, and who, having worked hard, find it intolerable to be defeated."

What better way is there to observe the Week of Dedication than this: to g a t h e r around the altar of the church and there, in the presence of of God, our loved ones and friends, renew the vows we made when first we professed faith in Christ and became members of his church; to promise again to be loyal to the church, upholding it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service? With such a dedication surely the new world would be on the way.

And we have promised to care enough to uphold the church with our prayers. What spiritual power would be released if those of us who are members of the church should renew our vows and every day should bow before the Throne of Grace with earnest petitions upon our lips and in our hearts for the church and the things for which the church stands.

Then let us renew the vow we made when we promised to uphold the church with our presence. Surely one cannot contemplate the cross of Christ without being prompted to kneel before his presence in reverent and grateful worship. And long ago many of us promised "not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together for worship." Attending the services of worship in the church is a means of grace which if persistently neglected results almost unfailingly in religious indifference and spiritual death. The church cannot maintain its program or accomplish its divine mission unless those of us who are members attend its services with regularity. Think what a redemptive agency our church would become, if all of us who are members should keep our vow to uphold the church by being present at every service of worship. And how desperately we need that which regular worship in the church can give!

Then let us renew the vow we made when we promised to uphold the church with our gifts. Giving to the church is a profoundly spiritual matter. It is not only what a Christian ought to do, and what we have promised to do. A man can win or lose his soul according to the way he feels and acts about money. Money is the acid test, and nothing we are doing today is proving more how much or how little we really love our Lord than the way we give money for the extension of his Kingdom. What spiritual blessings would be ours, if out of a sense of gratitude to Christ for his sacrifice in our behalf, we should be willing to meet even the minimum of Christian giving and set aside a tithe of our income and invest it in the program of Christ and His Church.

"Ah, when I look up at the Cross
Where God's great steward suffered loss
Of life, and shed his blood for me,
A trifling thing it seems to be
To pay a tithe, dear Lord, to Thee,
Of time or talent, wealth or store—
Full well I know I owe Thee more;
A million times I owe Thee more!"

Let us renew the vow we made when we promised to uphold the church with our service. In these days of Lent we shall face the temptation of letting our devotion to Christ become a substitute for action. We may content ourselves with feeling instead of doing. We may be satisfied with the mere thrill of devotion. But, until we obey Christ in the places where we live and work our devotion to him is only sentiment and we have not kept our vow to uphold him with our service. We must find out what he wants us to do, and do it!

If the devotion kindled in the churches on Sunday were put into definite deeds on Monday, the new world would be on the way. The road of definite, costly obedience is the way of discipleship. And we promised just that when we said we would uphold Christ and his Church with our service.

If we should have this season of Lent to strengthen our spiritual lives, and if we should observe worthily a Week of Dedication in our churches, we must renew the vows we made unto the Lord our God.

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Churches of Methodism Get Ready for Nation-wide Week of Dedication Observance, March 13-20

ANOTHER DEDICATION SERVICE

By Sam Maxwell*

What an opportunity faces us in the thrilling program of our Church prepared for the Week of Dedication. The dedicated life, I shall tell my people, is the obedient life. Let us admit without hesitation that a life of obedience to God in our own strength is absolutely impossible. We do not have the power in ourselves to obey even one command habitually, to say nothing of the power for a walk of continuous obedience. But for that reason let us not think that God asks something unreasonable or impracticable and therefore impossible, and thus excuse ourselves for settling down into habitual disobedience.

God's will, to which we are to make fresh dedication, is not an intangible, indefinite thing. Indeed, so practical is it, that it stretches itself over our entire manner of living, claiming the authority to fashion our daily walk. "Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you." Or as the Apostle Paul puts it, "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ." What a dedication challenge to my people! Or more definitive is this great statement: "That ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom we are seen as lights in the world."

Another Dedication Service gives me an opportunity to say to my people that over the family life of His children the heavenly Father presides and He fully expects to counsel with them regarding the kind of clothes they wear, the books they read, the studies they pursue, the companions they seek, the business they enter, the money they spend, the possessions they have, the life plans they form. It will be a dedication both to the way and will of God. Radiating from the will of God as the center, there are some far-reaching and ineradicable Christian distinction, there are ways of thinking, talking, resting, working, playing, eating, dressing, living which are consistent with our profession and worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Another Dedication Service in my church will give me an opportunity to call back the backsliders and the halfhearted. We have many strong believers, to be sure. Yet there are prodigals in the Father's family who, despising the restraints in the Father's home, go their own way into the far country. There are others who remain at home but reserve the right in certain matters to conform their own ways to those of the world in defiance of Christ. There are Christian men who contend that in business one must use the methods of the world to succeed even if they are shady and dishonor the gospel of Christ. There are earnest Christian women who, in matters of dress, follow the extreme fashions of the world. Such lust is far more fitting to Aphrodite or Diana! There are both men and women who in most of their ways of life have sought and followed the Lord's guidance, yet in the one supreme choice—that of a partner for life—have disobeyed God's direct command to "marry in the Lord," and a life of suffering and sorrow has been the result. There are leaders of the Church even who have departed so far from God's way of financing His work that they have filled the house of prayer with the tables of money changers. Many a member has ceased to walk in the will of God because at some definite point he has departed from the ways of God. The call to dedication in my church will mean a return to the place of disobedience in confession of sin and a new start in God's way.

To walk in the whole will of God requires that we walk in the whole truth of God. In this service of dedication the members will be challenged to take the whole truth of God's inspired word. For in such dedication only has one opened his whole being to the light that streams from the throne of God. In such dedication he will come into such blessed adjustment with the Spirit of truth that he can be led into a walk in the pure light of God's Word.

A real New Testament dedication is what we must seek. In such dedication believers became men of passion. They gave themselves to the winning of souls. Their own hearts, all aglow with fervent gratitude and adoring praise to Him who loved them enough to give Himself for them, were kindled into a flame of passionate desire to bring others into the joy and peace and security of a personal, saving relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. They became men of one passion—"This one thing I do," animated their lives. In this service of dedication we shall pray:

"Oh! for a passionate passion for souls!
Oh! for a pity that yearns!
Oh! for a love that loves unto death!
Oh! for a fire that burns!
Oh! for a prayer power that prevails!
That pours itself out for the lost;
Victorious prayer in the Conqueror's name,
Oh! for a Pentecost!

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"ONE GREAT HOUR"

BY E. Harold Mohn*

Is Methodism cooperating? That is the question raised by dozens of letters that come from pastors addressed to The Advance Office, like the following:

"The churches in my neighborhood are organizing around the 'One Great Hour' drive for ten million dollars for world relief on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27. They tell me all denominations are in on it. But I have heard nothing about it. Our dedication comes one week earlier. Is Methodism cooperating? Please inform me as to what attitude we are taking in this matter."

The reply we must make to all such requests for information is in the affirmative, with necessary explanations. It is for that reason we deem it a service to pastors and churches to publish the following statement about this matter in the columns of our church press.

"One Great Hour" is a radio program sponsored by Church World Service, which is an interdenominational overseas relief agency. Our Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (M. C. O. R.) cooperates closely with this agency at all times.

However, our recent General Conference established the Methodist observance of the "Week of Dedication" to be held each year in the third week of Lent. For 1949 this comes March 13 to 20. Our Dedication Offering is to be taken on Sunday, March 20, and it is designated for emergency projects that have been selected on the basis of greatest immediate need. This offering will be divided: 20% to M. C. O. R., 25% to Home Division and 55% to Foreign Division projects.

All of this program, as directed by General Conference, was set up by the Week of Dedication Committee before Church World Service proposed the "One Great Hour" for all Christian churches. Church World Service selected March 26 and 27.

Under these circumstances, the best we can do, as Methodists, is to endorse "One Great Hour" and give it our blessing, as the Council of Bishops have done, and to say to our people that if a second offering is received in Methodist churches on Sunday, March 26, this money will be remitted exclusively to M. C. O. R.

Perhaps another year Church World Service may re-arrange its program so that the two observances may coincide. Meanwhile, let us realize that the Week of Dedication, designed by our General Conference, is first of all a period for complete devotion to Christ. The money we offer is of little value unless we give ourselves. The collection follows consecration.

As the title of our manual for its observance indicates, "Methodism Sets Up an Imposing Altar of Dedication;" we hope and pray that nearly nine million Methodists will bow at that altar from March 13 to 20, and that their voluntary gifts will be offered as a token of their love for Christ and the need of God's children.

It will not hurt any Methodist to give freely and generously both March 20 and 26. It is all so little in comparison to what God has done for us.

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WEEK OF DEDICATION TO BE WIDELY OBSERVED

CHICAGO—American Methodism's Week of Dedication, March 13-20, will be widely observed, according to all reports reaching national headquarters of the Advance for Christ and His Church here.

First church-wide observance in the quadrennial Advance program, the Week of Dedication was authorized by the 1948 General Conference. Its purpose is to deepen the devotional life of the church's 8,650,000 members and to help them measure up to world-wide needs.

Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Week of Dedication Committee, and the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, executive director of the Advance, have addressed a letter to the Church's 24,000 ministers, giving final suggestions for the week's activities. Bishops of the denomination's 35 episcopal areas in the United States are also calling upon both clergy and laymen to cooperate in the observance.

In order that the Week of Dedication may be observed in each of Methodism's 40,397 preaching places, many of which are on rural circuits, leaders are urging the extensive use of lay speakers to supplement the ministers' efforts. In many communities special worship services or cottage prayer meetings will be held and opportunity given to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

A recording of messages by Bishop Kern and Dr. Mohn will be used in hundreds of churches and heard by thousands over radio transcriptions.

On March 20, the Day of Dedication, pastors have been asked to preach on the world mission of the church and receive a free-will offering "to relieve human suffering through overseas relief and to build hospitals, social centers and churches in spots of the most acute need around the world."

I always have found in myself that such preaching of others hath most commanded my heart which hath most illuminated my head.—Whichcote.

Southeastern Women Advance in New Members, Giving; Urban Work Grows; College Gets Portrait

WOMEN IN JURISDICTION MEET REPORT GAINS

Concluding its eight annual conference, the Southeastern Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, at Louisville, Kentucky, February 22-24, elected officers for the ensuing four years, made a financial pledge of $1,072,500 to be raised in 1949-50 for world missions and social welfare and heard reports indicating advance along every front.

The financial pledge topped anything in previous years and was $156,000 increase over the previous year. Membership gains exceeding 35,000 bring the total membership in the nine southern states of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to 308,000.

New officers included: Mrs. E. U. Robinson, of Cookeville and Nashville, Tenn., president; Mrs. E. V. Perry of Rolling Fork, Miss., vice-president; Mrs. John Hoyle, Marion, N. C., recording secretary; Mrs. B. R. Stout, Knoxville, Tenn., treasurer.

Mrs. Charles Henderson, Memphis Tenn., was elected Secretary of Home Work; Mrs. Herbert Weaver, Milledgeville, Ga., Christian Social Relations; Mrs. C. P. Hardin, Knoxville, Tenn., missionary education; Mrs. Charles Robeson, Atlanta, Ga., Children's Work; Mrs. V. P. Patterson, S. C., Missionary Personnel; and Mrs. J. Fletcher McLeod of Brundidge, Ala., Chairman of Research.

Departmental Secretaries whose terms had not expired were re-elected as follows: Mrs. R. M. Howell, Birmingham, Ala., Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Roanoke, Va., Foreign Work; Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Louisa, Ky., Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. David Cathcart, Jacksonvill, Fla., Student Work; Mrs. Dwight L. Fouts, Hertford, N. C., Youth Work; Mrs. Stanley Wilson, Meridian, Miss., Literature and Publications; Mrs. J. W. Harbison, Shelby, N. C., Supply Work; Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Nashville, Tenn., Spiritual Life Cultivation; Mrs. Marvin D. Eblen, Henderson, Ky., Status of Women.

A forward step was the establishment of an annual $500 Study Grant at Scarritt College in Nashville, honoring the retiring president, Mrs. Ratliff. The foundation will be called the Cora Ratliff Study Grant.

The conference went on record as committing itself to work against all invasion of citizenship rights in their respective sections. It commended Governors Warren of Florida, Thurmond of South Carolina, Tuck of Virginia and Folsom of Alabama for their stand against the Ku Klux Klan and called upon state legislatures and communities to pass legislation against the use of streets, highways and public buildings by hooded organizations.

Guest speakers included Bishop W. T. Watkins of the Louisville Area; Dr. Garland E. Hopkins, secretary of the Foreign Division, national Methodist Board of Missions; Dr. Harold Bosley, Dean, Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, Executive Secretary, Advance for Christ and His Church; Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Miss Oscie Sanders, president of Bennett College, London, Ky.; and the following representatives from the secretariat of the Woman's Division in New York City: Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, Miss Kathryne Bieri, Mrs. E. B. White, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Mrs. L. M. Awtry, Miss Henrietta Gibson and Miss Kathryne Stinson.

MRS. WEST ENTERTAINS MINISTERS' WIVES

Mrs. W. B. West entertained the Ministers' Wives of the Salisbury District at an informal tea at her home in Salisbury Tuesday afternoon, February 22, from 3 to 5. Attractive arrangements of mixed flowers added to the beauty of the home. Decorations in the dining room especially carried out the Washington's Birthday idea. The games and contests, under the direction of Mrs. C. C. Herbert, were also suggestive of the holiday. Mrs. L. R. Akers, Jr. entertained the group by playing a group of piano solos.

During a short business session, officers for the coming year were chosen. They are: Mrs. H. F. Duncan, president; Mrs. L. R. Akers, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Carper, secretary and treasurer.

Preachers, attending a meeting at the church, joined the group during the refreshment hour. Mrs. West was assisted by the local ministers' wives in serving refreshments. More than thirty preachers and their wives enjoyed this delightful occasion.

URBAN WORK OF JURISDICTION EXPANDING

Nearly two hundred city pastors from sixteen annual conferences met at Emory University, Feb. 15 and 16, for a two day annual Council of City Pastors. Emory sponsors this enterprise in close cooperation with the City Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

"Our rapid trend toward urbanization in the South has led to the establishment of an Urban Work Resource Center," says Dr. H. B. Trimble, Dean of the Emory University School of Theology. Held at Emory for the first time this year, the Council of City Pastors is scheduled to become an annual Emory attraction, according to the wishes of Dean Trimble and Executive Secretary A. R. Hutchinson of the City Division, Board of Missions.

STANLY COUNTY GROUP RECOMMENDS FUNERAL CHANGES

Ministers and funeral directors of Stanly County in a joint meeting recently studied improvements that can be made in the holding of funerals and called upon the public to consider the following suggestions: 1. That no funeral service be held on Sunday; 2. That members of the family of the deceased consult both the preacher and the funeral director before fixing the time of the service; 3. That the pastor of the deceased be in charge of the funeral service and be consulted about securing other preachers to assist in the service; 4. That the casket not be opened following the service.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE RECEIVES PORTRAIT OF J. A. ODELL

An oil portrait of the late J. A. Odell of Greensboro, who in 1919 donated $100,000 to Greensboro College toward the construction of Odell Memorial Hall, has been given the college by his niece, Mrs. W. C. Tucker, of Greensboro, Dr. Luther L. Gobbel, president, has announced.

The portrait, life size, has been hung in the foyer of Odell Memorial Hall near a matching portrait of his wife, Mary Jane Odell, in whose memory Mr. Odell made the donation and for whom the building is named.

Mr. Odell, one of the college's staunchest friends, for many years a trustee, and one of the largest benefactors of Greensboro College, died February 10, 1930, leaving a substantial bequest to the college.

Ill-gotten gains are never worth the price, and a good conscience never costs what it is worth.—Author unknown.



The first worship service was conducted in the new Clyde Methodist Church, Sunday, March 6, at 11:00 a.m., with Dr. C. N. Clark, District Superintendent, preaching. The new structure was begun last May and when fully completed will cost approximately $50,000. Reverend W. T. Medlin, Jr., is pastor of the church.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

REV. J. M. CLINE of Bynum is at Duke Hospital where he is recovering from an operation.

NORTH DAVIDSON charge, D. B. Alderman, pastor, with a quota of 31 subscriptions has sent in 63 subscriptions, thus doubling the quota.

JUDGE JOHNSON J. HAYES of the United State District Court was the Laymen's Day speaker at Broad Street Church, Statesville, last Sunday.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE in Raleigh will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next December, according to an announcement made last week.

MR. EDWIN L. JONES of Charlotte and Dr. Embree H. Blackard of Gastonia were recent speakers at the Elkin Methodist Church.

THE METHODIST CLUB of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, has elected to do the preaching at Houcks Chapel near Hickory. Miss Martha Witherspoon is president of the club.

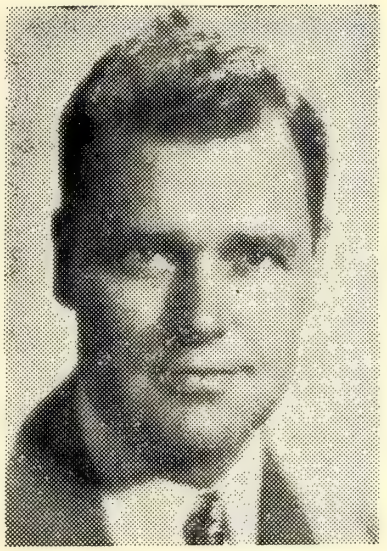
REV. M. LEO RIPPY, director of the adult department of the Board of Education, calls upon the 2,000,000 members in the 80,000 adult classes in Methodist church schools to double their last year's World Service offering of a million dollars through fourth Sunday offerings.

REV. W. M. HOWARD of Bethel, in sending in a large list of subscriptions, states that every steward in the church receives the Advocate, and the goal is to get the Advocate in every home in the church. This good work is being done by two new stewards, T. R. Andrews and X. E. Manning.

FAYE ANNE COLLINS and Thomas A Collins, Jr., children of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas A. Collins of Gatesville, were christened on February 24, 1949, by Bishop Arthur J. Moore at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. Bishop Moore has been pastor and long-time friend of Mr. Collins, and christening plans were completed during the Minister's Week Conference in Wilmore at which Bishop Moore was featured speaker.

WILLARD FARROW writes that the men of Biltmore church have been quite busy during the past several months. They have led in a movement to secure for the church a wire recorder, thus enabling many shut-ins and others to hear the worship services. In addition they are now engaged in preparing a parking area at the rear of the church. Rev. C. D. White, pastor, is assisting the men in these fine projects.

REV. I. L. SHAVER, Missionary to Japan, writes that he expects to arrive in the States about May 1. He also expresses thanks to his friends in North Carolina and Virginia who are helping him to purchase a car. " My work here in Japan," he continues, "could be made so much more comfortable and effective if I had an automobile in which to travel to many of the outlying districts where they are calling for the preaching of the gospel. To get to some of the nearer places by third class trains in time to preach at 10 a.m., I must get up at 4:30 in the morning." Contributions to this worthy cause may be forwarded to Dr. Albert E. Beebe, Treasurer, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Ave. New York 11, N. Y.



DR. RUSSELL L. DICKS
New Chaplain, Duke Hospital, Durham

DR. CHEN CHOW, of China, who is studying in this country under the auspicies of the United Nations, spoke recently at First Church, Morganton.

REV. ALLEN P. BRANTLEY, pastor of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, will be guest speaker at Randolph-Macon College chapel, Sunday morning, March 13, at Ashland, Va.

"JESUS SHALL REIGN" has been selected by the National Federation of Music Clubs as the hymn of the month for March. The words are by Isaac Watts and the music is by John Halton.

YOUNG PEOPLE of the Macon Church have recently organized a MYF with Ruby Riggan, president; Louise Shearin, vice-president; and Charles Harris, secretary-treasurer.

DR. RUSSELL L. DICKS of the Duke Divinity School conducted a seminar on pastoral counseling Monday at the United Church, Raleigh. This is one of a series of nine seminars conducted by Dr. Dicks in various communities over the state. The series is sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches.

EDWARD L. GREENE of Yadkin College, outstanding citizen and Methodist layman, often referred to as "the grand old man of Davidson County" died last week at the age of 92. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. G. Isley, pastor, and Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, son-in-law of Mr. Greene.

DR. W. B. SELAH, pastor of Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss., will be the speaker in Youth Crusade services beginning Sunday evening, March 27, at West Market Street Church, Greensboro. The special services are sponsored by the Greensboro Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

SPEAKERS for the Advance meetings being held in the Durham District this week include Rev. M. B. Stokes, returned missionary from Korea; Rev. John Howes, home missionary; Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School; Rev W. L. Clegg of Burlington; Rev O. L. Hathaway of Graham; Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham; and Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University. Dr. E. L. Hillman, district superintendent, is in charge of the meetings.

CHANCELLOR R. B. HOUSE of the University of North Carolina was the Laymen's Day speaker at Asbury Church, Durham, last Sunday.

METHODIST PASTORS at Leaksville, Spray and Draper will exchange pulpits during the next two Sunday evenings. The pastors are W. L. Lanier, C. M. Smith and A. B. Bruton.

JEFFERSON CHARGE observed Layman's Day with a layman in each pulpit on February 27th. The Sunday school at Jefferson set an all time record attendance of 106 on February 27th.

MISS BETTY JOHNSON, director of Christian Education at First Church, Salisbury, has tendered her resignation, effective June 1, to go to India as a missionary.

THREE NEW Church School rooms have been built at Grace Chapel on the Grace-Rhodhiss charge. Rev. L. B. Laye is the pastor. Mr. Laye is pursuing his studies at Lenoir-Rhyne college. The new rooms will be dedicated in April.

JOE ARMBRUST, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Armbrust, will present an organ concert at Broad Street church, Mooresville, on Sunday night, March 13. After the sacred concert the district superintendent will dedicate the organ. Rev. A. W. Lynch is the pastor.

MISS FRANCES ELIZABETH TURNER, director of religious education at First Church, Hendersonville, was married recently to David Oliver Satterfield, Jr., of Hendersonville. The vows were spoken before Dr. L. B. Hayes in First Church, Hendersonville.

MISS MARY ISABEL CLEGG, of 315 S. Spring Street, Greensboro, who is a senior at Greensboro College, has been appointed a member of MADEMOISELLE's College Board. The appointment enables her to compete for a College Guest Editorship of MADEMOISELLE. Miss Clegg has been president of the Art Club, business manager of the Collegian, and art editor of the Collegian, the Echo and the Handbook.

DR. ROLLIN H. WALKER, professor of English Bible at Ohio Wesleyan University, and well known writer of Sunday School lessons, spoke at the vesper service at Bennett College, Greensboro, last Sunday. Dr. Walker is author of several books, including "Studies in the Prophets of Israel," "Jesus and Our Pressing Problems," and "The Modern Message of the Psalms."

DR. S. M. HOLTON, President of Louisburg College, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church in Mount Olive on Laymen's Day at the morning service. He spoke on the subject, "I Am a Methodist." His message was rich with information regarding the history of Methodism and with optimism and hope for the present and the future of the Church.

PASTORS looking for help with their church school during the Advance for Christ and His Church will be pleased that a new book is just off the press entitled "Improving your Church School" by Robert R. Powell. Approved by the Department of Leadership Education, and edited by the Editorial Division, it incorporates many practical and forward looking suggestions. The author is professor in Mt. Union College, and was before that executive secretary of the Board of Education in the New Jersey annual conference.

Report on Louisville Conference; Corinth, Troy Organize; Halifax Societies Hold Joint Meeting

Edited by MRS. A. H. BORLAND
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ADVANCING WITH CHRIST

"Advancing With Christ" was the theme of the eighth annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service held in the Fourth Avenue Methodist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, February 22, 23, and 24.

"Only in Christian lands are women persons, not property," Mrs. W. H. Ratliff said in her president's message before 400 members from nine states. "Missionary work for the advancement of Christ all over the world is the way Christian women can pay their debt for being free," she continued. Mrs. Ratliff emphasized the need for an extended missionary program. This includes more missionary workers for foreign missions and those in the United States, and more giving for the cause of missions.

"This generation doesn't like to be told that religion has got to have everything put into it, or you can get nothing out of it," the Rev. Harold Bosley, dean of the Duke Divinity School, said. "Christ cannot be limited to a social order, a way of life, or a creed. Nor can we limit Him to our conscience, convenience, or convention."

Officers for the next four years were elected at this meeting. They are: President, Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Cookeville, Tenn.; vice-president, Mrs. E. V. Perry, Rolling Fork, Miss.; recording secretary, Mrs. John Hoyle, Marion, N. C.; and treasurer, Mrs. B. R. Stout, Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham was chairman of the program committee for the conference. Outstanding speakers besides Mrs. Ratliff, and Dean Bosley, were Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division; Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director of the Advance for Christ and His Church; Dr. Garland E. Hopkins, secretary foreign division of the Board of Missions; and Miss Katherine Bieri, secretary of missionary personnel of the Board of Missions.

As guests of the jurisdiction were Miss Ida Hankins of Wilmington, retired missionary from Korea; Miss Alice Green of Sanford, retired missionary from China; and Miss Mamiej Chandler, deaconess at student center of Greenville. Miss Ida Collie, candidate missionary to go to China was the guest of the North Carolina Conference. At present Miss Collie is a student in the School of Language at Yale.

Delegates from the conference attending were Mrs. D. L. Fouts, jurisdiction secretary of youth work; Mrs. Hillman; Mrs. H. I. Glass; Mrs. J. H. Cutchin; Mrs. H. O. Lineberger; Mrs. J. M. Jerome; Mrs. N. P. Edens; Mrs. B. B. Slaughter and Mrs. H. A. Davis.

OFFICERS TRAINING DAY AT GOLDSBORO

The conference training day will be held in Goldsboro, St. Paul Church, on Wednesday, March 16, starting at 10:30. All conference officers, district officers and zone leaders are expected to attend. Lunch will be served by the women of St. Paul Church.

NEW OFFICERS IN WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary of the Wilmington District, announces that Mrs. W. W. Sellers, 1716 Ann St., Wilmington, is the new secretary of supply work, taking the place of Mrs. A. J. Cavenaugh; and that Miss Ida Hankins, 15 North 15th St., Wilmington, is the new secretary of missionary personnel, taking the place of Mrs. Floyd Johnson.

CORINTH CHURCH, FOUR OAKS CHARGE, ORGANIZED

Mrs. H. A. Davis, promotion secretary of the Raleigh district, announces the organization of a Woman's Society of Christian Service at Corinth Church, Four Oaks Charge. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Aaron Penny; vice-president, Mrs. Ted Johnson; recording secretary, Mrs. Julian Baker; promotion secretary, Mrs. Howard Williams; and treasurer, Mrs. Walter Baker.

The following secretaries were also elected: spiritual life, Mrs. James A. Auman; missionary education, Mrs. Clifford Massingill; Christian social relations, Mrs. M. G. Bailey; youth work, Mrs. Walter R. Baker; children's work, Mrs. A. N. West, Sr.; supply work, Mrs. J. Everett Baker; literature and publications, Miss Jean Massingill; and status of women, Mrs. James Benson. All addresses are Route 1, Four Oaks, N. C.

NEW W. S. C. S. FIRST CHURCH, TROY

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Regan assisted with the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at First Church, Troy, in the Fayetteville district, announces Mrs. L. P. Cox, promotion secretary. This is the fourth society they have organized on the charge since they came in November, 1947.

Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Robin Hurley; vice-president, Mrs. Jesse Cole; recording secretary, Miss Eloise Leach; promotion secretary, Mrs. J. E. Griffin; and treasurer, Mrs. Edna Parsons.

Secretaries of the departments elected were: spiritual life, Mrs. Dan Hurley; missionary education, Mrs. L. H. Cole; Christian social relations, Mrs. Helen Kellis; student work, Miss Elsie Lee Hall; youth and children's work, Mrs. Frank Bruton; supply work, Mrs. Annie Parsons; literature and publications, Mrs. Lee Shaw; and status of women, Mrs. Ira Bruton. All addresses are Troy, N. C.

FROM LADIES AID TO W. S. C. S.

In January Mrs. George Jackson, promotion secretary of the Elizabeth City district, wrote to every pastor in her district who had one or more "unorganized" churches on his charge, asking his cooperation in helping to get every one of these churches organized. Mrs. Jackson especially urged these pastors to endeavor to interest churches with Ladies Aids in changing over into a Woman's Society of Christian Service, letting the women know that by doing so they would not be setting aside the present work of their Ladies Aid but rather would be entering into a larger field of service.

At the suggestion of the Rev. J. C. Harmon, pastor of the Mattamuskeet charge, the Bethany Ladies Aid was recently organized into a W. S. C. S. by Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. E. R. Meekins.

On the South Mills charge, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, have given ready response. Through their suggestion the women of Sharon church decided at their January meeting to change their Ladies Aid into a W. S. C. S. At this time the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Marjorie Overman; vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Whitehurst; secretary, Mrs. H. M. Palmer; and treasurer, Mrs. G. T. Abbott; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. L. J. Davis.

At their February meeting, Mrs. Jackson, and the zone leader, Mrs. Raymond Collier of Elizabeth City, met with these women and explained the work of the Woman's Society, at which time materials were left with them. Two other societies on this charge, Trinity and McBride, were represented at this meeting.

The Bethany society and the South Mills society completed the organization of each respective charge, and makes a total of four Ladies Aids that have been organized into W. S. C. S.'s since September. "We hope others throughout the district will decide to do likewise," Mrs. Jackson said.

WOMAN'S SOCIETIES OF HALIFAX CHARGE HAVE JOINT MEETING

On Thursday evening, February 17, the Halifax charge, Pierce, Smith, and Halifax Woman's Societies of Christian Service, had a joint meeting at Smith's Church. The Advance program was given in a most impressive way, each society contributing. Mrs. Henry W. Maddrey, Rocky Mount district promotion secretary, discussed the goals for the Advance and conducted an informal discussion relative to the program. In thanking the women for their loyal support, she urged them to attempt greater things for the new year. "I pledge a more loyal service," Mrs. Maddrey said. "Will you, too, accept the challenge?"

After the meeting a fellowship hour was enjoyed. Special guests for the occasion were the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Petty.

Mrs. R. L. Applewhite is president of the Halifax society; Mrs. Earl Bailey of Pierce's; and Mrs. J. I. Boseman of Smith's.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATUS OF WOMEN

Mrs. E. G. Cothran, conference secretary of status of women, has several very good points which need to be emphasized in her recommendations for her department of status of women. She recommends that each society elect a status of women secretary, who will seek ways to increase the number of women serving in places of leadership in the church and community. It is suggested that a committee be set up to assist the status secretary in visiting women, discovering their abilities and placing them in positions of service. If the society has circles, appoint a representative of this department in each circle. Keep in touch with nominating committees of the church and community in order to make suggestions for securing officers.

The local secretary should make some report of work or interesting accomplishments of women at every society meeting. She should also send to the district secretary the names of local women who have done outstanding work, stating the type work they are best qualified to do.

DR. GLORA M. WYSNER

Dr. Glora M. Wysner, former missionary in North Africa, and one of the speakers at the conference in Wilmington, is on a two months visit to ten Middle East and Near East nations to survey Protestant mission work.

Mount Airy, Belmont, Newton, Lexington, Jamestown and Oakdale, and Mooresville Plan Schools

Edited by Carl H. King

MOUNT AIRY TRAINING SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday night, March 20, and continuing through Thursday, Central, Mt. Airy, will be the host church for the annual training school sponsored by the Methodist charges of Surry County. Courses will be given on CHRISTIAN BELIEFS by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, YOUTH AND WORSHIP by Mrs. E. H. Saville, and USE OF THE BIBLE WITH CHILDREN by Mrs. J. C. Goode. Pastors of the cooperating charges are: Frank Jordan, John S. Jordan, James E. Rink, Robert Carter, L. P. Barnett, Ross Francisco, and Wilson Nesbitt.

BELMONT AREA SCHOOL, MARCH 20-24

The Belmont Area School will be held at Park Street Church with the opening session at 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Four courses will be given: CHRISTIAN BELIEFS by Dr. R. L. Ownbey, THE MEANING OF METHODISM by Reid Wall, YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN HOMEMAKING by Rollin P. Gibbs, and THE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL by Miss Kate Crowell. Pastors of the cooperating churches are: J. L. Pittard, J. G. Wilkinson, R. P. Gibbs, R. C. Nimon, M. C. Ellerbe, F. E. Howard, A. C. Kennedy, Jr., I. L. Roberts, and T. B. Huneycutt.

NEWTON INTERDENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL

The Newton school scheduled to begin on March 20 will be held on an interdenominational basis. Methodist charges of the area have scheduled two courses: CHRISTIAN BELIEFS by W. A. Kale and GUIDING JUNIOR CHILDREN IN CHRISTIAN GROWTH by Mrs. A. H. Rapking. Other sources will also be given and W. Harold Groce reports that a large attendance is anticipated.

LEXINGTON AREA SCHOOL MARCH 27-31

Charges of the Lexington area will unite for their annual school at First Church, Lexington, with three general courses: BIBLE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS by Mrs. J. C. Goode, YOUTH AND WORSHIP by Mrs. E. H. Saville, and CHRISTIAN BELIEFS by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe. Pastors of the participating charges are W. A. Rollins, R. G. McClamroch, M. W. Edwards, H. R. Jordan, G. G. Isley, H. W. Bell, and O. C. Loy.

MOORESVILLE SCHOOL, APRIL 3

The Mooresville School will begin at Central Church, Sunday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. with courses taught by Mrs. J. C. Goode, Mrs. E. H. Saville, and Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe. Pastors and superintendents of the cooperating churches are. Harold Robinson, A. W. Lynch, R. M. Varner, W. E. Abernathy, C. L. Jackson, M. A. Osborne, Miles McLean, H. M. Williams, Byron Shankle, H. C. Metz, Gray Chester, Jesse L. Plyler, Lewis A. Moore, C. L. Bowman, Mrs. J. H. Covington, L. A. Gibson, J. T. Overcash, L. L. Sherrill, H. N. Deaton, Robert Benfield, I. L. Clodfelter, William Cathey, Marvin Deal, and Asbury Howard.

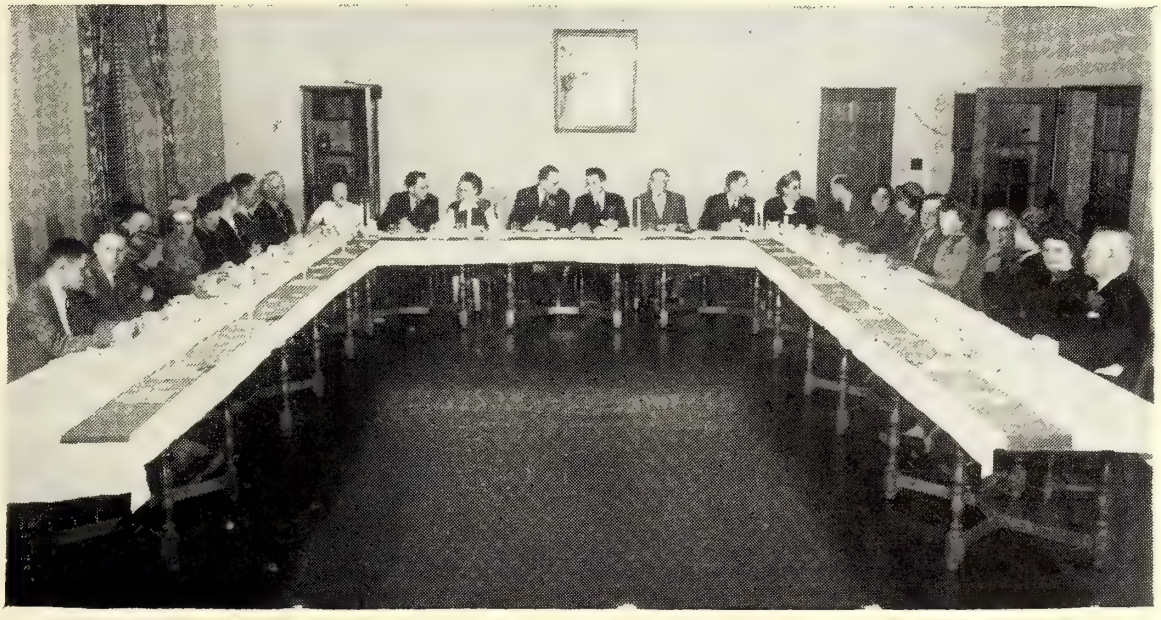
JAMESTOWN AND OAKDALE

Under the leadership of P. T. Dixon and Wade Bustle, these two charges are cooperating in a two-teacher training school scheduled for March 20-23. Courses will be taught on THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP by Miss Mary Bethea and WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN by M. Teague Hipps.

RACE RELATIONS OFFERINGS

Contributions for Race Relations Sunday continue to be received from every district in the conference. Offerings received between February 14 and 28 are as follows:

Church	Amount
Tabernacle (Swannanoa)	$ 11.60
Big Springs	16.17
West End	10.00
Central Falls	23.00
Trinity	5.00
Midway	10.00
Cliffside	10.00
Westford	10.00
Dallas	35.00
Center (Summerfield)	10.00
Highland—High Point	10.00
Rankin Memorial	10.00
First—High Point	31.00
Leaksville	30.00
Rockford Street	9.25
Spencer Memorial	11.31
Spray	13.50
Flat Rock Charge	4.00
Thomasville Circuit	48.00
Abernethy Mem.— Rutherford College	20.00
Valdese	35.71
Centenary—Winston-Salem	228.39
First—China Grove	10.00
South China Grove	6.47
Asbury (Macon Circuit)	2.25
Grace—Greensboro	65.90
Hazelwood	2.92
Bethpage—Shiloh	22.98
Central—Mt. Airy	34.70
Hickory Grove	17.00
Harmony	9.00
Marvin Chapel	10.00
East Albemarle	7.00
South Randolph	4.50
Main Street—Albemarle	25.00
Oakley—Biltmore	6.75
Bryson City	14.10
Central—Monroe	65.83
Beulah (Surry Circuit)	5.00
Lindsey Street	5.00
Memorial—Thomasville	50.00
Farmer Charge	15.00
Kerr Street	12.90
Brevard Street	10.21



Fellowship Supper, Centenary Church, Winston

The local church board of education, members of the faculty and the board of managers of the Forsyth County Training School were guests of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem on the first night of the school, February 14. Those in attendance reading from left to right were: Gene Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Maguire, Dr. Earl Moreland, Mrs. H. B. Simpson, Mrs. J. A. Gray, Bill Allen, Dr. D T. Rowlingson, Mrs. E. H. Ould, Mary Margaret Johnson, Dr. H. G Allen, Mrs. R. Delbert Byrum, Rev. Carl H. King, Rev R. Delbert Byrum, T. B. Dixson, Dr. Mark Depp, Miss Elsie Ellen Moore, Paul Robinson, Mrs. J. C. Mason, Mrs. J. C Barrow, Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Mrs. Howard Morris, Mrs. Ada W. Smith, Mrs. E. D. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Watkins.

Baseball, Marble Time on Way; Charges Ring Bell; Home Has Sound Fiscal Plan; School Reports Better

By O. V. Woosley

The Children's Home
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BASEBALL BEGINS

About fifty boys reported to Coach Clary this afternoon for their first baseball practice, this activity consisting of batting practice and limbering up exercises. It seems only a short time since the boys put up their football togs and went out for basket ball. Now the basket ball season is closed and outdoor sports will have the attention of the youngsters. The girls will not begin their soft ball practices until about two weeks, thus enabling the sewing and fitting rooms to have more afternoon help preparatory for the seasonal clothing allotments. After a successful football season last fall our basket ball teams were only moderately successful. The prospects are good for baseball.

DISH WASHING SQUAD

A lot of dishes has to be washed three times a day here with us. At the central dining room, where a little over half of our youngsters have their meals, we have an electric dish washer. Other groups have their meals in smaller dining rooms. At the John Neal Building, where sixty boys and several staff members have their meals, the question of getting the dishes washed is a big one. Big boys do not like to wash dishes. Our policy is to change dish washing squads from time to time. Those boys who do not go out for athletics get a good deal of exercise washing dishes. Now that baseball is beginning, another dish washing squad must be organized.

COW PASTURE BOYS

Just before the cool weather came we had a number of frying size boys who decided that they would like to go up on the hillsides of the cow pasture and there hide out for a while, two of the boys being much gifted in the AWOL business. We were so busy that we did not have time to go after them. As a matter of fact, it is not our policy to try to run down boys who leave without permission. They always come back to learn a better way of doing. On this occasion three boys went first and then seven boys went. They all got hungry. They all returned. They all got a paddling. They all are doing better.

WHAT WILL SUE DO?

This scribe had a short conversation with eighteen-year-old Sue this afternoon. She had just played her last basketball game for The Children's Home, being the most outstanding player on our team. She will graduate from high school in early June. We looked at Sue's big, blue eyes and wondered how well she will do following graduation. This attractive young lady came to us when she was only eighteen months old, being brought to us by an outstanding layman, now in glory land, who secured a nurse to come with him. Sue has never seen her father and has heard nothing from her mother since she was enrolled in The Children's Home. We have made many efforts to locate Sue's mother, at one time making a trip of several hundred miles to answer the cravings of a girl who wanted to know about her relatives. Sue is our girl. We love her. We have the hope that she will do well in the big, wide world.



Just Keeps Growing Along

THE LOVELY LAD

The picture this week is that of little Michael Kerans, born September 20, 1945. This lovely little lad is a happy member of the baby cottage family. He enjoys good health, has a good disposition and makes us feel good to be with him. He is sponsored by the Young Adult Class of Westford, Concord, Mrs. John Sides being the correspondent.

A BIG MEETING

We recently attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, held in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, to which came 343 enrolled delegates and a number of visitors. This was a most noteworthy meeting, bringing together outstanding leaders in our Methodist Philanthropic work. In addition to the combined meetings, seven sectional meetings were held dealing with Hospitals, Homes for Aged, Homes for Children, Homes for Youth, Chaplains, Chairmen of Conference Boards of Hospitals and Homes and Women's Auxiliary. The next annual meeting of this Association is scheduled for March 1, 2, and 3, 1950, when the Methodist groups after their own meeting will merge into a larger group of representatives from Protestant hospitals and homes.

THE JOY BELLERS

The following congregations, whose pastors are herewith listed, have either paid their basic or their entire Children's Home quota for the present conference year since our last report. They have given us a sense of financial security. Financial receipts are more meaningful to us now since our bank account is at a low ebb.

Bethany and Shiloh, Randolph-Gray's Chapel circuit, Y. D. Poole.
Fines Creek, Fines Creek circuit, P. E. Bingham.
Central, Albemarle, Ralph H. Taylor.
Rock Springs circuit, eight congregations, W. A. Rock, Jr.
Mt. Mitchell, Kannapolis, J. W. Combs.
Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant-Cold Springs circuit, C. W. Avett.
North Monroe, V. P. Crowder.
New Hope, Prospect circuit, J. E. Cochran.
Snow Hill, Candler circuit, A. Wade Thompson.
Mayodan, J. W. Crawley.
Farmington circuit, four congregations, John Oakley.
Central, Canton, C. W. Kirby.
New Union, Mocksville circuit, Foster Loflin.

WAYS OF FINANCING

This scribe led a discussion in the Homes for Children section of our recent Chicago meeting on ways of financing our Homes for Children. This discussion revealed that the child caring institutions in the South are better provided for financially than those in the northern part of our Church. As a matter of fact our southern philanthropic institutions are more closely tied to the Church than the others. Information revealed that child caring institutions in the Southeastern Jurisdiction are reasonably well provided for financially. The Methodist Home at Waco, Texas, receives the largest financial returns of any in our Methodism, it being marvelous how the Texans provide funds for their dependent children. One congregation contributed well over $12,000 as a Christmas offering to the Methodist Home at Waco. Our own Children's Home was reported as having a sound financial system in which our friends raise the money while we raise the children.

SCHOOL REPORTS

We are in the midst of receiving school reports from our 250 children in the elementary school conducted here on the the Home grounds. These reports, are much better than those recorded right after Christmas. We are committed to conducting our elementary school here on the Home grounds where we may have closer direction and supervision of the scholastic eflorts of our young children. Our school is one of thirteen elementary units in the city of Winston-Salem and is run under the same direction as other city units. We think so well of our set-up as to encourage our board of trustees to add quite an expensive addition to our school building, work on which is expected to begin in the near future. The Children's Home own the building while the equipment and teaching staff, except those we add for supplementary purposes, are provided by city and state authorities. Our high school boys and girls attend a nearby high school.

HE NEVER FORGETS

Our good friend, Rev. J. S. Hiatt, writes: "A Chinaman opened a laundry on a street between a drug store and a restaurant. The druggist put up a sign, 'We never close.' The restaurant put up a sign, 'Open all hours.' The Chinaman, not to be out-done, put up a sign which read, 'Me no sleepy too.' When marble time comes around the boys have as a slogan, 'Me no sleepy too.' Today I am leaving 4,000 of the shiny rollers to be disposed of as you think best among the boys and girls under your care."

Sunday School Lesson for MARCH 13

Jesus Meets the Needs of People

Mark 5:21-23; 35-43; John 10:10

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Jesus made a specialty of hopeless cases. We have in our lesson the story of four miracles: the healing of a man violently insane, the healing of a poor woman suffering from an apparently incurable disease, the raising of a little girl from death, and the enabling of a man who had sacrificed public respect for wealth to enter, as it were, through a needle's eye and to become a member of the kingdom of heaven.

How unspeakably pathetic is the picture of that poor maniac dwelling amid the tombs, and crying out in the night in his wild mental agony! The Holy Spirit seems to have led Jesus to cross the lake just for his sake. What is thy name? said Jesus. And the man answered, Don't speak to me as though I were just one person! my name is Legion. A Roman legion consisted of six thousand soldiers.

All through the ages since the coming of Christ he has been saying to the fears and agonies of tormented minds, Hold thy peace and come out of him. And the thing we should emphasize today is that thousands of people who are not the type that would be sent to asylums are nevertheless morbid, and need and can have the healing touch of Christ.

But alas, the Gerasenes besought him to depart. They preferred the presence of devils to the absence of swine, just as many American towns prefer the presence of saloons rather than the absence of the men who might come to buy some goods as well as a drink of whiskey.

Our Lord's refusal to let the healed demoniac go with him shows how the safest place for any of us is where we can do most good. On the other side of the lake no one knew anything about this man's past, but among the Gerasenes he was the most famous of all the maniacs of that region, and for him to go around and tell what great things Jesus had done for him would cause them to have redoubled faith and hope that the power of God might save them from their own sins and mental torments.

When Jesus got back to his side of the lake a ruler of the synagogue came and fell at his feet. It is not likely he would have done that if his little daughter had not been at the point of death. How often great and desperate need in our homes drives us to the feet of the Saviour!

As Jesus went with the man whose little daughter was dying, a poor women who had spent all her living on physicians, and was nothing better but rather grew worse, thought that if she could but touch the hem of his garment she would be made whole. And lo, her faith was answered, and she felt in her body that she was healed.

Who touched me? said Jesus. He says that to the people in every church meeting. They have all heard the gospel, perhaps they have all joined in the hymn, but only a few have touched him. And it behooves them, as it behooved this woman, to confess the healing grace they have received.

When Jesus got to the house of Jairus they were wailing loudly; But he said, Why make ye such an ado? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. But they laughed him to scorn. We note that Jesus took the girl by the hand, and perhaps used the very same words that her mother used to waken the little sleepy-head in the morning, Talitha cumi, Little girl, get up.

One is greatly impressed by our Lord's insistence that they should not tell of this miracle. He would have the Gaderene demoniac tell of the miracle that had happened to him because that was the only gospel they had in that country. But as for Jesus himself, he wished their faith in him to rest not in signs and wonders that he wrought, but on the self-evidencing beauty and truth of his character and teaching.

And now see that despised publican Zacchaeus up in a tree eager to catch a glimpse of the famous rabbi as he passed along, and note the shocking unconventionality of Jesus as he actually invites himself to be the guest of Zacchaeus, and that against the outspoken protests of the crowd. But note how Jesus' act of faith in Zacchaeus called out from him a great resolution to live up to the confidence that Jesus had placed in him.

Heaven grant us all the courage to manifest such faith in the possibilities of even the most unlikely men that it calls out from them repentence and faith in God!



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Children's Storytime

Elsie's Scare

Elsie sat with eyes opened wide in amazement. "Oh, I guess Indians don't ever scalp folks," she exclaimed. "My teacher was telling us a story about Indians. They are good, I know."

Teddy laughed boisterously. "Oh, 'course your teacher wouldn't tell you anything scary. But the only good Indians are dead ones. You bet they do scalp folks. I read it, all right."

Well, if Teddy had read things like that, it must be true. But Elsie hated to think about it. So she didn't ask any questions, but she did think about it for many days.

A few weeks later, she and Mother were all excited over Daddy's coming home. He was gone from home so long, it was nearly a party when he came. Daddy was a wonderful being.

When he got off the street car, Elsie was so excited that she didn't see the half-grown boy beside him. After Daddy kissed them both and been nearly suffocated with Elsie's bear hugs, he said, "Well, I nearly forgot somebody I brought along. This is Tim, Elsie. I'm going to help him out a bit."

They walked up the walk and into the house. The boy remained outside on the porch but Elsie took time now to look him over. Why! what a brown little fellow! He wasn't a Negro, but oh! he was awful dark! Where did Daddy find him and why did he bring him here, she wondered. But pretty soon she had to go to bed and didn't ask about the boy.

The next day, in answer to her question, Mother said Daddy was going to put the boy in school and have him work in the garden and do the chores.

"What makes him so brown, Mother—is he sunburned?" Elsie asked.

Mother smiled. "Looked something like that," was all she said.

The next evening Elsie was playing on the porch with her basketful of kittens.

"You're just the dearest kitties in the world," she said as she hugged each one. "When you get bigger we will—"

And then she sprang up in terror. Around the corner of the house came an awful, dreadful—something. Oh! An Indian! Teddy had shown her a picture, and this was just like it. Oh! Oh! What could she do and where could she go? She seemed glued to her tracks and couldn't take a step. And In-di-ans Sc-al-ped fo-lk-s!

A piercing shriek brought Mother quickly to the door. "Mother, oh Mother! Look—he'll scalp us! Oh! Oh! Take me away quick! and a series of screams followed quickly.

Mother carried the trembling little figure into the house and held her close.

"Elsie, where did you hear such things as that?" she asked. "Now listen. That is Tim. He is a poor little Indian lad whom Daddy wants to educate. We didn't tell you because we thought it would be funny for him to dress up in his native clothes for you. Elsie—Elsie, you must stop crying."

The sobs grew fainter, but Elsie was shaking all over.

"But Mother, don't they sometimes scalp folks?" she whispered.

Mother patted her gently.

"Years ago in battle, some of them did that awful thing. But they did not think it was any worse than shooting and maiming, as the white men did. They have learned better now, and we should feel sorry for the children. How can they learn, unless we teach them? I hope you will be very kind to Tim."

"I—I, oh, I'm nearly 'fraid yet, Mother," she said timidly.

Mother led her out on the porch where a huddled-up bunch of feathers and beads met their gaze. The bright feathers had fallen from the headpiece of the boy and the brilliantly colored coat fell apart loosely.

"Tim," Mother spoke kindly. "Come here, boy."

Elsie held Mother's hand tight—but of course mothers knew.

Tim came over with slow step and drooping eyes.

"Me not know" he said humbly.

Then Mother told why Elsie was frightened—that she had never seen Indian clothes—and added that she would never be afraid again.

A look of relief came into the brown face and a little smile hovered over his lips.

"Me no want scare anybody," he said simply.

Suddenly Elsie went over to the boy. "I'm sorry I acted that way," she said, "I like your bright feathers and the lovely beads. And I want to help you lots of ways."

From a deep pocket somewhere, Tim slowly brought forth a pair of pretty beaded moccasins.

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March

North Monroe-Benton Heights: North Monroe, 11 ... 13
Asbury-Oak Grove: Asbury, 3 ... 13
Kilgo, 7:30 ... 13
Peachland: Hopewell, 11 ... 20
Lilesville: Forestville, 3 ... 20
Ansonville: Cedar Hill, 7:30 ... 20
Marshville: Wingate, 11 ... 27
New Hope-Bethel: Long Pine, 3 ... 27
Prospect: New Hope, 7:30 ... 27

April

Mouzon, 11 ... 3
Unionville, 3 ... 3
Spencer Memorial, 7:30 ... 3
Spencer Memorial, 11 ... 10
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Paul, 3 ... 10
Moore's Chapel, 7:30 ... 10
St. Paul, 11 ... 17

GASTONIA DISTRICT

W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

March

Cleveland, Mt. Moriah, 11 ... 13
Shelby, Hoyle Memorial, 7 ... 13
Cherryville, First, 7:30 ... 16
Sharon, 11 ... 20
Concord-El Bethel, Mary's Grove, 3 ... 20
Bessemer City, Bethea, 7 ... 20
Shelby, Lafayette Street, 7 ... 23
Rock Springs, Mt. Pleasant, 11 ... 27
Boger City, 7:30 ... 27
Kings Mountain, Grace, 7:30 ... 30

April

Lowesville, New Hope, 11 ... 3
Asbury, Iron Station, 7 ... 3
McAdenville, West Cramerton, 7 ... 6
Belwood, Kadesh, 11 ... 10
Sulphur Springs, Sulphur Springs, 3 ... 10
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30 ... 10
Shelby, Martin Street, 11 ... 17
Cramerton, 7:30 ... 17
Belmont, First, 11 ... 24
Mt. Holly, 7:30 ... 24

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

W. A. Lambeth, D.S., 320 E. Greenway, North, Greensboro

March

Calvary, High Point, 7:30 ... 10
Ward Street, High Point, 7:00 ... 13

May

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Carraway Memorial 2-9 p.m. 1
Flat Rock Ct., Palestine, 11 ... 20
Welch Memorial, 7:30 ... 20
Highland, 7:30 ... 21
Rankin Memorial, 7:30 ... 23
Jamestown, 7:30 ... 24
Oakview, 7:30 ... 25

MARION DISTRICT

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S., P.O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

March

Cross Mills ... 1
East Marion ... 2
Hildebran ... 3
Bolinger's Chapel ... 4
Bethlehem (Drexel), 10 ... 6
Valdese, 11 ... 6
Warlick's Chapel, 3 ... 6
Morganton First, 5 ... 6
Salem (Morganton Ct.), night ... 6
Mt. Pleasant (Morganton Ct.), night ... 7
Denton's Chapel, night ... 8
Oak Forest, night ... 9
St. Matthews, night ... 10
Zion Memorial, night ... 11
Caroleen, 10 ... 13
Cliffside, 11 ... 13
Mt. Hebron (Gilkey) 3 ... 13
Spindale, night ... 13
Central Caroleen, night ... 14
Henrietta, night ... 15
Alexander, night ... 16
Avondale, night ... 17
Centennial (Sunshine), night ... 18
Forest City, 11 ... 20
Sunshine (Bostic) 2 ... 20
Oak Grove (Bostic), 3:30 ... 20
Salem (Bostic), night ... 20
Hollis and Hopewell (Sunshine), at Hopewell, night ... 21
Cedar Grove (Sunshine), night ... 22
Pisgah (Sunshine), night ... 23
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, RUTHERFORDTON, CONVENES 9:30 A.M. ... 24
Golden Valley (Sunshine), night ... 24
Riverview (Creston), night ... 25
North Morganton, 11 ... 27
Bethel (Drexel), 3 ... 27
Zion (Drexel), night ... 27
Mt. Harmony, night ... 28
Connelly Springs, night ... 29
Friendship (Connelly Springs), night ... 30
Shady Grove, night ... 31

April

Snow Hill, night ... 1
Bethel (McDowell), 10 ... 3
Trinity (McDowell), 11 ... 3
Pinnacle (McDowell), 3 ... 3
Hildebran (Revival), night ... 3
Bakersville, 11 ... 10
Oak Grove (Bakersville), 3 ... 10
Bethlehem (Bakersville), night ... 10
Penland, night ... 11
Altamont, night ... 12
Jonas Ridge, night ... 13
Concord, night ... 14
Kona, night ... 15
Oak Hill (Table Rock), 10 ... 17
Mt. Grove (Table Rock), 10:45 ... 17
Linville (Table Rock), 11:30 ... 17
Calvary (Revival), night ... 17
Deyton Bend, 10 ... 24
Red Hill, 11 ... 24
Glen Ayre, 3 ... 24
Tipton Hill, night ... 24
Fairview (Boone Circuit), night ... 25
Bethel (Boone Ct.), night ... 26
Friendship (Boone Ct.), night ... 27
Pleasant Valley, night ... 28

May

Maness Chapell, 9:45 ... 1
Gray's Chapel, 11 ... 1
New Hope, 3 ... 1
Bethlehem (Mill Spring), night ... 1
Lebanon, night ... 2
Gilboa (Gilkey), night ... 3
Gilkey, night ... 4
Thermal City, night ... 5
Mabel, 10 ... 8
Henson's Chapel, 11 ... 8
Piney Grove (Watauga), 3 ... 8
Valle Crucis, night ... 8
Pisgah (Avery), night ... 9
Pine Grove (Avery), night ... 10
Mt. Zion (Avery), night ... 11
Fairview (Avery), night ... 12
Minneapolis, night ... 13
Linville (Elk Park), 10 ... 15
Newland, 11 ... 15
Forest Home and Montezuma at Montezuma, 3 ... 15
Banner Elk and Elk Park at Elk Park, night ... 15
Spruce Pine, 11 ... 22

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

March

Salem, 11 ... 20
Albemarle Circuit: Union Chapel, 3:30 ... 20
Albemarle: Main Street, 7:30 ... 20
Rocky Ridge, 11 ... 27
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 ... 27
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, FIRST STREET, ALBEMARLE, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2 O'CLOCK.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

C. N. Clark, D.S., Waynesville, N. C.

March

Andrews, 11 ... 13
Fines Creek, 11 ... 20
Spring Creek, 3 ... 20
Shooting Creek, 11 ... 27
Hayesville, 3 ... 27

April

Franklin Circuit, 11 ... 3
West Macon, 3 ... 3
Whittier, 11 ... 10
Bethel, 11 ... 24
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9:30, Clyde ... 30

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

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March

Smithtown: Mount Pleasant, 11 ... 13
East Bend: Baltimore, 3 ... 13
District Spiritual Life Retreat, Sunny Acres, 9:30 ... 14
Walnut Cove: St. Marks, Church Dedication, 11 ... 20
Danbury: Bethesda, 3 ... 20
Surry Project Training School, Mount Airy ... 20-24
Surry Project Rural Life Conference, Dobson, 9:30 ... 25
Sparta: Shiloh, 11 ... 27

April

Elkin Circuit, Ebenezer, 11 ... 10
Elkin Circuit, Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 ... 10
Shoals: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 4 ... 10
Holy Week Services (Surry Project), Bishop Paul B. Kern 10-15
Salem: Salem, 11 ... 17
Salem: Carter's Chapel, Church Dedication (Surry Project), 3 ... 17
Oak Grove: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 5 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Pilot Mountain, 9:30 ... 26

May

Forsyth Rural Workshop ... 1-6
New Hope Circuit: New Hope, 11 ... 8
New Hope Circuit: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 ... 8
Level Cross: Rockford, 11 ... 15
Level Cross: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 3 ... 15
Pilot Mountain: Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 11 ... 22
Franklin Heights, Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 3:30 ... 22
Kernersville, Main St., 11, ... 29
Kernersville Circuit: Cherry Street, 3 ... 29

June

Surry Project Evangelistic Week ... 20-24

July

Yadkin Evangelistic Week ... 10-15

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Asheville—Abernethy Memorial, 9:30 a.m. ... April 28
Charlotte—Ansonville, 9:30 a.m. ... April 21
Gastonia—Cherryville, 9:30 a.m. ... April 19
Greensboro—Carraway Memorial, 2:00 p.m. ... May 1
Marion—Rutherfordton, 9:30 a.m. ... March 24
Salisbury—Albemarle: First Street, 2:00 p.m. ... April 3
Statesville—New Salem Church, Cool Springs Charge, 9:30 a.m. ... April 29
Thomasville—Randleman, 9:15 a.m. ... April 22
Waynesville—Clyde, 9:30 a.m. ... April 30
Winston-Salem—Pilot Mountain, 9:30 a.m. ... April 26

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

DURHAM DISTRICT

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March

Sub-District Advance, Saxapahaw, 10-1 ... 10
Sub-District Advance, Front St., Burlington, 7-9:30 ... 10
Sub-District Advance, Pittsboro, 10-1 ... 11
Sub-District Advance, Hillsboro, 7-9:30 ... 11
Burlington, Glen Raven, 11 ... 13
Saxapahaw, Clover Garden, 3 ... 13
Bahama, Mt. Bethel, 11 ... 20
Alamance, Sapling Ridge, 3 ... 20
Roxboro, Cavel, 11 ... 27
Person Circuit, Warrens Grove, 7:30 ... 27

April

Andrews-Fletchers: Fletchers, 11 ... 3
Maybrook-Masseys: Masseys, 7:30 ... 3
Durham, Duke Memorial, 11 ... 10
Butner: Butner, 7:30 ... 10
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Phillips Chapel, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ... 21
Yanceyville: Locust Hill, 10 ... 24
Milton: Purley, 7 ... 24

May

Carrboro: Orange, 11 ... 1
Burlington, Davis Street, 7:30 ... 1
Leasburg: Bethel, 11 ... 15
Burlington, Webb Avenue, 7:30 ... 15
Pittsboro: Chatham, 11 ... 22
Bynum: Ebenezer, 3 ... 22
Durham, Carr, 7:30 ... 22
Graham: Graham, 11 ... 29
Haw River: Haw River, 7:30 ... 29

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D.S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

March

Belhaven: Pantego, 11 ... 13

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

March

Mt. Olive Ct., Smiths, 11 ... 12
Trenton: Shady Grove, 11 ... 13
Ayden: Macedonia, 7:30 ... 13
Riverside-Brgtn.: Beech Grove, 11 ... 20
Grimesland: Salem, 7:30 ... 20
Grifton, Edwards, 11 ... 27

April

LaGrange, Trinity, 11 ... 3
Mt. Olive: Calypso, 7: 30 ... 3
Vanceboro: Lanes, 11 ... 10
Pink Hill: Woodington, 7:30 ... 10
Fremont: Yelverton, 11 ... 17
Seven Springs: Zion, 7:30 ... 17
Dover: Lanes, 11 ... 24

May

Stonewall: Bayboro, 11 ... 1
Aurora: Campbells Creek, 7:30 ... 1
District Conference: Epworth (Vanceboro Charge) ... 5
Oriental: Arapahoe, 11 ... 8
Pikeville: Saulston, 7:30 ... 8
Goldsboro Circuit: Salem, 11 ... 15
Ocracoke, 7:30 ... 18
Marshallberg, 11 ... 22
Beaufort Circuit: Core Creek, 7:30 ... 22
Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 ... 28

RALEIGH DISTRICT

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March

Princeton, 11 ... 13
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 ... 13
Clayton, 11 ... 20

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

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March

Roanoke Circuit: New Hope, 11 ... 13
Littleton Circuit: Vaughan, 7 ... 13
West Halifax: Union, 11 ... 20
Conway: Bethany, 7 ... 20
Norlina: Norlina, 11 ... 27
Middleburg: Drewry, 7 ... 27

April

Tarboro, 11 ... 3
Elm City: Mount Zion, 3:30 ... 3
Kenly: Buckhorn, 7:30 ... 3
Spring Hope: Stanhope, 11 ... 10
Nashville: Yorks, 3 ... 10
Pinetops: Temperance Hall, 3 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: BETHEL, 9:30 ... 19
Bethel, 11 ... 24
Robersonville: Vernon, 3 ... 24
Scotland Neck: Hobgood, 7:30 ... 24
WASHINGTON, D. C., SEMINAR ... 26-28

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

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March

Pembroke: Calvary, 11 ... 13
South Robeson: Bethesda, 7:30 ... 13
Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 ... 20
(Dedication of parsonage in the afternoon)
Wilmington, Grace, preaching, 11 ... 27
Town Creek: Zion, 7:30 ... 27

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ON A WIDE CIRCUIT by W. W. Reid

SEEDS, SOIL AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT

There is always something pathetic in the geraniums, and pansies, and rubber plants that the people of crowded tenement areas of our cities try to raise in boxes and pots on the fire-escapes and window sills, sometimes to the despair of landlords and safety inspectors. The greens, and the blues, and the reds add something vivid and eye-provoking to the drab surroundings; though one has for these flowers plucked out of nature's countryside something of the same sympathy one feels for the wild bird caged in the same back yard, yet trying to sing a gay little tune that can scarce come from his heart.

I never pass by a tenement fire-escape flower-bed but I feel that it has been planted and watered and tended by someone who himself—perhaps more often herself—is as thwarted in life as are the flowers. The "garden" seems one of remembrance, of nostalgia, of dreams, perhaps of unblossomed hope and desire, rather than of reality; it wells from deep within the human spirit; it is a token of something of beauty that once was within life, and that is still crying for expression in an unfriendly and unfavorable land. If I have sympathy for the plant, I have more for the imprisoned spirit that took the plant to prison with it.

It is the city man or the city family that most readily yields to pessimism or despair. It is only those who are in touch with the regenerating power of nature, and who learn from nature the lesson of the regenerating power within the human spirit who can be optimists. We are all children of the soil: none of us has to go back very many generations to find our fathers tilling the Holy Earth. The congested city is something new to man, and it is neither his habitat nor the habitat of green and growing things. I think it was "AE" who said he knew but one fourth-generation Londoner—"and what a speciman of humanity he was!" Scientists tell us that families need to "get back to the soil" every few generations if they are going to live and live worthily.

Who can be a pessimist, or cast down in spirit, or feel that God has forsaken the world, or convince himself that there is no God, if he works in obedience to the laws governing seed and soil, and is dependent upon sun and rain and the elements for their germination and culture? The tiny seed that bursts forth, and feeds upon the elements that surround it, until there shapes the beautiful head of cauliflower (as the planter knew it would blossom forth), or the handful of corn that multiplies according to known and not chaotic rules, and the brown seed that evolves to the luscious fruit and the shade of the apple tree: all of these give the man on the soil hope, and faith, and courage, and optimism. Man and man-made toys may fail him; but the seed, plus God, plus man's own work and obedience, will never let him down. The seed, symbol of resurrection, has within it all of God's promise to man. . . .

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Book Review

The Church School Teacher's Job, By Mildred Moody Eakin and Frank Eakin. MacmiHan, 1949. Pages 231, $2.75.

It is difficult to write about this book with the restraint becoming a critical review. It is a book which comes right out of hundreds of practical church school teaching situations in which the authors have been engaged over a period of years. It is a book for church school teachers primarily, but one which pastors, church school superintendents and directors of Christian education will find exceedingly interesting and provocative—and helpful, if taken seriously and followed up.

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The best educational practice in our public schools is the background from which this discussion proceeds. However, it makes it clear that churches can do some things educationally that public schools can't. To sum up, the reviewer can only advise—get this book and read it!—Raymond A. Smith.

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Dr. Robert J. Smith, District Superintendent of the Oklahoma City district, will speak during the week of March 6th, on "Love That Takes Responsibility." Dr. William F. Quillian, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta, Ga., will speak the week of March 13th on "The Power of the Name."

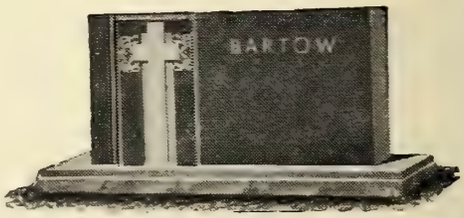
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Rehobeth Church, Coleridge Circuit. (See Story on Page Five)

Youth Camp Purchased; Fayetteville District Gives More to World Service; Letters; Dr. Ormond Writes

WESTERN CONFERENCE ACQUIRES YOUTH CAMP

The trustees of the Methodist youth camp for intermediate boys and girls of the Western North Carolina Conference announce the purchase from Henry G. Bartol of the camp near Hendersonville formerly known as Camp Ear H. The camp will be operated under the name Methodist Youth Camp by the Conference Board of Education during the coming summer. A detailed story will be given in the Advocate next week.—LEE F. TUTTLE, for the Board of Trustees.

PLANS FOR RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Materials for Rural Life Sunday—to be observed either on April 24 or May 22—now are available from the office of Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, Superintendent, Department of Town and Country, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. A packet of sample materials will be sent for five cents. The packet includes "An Order of Service for Rural Life Sunday, 1949," prepared by Rev. Ellis F. Eaton; "An Order of Dedication of the Seed, the Soil and the Sowers," by Rev. James W. Sells; the February, 1949, issue of "Town and Country" containing reports from the recent interdenominational Town and Country Convocation to be used as background material for addresses on Rural Life Sunday.

WORLD SERVICE ACCEPTANCE

North Carolina Conference

Fayetteville District

Walter C. Ball, Superintendent

Total Acceptances	$28,762
Apportionment to District	26,133
Acceptances exceed apportionment	2,629
Acceptances exceed 1947-43 apportionment	39%
Acceptances exceed 1944-45 apportionment	74%

This year

41 charges increased World Service acceptances

20 charges increased pastor's salaries

The 12 charges and pastors of the 43 in the district accepting PAR or better for World Service are:

Aberdeen-Vass, T. J. Whitehead; Ellerbe, W. J. Neese; Johnson Mem., Fayetteville, Harry Murphy; Wesley Heights; Fayetteville Ct., R. S. Harrison; Glendon, W. A. Parsons; Laurel Hill, C. B. Harris; Rockingham, First, D. E. Earnhardt; W. Rockingham, B. F. Meacham; St. John-Gibson, W. L. Maness; Stedman, C. B. Long; Troy Ct., J. R. Regan.

Commission on World Service and Finance
M. J. COWELL, Secretary

ADVOCATE HAS WORLD COUNCIL FILM

The North Carolina Christian Advocate has received a copy of the 16-mm sound film by J. Arthur Rank on the World Council of Churches assembly in Amsterdam last summer, and is now receiving bookings for this film. The film runs 20 minutes and gives the story of the World Council meeting in an interesting and graphic way. Price of the film is $5.00 a day plus transportation. Write the Advocate for a date to show this important picture in your church.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING MEETS

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet at the Selwyn Hotel in Charlotte on March 21, at twelve o'clock.

HAROLD R. SIMPSON, registrar

LETTERS

Dear Editor: Asheville, N. C.

I am enclosing a list of the churches at which the laymen spoke on Laymen's Day, February 27. There were some additions to this list at the last moment which I do not have, but there were a total of 43 laymen speaking in the various churches.

These laymen were furnished through the United Methodist Men, an organization of laymen comprising the eight city churches and four churches in the near vicinity. This is the largest representation of lay speakers we have had in this district, and it is my understanding that the pulpits of all the churches in the district were filled by laymen.

I would be interested in knowing whether any other district in the Western North Carolina Conference had as many laymen speaking on that day, and whether there is another organization similar to ours through which the assignments were made.

I might add that all of the pastors in this district call on our organization for laymen in cases of sickness or absence from their churches. There are at least six to ten of these every month.

Sincerely yours,
FREDERIC A. MANCHESTER
President, United Methodist Men

Editors Note—Space forbids publishing the entire list of churches and speakers Mr. Manchester sent. We do commend him and the United Methodist Men for the splendid work they are doing. Now, let's hear from the laymen of other Districts.

Dear Cecil,

We are due to anchor off Port of Spain, Trinidad, this morning, after a cruise which has taken us to Puerto Rico, the little island of Vieques, and close to the Virgin Islands, then across the Carribean. The large fleet of ships has been engaged in almost constant maneuvers and operations simulating battle conditions, and the crew has worked pretty hard, including the four chaplains aboard this ship. This will be the first opportunity to go ashore since we left Norfolk.

We had splendid services yesterday, and a good attendance from the 3200-odd persons aboard. Tuesday we shall have a memorial service for two brave young pilots lost in the battle exercises. There were two or three other near casualties, and some thrilling rescues.

I am having a wonderful change and a good time. The food is excellent; the weather has been uniformly good; there are some excellent chess players aboard; and the work I have had to do, including editing the ship's paper every other day, has been fun. We have had a fine Bible study class each evening and will finish the Book of Romans before we return.

I am expecting to get back to Greensboro March 22, early in the morning and will go to Mocksville before starting to New York the following Sunday night.

Please give my best wishes to the Advocate staff and all our readers and friends of the Advocate.

HENRY C. SPRINKLE, JR.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That when he prepares his sermons in an easy chair, his hearers will turn their pews into cots. In discussing the dangers of ministers, J. H. Jowett once said: "There is no man so speedily discovered as an idle minister, and there is no man who is visited by swifter contempt. We may hide some things, but our idleness is as obtrusive as though the name of sluggard were branded on our foreheads."

In the midst of a vast multitude of important things calling for attention, an alert, consecrated minister can very easily injure his health by overwork. Too many ministers, however, err on the other side. A certain District Superintendent in commenting on one of the ministers of his district said: "He is a good man, but he is lazy. He spends more of his morning hours listening to advertising programs on the radio than he does in diligent study. His lack of energy has been discovered and it is difficult to find a parish that is open to him."

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Goldston, Carl K. Wright	7
Farmer, W. E. Fitzgerald	5
Burgaw, R. E. Walston	5
Bethany, Stedman, Miss Retta Royal	4½
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East Bend, Mrs. Mamie S. Kirk	4

*Creedmore, D. M. Sharpe, pastor, is a quota charge because of several individual subscriptions sent in recently.

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EDITORIAL

The Other Side of the Church's Appeal for Money

The Week of Dedication offering being received this week perhaps brings to sharp focus a fear that is beginning to disturb some of our people. It is the fear that the church is making too many appeals for money. In addition to a greatly enlarged regular budget topped off in many cases by an extensive building program, the local congregation is faced with more special collections, such as the Week of Dedication offering and the mission specials to be presented soon. Confronted with these mounting calls for money, some people are tempted either to refuse to support additional appeals or to give as little as possible.

Now, it is admitted that the average person is probably besieged by more requests, religious and otherwise, than he has known in years. Moreover, it is admitted that inflation and high prices are putting an unusual strain on many family budgets. Nevertheless, it is only fair that we try to understand the other side of the matter.

For one things, we need to realize that the church presents no appeal that hasn't received the most careful consideration. Each claim has been studied prayerfully by the responsible leaders of the church. For example, competent authorities state that actually we need $55,000,000 for mission specials during this quadrennium. They are asking only for $12,000,000.

Again, we need to realize that church dollars are just as inflated, just as limited in their purchasing power, as other dollars. Even when we double our giving to benevolent causes, we are actually doing no more for the Kingdom than we did a few years ago. In most of the mission fields inflation is far more serious and more perilous than it is in America. Therefore, much more is required.

Still again, we need to realize that most of us are better off materially than we have been in years. Our people have more money on deposit in banks; more farms and homes are free of mortgage; business generally is more prosperous; we are enjoying the highest standard of living we have ever known. Moreover, compared with the standards of our brothers in other lands, most of us live like kings. Our chief difficulty is not poverty, but parsimony; not the lack of ability to give, but the lack of a sense of stewardship. If the 8,500,000 Methodists during this quadrennium would give on the average of one penny a day for World Service, we would raise approximately $125,000,000 for world redemption instead of the $50,000,000 we are hoping to get through regular World Service giving and through all the special collections. Is a penny a day too much to invest in the noblest cause in the world?

We need to realize, finally, that the giving of our money is virtually the only way that most of us have of sharing Christ with our brothers in other lands. When we hold back our dollars, we hold back the only means we have of reaching the destitute and broken people upon whom the horrors of war have fallen hardest. When we withhold our dollars, we deny multitudes of people the privilege of ever hearing the unsearchable riches of the gospel. When we keep back our material treasure, we keep back our love and good will and sympathy, and thereby make it impossible to build a Christian world. Consecrated money is not a cold, inanimate substance, but living, holy treasure that gives wings to our love and reality to our gospel.

Followers of Christ might as well face this fact. If we are to have a Christian world, we'll have to dedicate our material resources to Christ. This means that we must keep on giving; not less, but more. The road to a Christian world is paved with personal economic sacrifices.

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What Is Happening in Our Rural Churches?

On the front cover of this week's Advocate is the picture of Rehobeth Church in Randolph County. There is nothing unique about the physical appearance of this small rural church. There are probably hundreds like it in the State. But there is something unique about Rehobeth's achievement. In nineteen years this country church with less than a hundred members gave seven preachers to North Carolina Methodism. To date these seven men have given 245 years of service. This thrilling achievement is told elsewhere in this issue by Rev. J. E. Pritchard of Asheboro.

The Christian church has many important functions. Of all its functions the sending of its youth into full-time Christian service is its most sacred. To inspire its members to give a portion of their time and treasure to Christ is a splendid achievement. But to be the kind of church that its youth will be inspired to give their lives to Christ in full-time service is the most exalted and the most glorious achievement of all. Rehobeth is to be honored for its outstanding contribution to North Carolina Methodism. Few churches, large or small, urban or rural, can match this remarkable record.

Unfortunately, there is one tragic note in this thrilling story. Rehobeth hasn't sent one of its sons into the ministry in 35 years. Perhaps this would not be so bad except for one fact. It reveals a general condition. So many rural churches are following Rehobeth's example. The churches that once filled our Conferences with preachers are failing to live up to their record of other years. This is the reason so many churches are pastorless, and why almost a third of our churches are served by supply pastors.

Now this failure to produce ministers affects Rehobeth and the hundreds of other small churches more seriously than it does other churches. When there are too few preachers these small rural churches are the first to suffer. The large urban churches can get preachers without having to give their own sons to the ministry. But the small rural churches, to get preachers, must produce them. However, in the final analysis the entire church is in peril. The future of Methodism in North Carolina is tremendously affected by what happens at Rehobeth and in the hundreds of other rural churches throughout the State.

It is fitting to pay tribute to a church that has given so much to the Kingdom of God in North Carolina. It is more fitting that all of us look realistically at what is happening in our rural churches and that we pray and back up our prayers with action. We need as many preachers from our rural churches as they gave to Methodism a few years ago.

The Advance Gains Momentum

By E. HAROLD MOHN

THE Advance for Christ and His Church gains momentum. The special Advance edition of *The Christian Advocate*, of February 17, demonstrates the degree of enthusiasm reached across the church just four months after the office of the Advance for Christ and His Church was opened at 740 Rush Street, Chicago.

Such demonstration of eagerness, following closely upon the distribution to ministers, lay leaders and others of more than 100,000 copies of "The Second Mile," and following also the distribution of 25,000 volumes of "Man's Disorder and God's Design," suggests that the temperature of Methodism's "warm heart" is rising, and that the Crusade of the last quadrennium is gaining momentum in its forward march to a conquest of the whole world for Christ.

We are in the midst of the Week of Dedication, our first church-wide opportunity to prove that this rising enthusiasm is more than a passing emotion, that it is to become a demonstration of full and complete dedication of self and substance. March 13 to 20 will record how much we mean what we say, and how real is the claim we make for Christ and His Church. The genuineness of this glowing and growing experience of Christ will be proved by the extent to which we offer ourselves at the altars of our churches and pour out our love gifts upon them in Christ's name.

Is this to be a new day for Christ and His Church? If so, it will not stop when the sun goes down on March 20. We will enter into a new fellowship of faith. The eight booklets on "Our Faith" will be prepared this summer and the first little pocket-volume, "Our Faith in God," will be ready about September 1. This 12,000 word booklet is for study and use during November. Then how wonderful to anticipate that eight million Methodists during December will read and meditate about "Our Faith in Christ," the title of the second booklet.

Methodism always has been more concerned about Christian living than about controversial theology. All of these booklets will be written by Methodist theologians from the viewpoint of faith for today. The authorship will not be publicized, neither will the language of theology be a handicap to the wayfaring man, because the text of these theologians is to be re-written in the language of the common man.

Methodists will be just as eager to purchase these booklets as they have been to receive the free literature. The cost per booklet is kept at a minimum, estimated at only 10 cents each, so that all may possess them. They will be of such size that a man can hold a copy in the palm of his hand or drop it into the side pocket of his coat, and a woman can carry it in her handbag. Bishop Oxnam, chairman of the Preaching and Teaching Endeavor Committee, which has charge of this project, is insistent that these booklets shall be of good paper quality, readable print, and well bound. In addition to the text, they will contain appropriate Scripture passages for study and devotion, and several well chosen hymns of the church. It is hoped that every family in Methodism, without exception, will purchase these little volumes. They will be available next September and the Advance plans to have the entire set of eight booklets ready for sale at that time. The plan of merchandising and distributing will be announced at an early date. We believe that our churches and families will be eager to purchase these little gems of vital truth about Our Faith, for the small sum involved, and to study them faithfully from November 1 to July 1, 1950.

Methodism's Advance moves forward, gaining momentum each day. The executive director surveys the gains thus far, and outlines the program during the coming months.

In this important venture we are assured the fullest cooperation by the Board of Education, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Board of Lay Activities. These "Faith" booklets provide the very best material not only for individual and family consumption, but for adult classes, men's groups, prayer meetings, Woman's Society gatherings, Youth Fellowship programs, and special study organizations. In fact, our church school publications will stress, as far as possible under the circumstances of time limitations, the various emphases of "Our Faith." And it is planned that this whole set of eight booklets will be made available to institutes and camps during the summer of 1950.

What an era of study, self-dedication and service this Advance for Christ and His Church opens up. As we press toward the conquest of the world for Christ, each step is deliberately planned and, as the procedure unfolds, it has the marks of providential guidance. Most of our denominational partners are moving forward along parallel paths that lead toward the great objective of "One World in Christ."

Next October, in 70 cities of America, the Advance for Christ and His Church will conduct great mass meetings for our Methodist people. Bishop Oxnam's committee on Objective No. 1 has prepared in general outline the schedule for these one day meetings—two for each area. In due time the places and dates of these assemblies will be published.

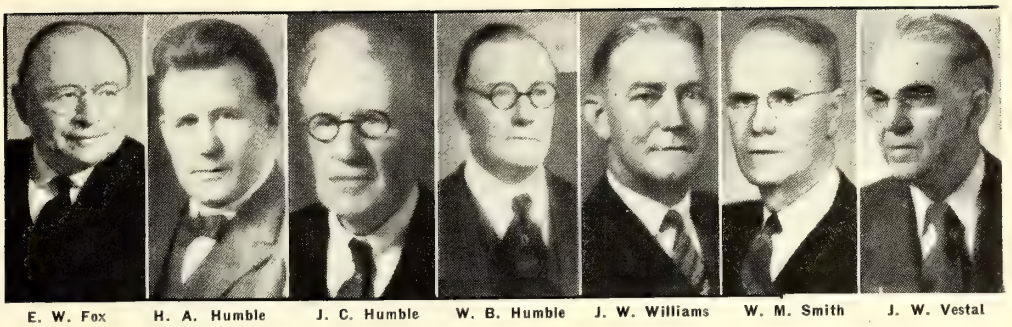
Each mass meeting begins with an early communion service for the people of the community as they go to work. The forenoon session is devoted to Christian training in the home. There is a noon luncheon and address. There is an afternoon session on the practical aspects of "Our Faith," an evening banquet for youth and a great mass meeting at night. The team of speakers will be made up of the resident bishop in charges, two other bishops as speakers, also two lay speakers, man and woman.

These are not pep meeting, but a sincere effort to awaken the church to the possibilities of the power of Christian faith when released in terms of conviction and commission. A church that really seeks such power surely will find it.

Meanwhile the program of Advance Fund Specials develops increasing enthusiasm and understanding about our great commission to the world. The three participating agencies, the Division of Foreign Missions, the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, and the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, are directly responsible for the cultivation of missionary "specials" among the churches. Our 35 chief leaders of the Church, the bishops in their areas, are alert and active through their annual conference advance committees to challenge our churches and people with the greatest missionary opportunity that the Christian world has known. We say that we should accept twelve million dollars in "specials," over and above our regular World Service giving, but the actual surveyed world-wide need, just in our Methodist fields, is not 12 but 55 millions. It is a grand new day that the Advance ushers in. As we pray for it, devote ourselves to it, and dedicate ourselves and our substance for it, we move ever closer to the complete redemption of the whole world through Christ and His Church.

The life of a pious minister is visible rhetoric.—*Hooker.*

Rural Church Gave Seven Sons to Ministry



E. W. Fox H. A. Humble J. C. Humble W. B. Humble J. W. Williams W. M. Smith J. W. Vestal

By J. E. PRITCHARD

FOR a rural church with less than a hundred members to have seven of its sons in the ministry at the same time is a record which few if any churches could claim. However, Rehobeth church on the Coleridge circuit can claim just that. And to make the record more outstanding, two of these seven men were presiding elders in the days when that term was used. Another, after serving important churches, became the superintendent of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at Elkin. Two of these men are still living, though one is retired and the other is still in the active work. The combined service years of these men total 245, with the prospect that this number will be considerably increased before the last one leaves the active ranks.

Rehobeth church, according to the records in the Randolph County Courthouse at Asheboro, dates back to 1830. The deed to the land on which the church building stands was made on the 9th day of January, 1830, by Walker Caveness and his wife, Sallie Caveness, to Ira McDaniel, John Craven, Jr., Anderson Craven, James Hayes, and Hardon York. The amount of money passed in the transfer of the two acres of land was 25 cents. The deed specifically states that the church is to be governed according to the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, subject to such changes as shall be made from time to time by the ministers of said Church assembled in General Conference. No reference is made to any laymen in the General Conference. When the division came in 1844 this church became the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and remained in that connection until Methodist Union came in 1939, when it became a part of the Methodist Church. The church is located in the extreme eastern portion of Randolph County and is about one mile from the boundary line between the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences.

For 65 years nothing extraordinary happened in the life of this small rural church. But in 1895 two young men who had been brought up in this church went into the Methodist ministry. Rev. Ernest Wyatt Fox united with the Western North Carolina Conference and Rev. Hillary A. Humble joined the North Carolina Conference. Mr. Fox served for 44 years, was presiding elder of at least two districts and retired in 1939. He now lives in Statesville and since his retirement he has been a very busy man, serving either as a retired supply or filling appointments for other ministers. Rev. Hillary A. Humble served in the active ranks for 31 years and died in 1926. The next man to enter the ministry from this church was the Rev. John C. Humble, one of three brothers to hear the call to service, who united with the North Carolina Conference in 1897 and served in the active ranks for 42 years, retiring in 1939. This man passed to his reward August 14, 1948. The Journal of the North Carolina Conference shows that Rev. William Bynum Humble was ordained a deacon in 1904 and was ordained an elder in 1912 and continued to serve until his death in 1934. In the year 1907, Rev. John Wesley Williams was admitted into the Western North Carolina Conference and served either as a pastor or as a presiding elder until his death in 1938. In 1912, Rev. Walter M. Smith became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and served with distinction in the regular pastorate until 1942, when he was elected General Superintendent of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at Elkin, which position he held most acceptably until his death in 1945. The last of the seven men to enter the ministry from this church was Rev. Joseph Wesley Vestal, who joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1914 and who at the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference was assigned to the Ramseur-Franklinville charge. He now lives in the parsonage at Ramseur only about six miles from the church he joined in his boyhood days. Since Mr. Vestal is still in his prime it is likely that he may increase the combined service years considerably beyond the 245.

Rev. G. C. Graham is pastor of this historic rural church, and Rev. G. B. Clemmer is the district superintendent.

Overseas Relief Still Needed

By Ruth Elliott*

Perhaps it is time to revise our picture of the ragged child, his feet wrapped in rags, his bare hands shoved into empty pockets, trudging wearily to a cold school room on a bitter morning. For if any of us were to walk the streets of a war-blasted town, this is not the way children look now. Nor would we think the men and women going to work unusually shabby. One glance might ease our minds and consciences about the clothes hanging unused in our closets, about the shoes stored away in some closet corner. But all of us know that a glance doesn't often tell the whole story. A look into the homes or a peep into closets in the towns where we visit would be more revealing. A talk with refugee families trying to replace in the makeshift dwellings the necessities they lost in sudden flight, a visit to students at some of the universities, a conversation with a returned prisoner of war or with an elderly person in a home for the aged, would reveal the real situation. For these are the places where the needs still exist, where the churches of America still must work to prevent suffering, disease and want.

During 1949 Church World Service, our cooperative Protestant overseas relief agency, is asking for eight million pounds of clothing, shoes and bedding for overseas needs. To care for new refugees in Palestine and Greece, to meet the existing needs in many part of

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Cooperating With God Through Prayer

By EUGENE C. FEW*

"Give yourselves unto prayer."—I Cor. 7:5

IT IS a fact to be taken for granted that men everywhere will pray. Prayer is a part of sacred worship common to all generations. The Old Testament reveals appealing portraits of godly men who were made strong through prayer. In the New Testament the ringing words of Jesus himself challenge us to "ask," to "seek," and to "knock," in earnest prayer. Then too, Paul exclaims with enthusiasm, "I will therefore, that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

We of this day, cannot afford to neglect this practice of the art of prayer because it leads us directly into personal communion with the Eternal. Prayer is essentially communion with God. It is both talking to the Heavenly Father and listening breathlessly for the promptings of his spirit. In the very act of our honest confession unto the Lord we open the way for him to speak to us in a plain manner. Charles Wesley must have experienced the joyous assurance made possible through sincere confession when he sang:

Talk with us, Lord, thyself reveal,
While here on earth we rove;
Speak to our hearts and let us feel
The kindling of thy love.

But someone may say, "God will do whatever is best for us whether we pray or not. Hence, our praying or not praying cannot affect his administration toward us." We admit that God will do what is best always. However, we are not ready to admit that our praying or not praying cannot affect his administration toward us. God expects his children to seek him in prayer. For one to fail to pray, then, is for one to be disobedient toward God. Is it not logical to believe that the Lord permits circumstances to enter into his decisions as to what is best for us. At one moment we may be living a prayerless, rebellious life and certain blessings would not be best for us. Again, we may be pursuing a life of prayer and faithfulness, and blessings once denied us, now become our happy portion. One's capacity to receive and appropriate the goodnesses of God may vary from time to time, and what would be wisest and best in one instance would not be wisest and best in another. And prayer makes a world of difference in a human life. Let it be said further that God determines what is best for us and not we ourselves. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick has furnished a comprehensive description of prayer in its deepest and most cooperative moods. Says he, "Prayer at its deepest must always be the soul's endeavor to open the way for God to do his divine will. We do not try by prayer to move the arm that moves the world, but rather so to enter into spiritual fellowship with God's purpose that the arm that moves the world can move us. Prayer is one form of cooperation with God by which we give him the opportunity of doing in us what he has wanted to do perhaps for years."

Prayer is an experience common to all generations. Through prayer men and women become possessed of a fortitude sufficient to meet all tests, a spiritual strength to surmount all obstacles. Step by step they are led to a glorious oneness with God. Surely during these busy Lenten days the earnest Christian will find time to give himself to prayer.

How often do we hear heroic Christians say, "I could never have borne my troubles had it not been for prayer." A hospital chaplain tells of a dear little old woman who was all alone in the world. She was a charity patient. Her health was gone and she suffered intensely much of the time. Yet she declared with a smile, "I'm depending on God. I haven't anyone else to depend on." Walking and talking with her Lord daily and leaning upon him altogether, this saintly sufferer was moving triumphantly on down the valley of the shadow of death. Through true prayer men and women become possessed of a fortitude sufficient to meet all tests, and of a spiritual strength not known to the unbeliever. "Blessed is the man who has found the refreshment which is available in prayer."

It is by means of genuine prayer that we are led step by step into a glorious oneness with God. William D. Hyde has put into "A Boy's Prayer" words befitting the real prayer of every man and woman who aspires to be a thorough Christian:

Give me clean hands, clean words and clean thoughts
Help me to stand for the hard fight against the easy wrong;
Save me from habits that harm.
Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in thy sight alone as if all the world saw.
Forgive me when I am unkind and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me;
Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself.
Send me chances to do a little good every day and so grow more like thee.

Since prayer may be so employed as to enable us to accept our little chances to do good every day and thus grow more like Christ Jesus, surely we are eager and determined to give ourselves faithfully unto the practice of prayer.

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200,000 Decisions for Christ in One Week



Using the "two by two" method used by Jesus, Methodist laymen will visit to win 200,000 people to Christ in the week March 20-25 which is known as National Visitation Evangelism Week. Methodists know that visitation evangelism works. It has revitalized old churches, started new ones, and added to the strength of all churches. Visitation Evangelism requires careful training but pays rich dividends. The method wins individuals and often whole families, reclaims inactvie members, and is effective in deepening the spiritual experience of the visitors. The 200,000 sought for this week is one half of the goal for 1949 set by the General Conference.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

H. L. SWAIN of Williamston was the Layman's Day speaker recently at Wesley Church, Old Trap.

THOMASVILLE Methodist churches are promoting a "See You in Church Sunday" program.

REV. B. W. LEFLER, pastor of the Cherryville circuit, was the preacher in revival services recently at Martin Street church, Shelby.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES B. McLARTY of First church, Marion, announce the birth of a son, Charles Furman, on March 8, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

REV. RALPH TAYLOR, pastor of Central church, Albemarle, was the inspirational speaker during a three-day evangelistic visitation campaign held last week at Memorial church, Thomasville.

KIRBY PAGE, internationally known lecturer, author and editor, spoke at First church, Morganton, last Friday evening under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

MRS. A. G. SPRUILL of Plymouth has been a subscriber to the Advocate for 64 years, Mrs. Mary Spruill Dinkins, her daughter writes. Can anyone beat that record?

STEWARDS of Wesley Memorial and First churches in High Point held joint meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week as a part of the Week of Dedication program in the two churches.

WOMEN of the Hatteras Charge climaxed the World Day of Prayer on March 4 with a special service at the Hatteras church, where they heard a message from their pastor, Rev. J. T. Fisher, and others. Mrs. Nacie Austin was in charge of the program.

BROAD STREET, STATESVILLE, has sent a check for $350 to take care of ten children in Poland in our tuberculosis Preventorium at Klarysew, near Warsaw. This church also assumed a Home Special of $550 to underwrite a lot for Scotts Chapel, a Negro church in Statesville. Other specials will be assumed by classes and individuals.

SALISBURY District ministers met recently at First church, Salisbury, to discuss the serious situation confronting churches in troubled areas, and to make plans for district mission specials, the Week of Dedication and the district Week of Evangelism. Dr. W. B. West, district superintendent, was in charge of the meeting. Following adjournment, the ministers joined their wives in a social hour in the home of Dr. and Mrs. West, where delicious refreshments were served.

REV. WALTER J. MILLER of Hawthorne Lane church, Charlotte, was the leader of the Religious Emphasis Week program at Pfeiffer College March 1-4. Preaching services in the chapel, prayer services in the dormitories, conferences and social and recreational periods made up the program of the week. Concluding the week was the Holy Communion service held in the chapel at 6:45 Friday morning. Members of the faculty and student body assisted Miss Mary Floyd, director of religious education, in planning the program.



Mrs. Lewis

MRS. E. C. LEWIS of Azalea was honored on her 91st birthday, February 19th, with a surprise dinner in the home of Miss Bessie Brown, Oteen. Grandma Lewis, as she is affectionately known to all her friends, is active in her home and the Azalea Methodist church. She helped to build the church in 1912, and has missed very few services through the years.

REV. J. V. EARLY, pastor, is leading in revival services this week at Divine Street church, Dunn, in observance of the Week of Dedication.

REV. C. D. BARCLIFT, superintendent of the Wilmington district, is the preacher this week in evangelistic services at Trinity church, Fairmont. Special guests at the service Monday evening were young people from the Lumberton sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

CORNER STONE LAYING exercises for Sampson Hall were held at Pembroke State College last week. Participating in the impressive service were Dr. R. D. Wellons, president; Rev. L. W. Jacobs, chairman of the board of trustees; Rev. D. F. Lowry, pastor; Rev. James R. Lowry; and Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction, who brought the address.

DR. ROBERT E. CUSHMAN of the Duke Divinity School is the speaker during "The Methodist Hour" each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock through Easter over Durham radio stations WTIK, WSSB, and WHHT. His general theme is "Lenten Episodes" and his sermon topics include "The Kingdom Which Belongs to the Child," "What Is the Center of Your Life?" and "O Jerusalem that Killeth the Prophets."

THREE CHURCHES on the Lilesville charge are in a building program. The Wade Church is in process of construction. When completed the sanctuary will seat more than 200, and the building will include seven classrooms, a kitchen and an assembly room in the basement. Olivet church is constructing an activity building, with an assembly room, stage and two class rooms. Lilesville also is planning an activity building.

REV. CHARLES D. STOKES, missionary, writes that his address now is Methodist Mission, Wonju, Korea.

JUDGE LEO CARR of Burlington brought a forceful Laymen's Day message recently at the West Burlington church.

REV. EUGENE G. PURCELL, Jr., pastor of the Glen Raven charge, Burlington, is in Duke hospital for treatment.

DR. GEORGE B. CLEMMER, superintendent of the Thomasville district, was the guest preacher at Pfeiffer College on Sunday morning, February 27.

YOUNG ADULTS of Lebanon Church, High Point, presented a crisp $500 bill Sunday morning to apply on the building fund.

SMITHFIELD METHODISTS are preparing for pre-Easter revival services to begin Sunday, March 27, with Dr. H. P. Powell of Raleigh as the preacher.

DR. H. C. SMITH, pastor, will be the speaker in pre-Easter services each Sunday evening at Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, sponsored by the young people of the church.

REV. FRANK CULBRETH, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, is serving Johnson Memorial Church, Fayetteville, following the death of Rev. Henry Murphy, pastor.

PASTORS are urged to send the Advocate their weekly bulletins and interesting news items from their churches, thus enabling the Advocate to give wider coverage of the news of North Carolina Methodism.

REV. CARL H. KING, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Education, was one of six executive secretaries to meet with the administrative staff of the General Board of Education in Nashville recently to consider quadrennial goals in Christian education for the local church.

REV. LEON COUCH, pastor of St. Paul Church, Durham, is one of the speakers at the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Georgia Conference, meeting this week in Gainesville, Ga. His three topics are "In the Name of the Father," "In the Name of the Son" and "In the Name of the Holy Spirit."

BOULEVARD CHURCH, Statesville, during the past six years has doubled its membership. In 1942 there were 364 members. Today there are 756. The church school has reached its highest peak and plans are under way to construct an educational building. The church was organized in 1911 with 18 members. Rev. Jack H. Cooke is pastor.

PINEY GROVE church on the Pigeon Valley circuit, Waynesville district, which burned in November, 1947, has been rebuilt and services are being held in the new church. Longs church has also completed an addition which includes eight class rooms, a kitchen and dining room and a central heating system. Rev. V. N. Allen is the pastor of these progressive churches.

YOUNG PEOPLE of the Statesville District will hold a Rally Thursday evening, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock in Broad Street Church, Statesville. Dr. E. H. Blackard of Gastonia will speak on "A Challenge from Amsterdam." A district president and secretary will be elected. Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner of Newton is district director of youth work.

Federal Council Holds Meeting; Harrell Addresses Greensboro Groups; Retired Minister Passes

CLEVELAND CONFERENCE CALLS FOR "RIGHTEOUS FAITH"

"If America's leadership is to deserve the confidence of the world, it must be characterized by a righteous and dynamic faith. No people is ever great, even in worldly terms, without a faith and nothing would be more dangerous than to have the present material power of our nation employed carelessly, detached from the guiding direction of a policy based upon righteous faith."

Thus spake the National Conference on the Churches and World Order in its message to the churches, adopted in the closing hours of a four-day meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, March 11. It had been called together by the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to appraise the critical problems that have arisen during the past year to threaten the peace of the world and the moral use of the great power as a world leader reposing in the United States and the American people.

"By both word and deed we must cultivate a faith which provides a serene courage amidst the insecurities of our day," the Message said in the concluding paragraph of a 2,800 word statement framed by a committee headed by John Foster Dulles, keynote speaker and American delegate to the United Nations. "There is no simple resolution of our complex responsibilities. Our generation is destined to live in the midst of uncertainty and turmoil. In such a world we declare that God rules."

BISHOP HARRELL VISITS GREENSBORO

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte was in Greensboro during the past weekend, where he brought three addresses. On Friday evening he was the speaker at the men's club banquet at West Market Street church, using as his theme the life of Charlie Soong. Bishop Harrell graphically related the story of Soong's early life, conversion and his rise to fame in China. His personal contacts with people who had been intimately associated with the Soong family and his research into the story of Charlie Soong added considerable color and interest to his message.

On Sunday morning Bishop Harrell preached to a large congregation at West Market Street Church on the theme "A Great Man Gives Himself." In the afternoon he was the vespers speaker at Bennett College.

REV. J. A. MARTIN PASSES

Rev. Junius A. Martin, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died at his home in Whiteville last Saturday night at the age of 75. A native of Petersburg, Va., he joined the Conference in 1908, and served several pastorates, including Whiteville, where he had lived since his retirement two years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in Whiteville with Rev. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Wilmington district, in charge. Burial was in the Whiteville cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jeanette Draper Martin; one son, James Marion Martin of Whiteville; one brother, E. W. Martin of Conway; and three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Piland, Mrs. L. J. Johnson and Mrs. F. E. Martin, all of Conway.

MINISTERS ORDER DEDICATION LITERATURE

Ten million pieces of promotional materials have been sent out by Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church office in Chicago at the request of more than 12,000 pastors for the observance of the Week of Dedication, March 13-20. The Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Advance executive director, released these figures on the eve of the church-wide observance.

During this week, American Methodism is seeking to obtain 1½ million dollars for overseas relief and emergency needs. Largest item on the list of special projects to be supported by this offering is the Crusade Scholarship Fund of $250,000. During the past few years, the church has had 300 foreign students doing graduate study on scholarships in American colleges and universities and many more are awaiting their chance to study here when the present scholars return.

"This is Methodism's most effective answer to communism," Dr. Mohn declared. "Equipped for service, these Christian men and women will return to their native countries to constitute the most effective influence against communistic propaganda and for the Christian way of life."

These scholarships have been provided until now by Crusade for Christ funds, but they can be continued only through the Week of Dedication offering.

WORLD SERVICE GIVING SHOWS 9.51% INCREASE

Benevolent giving by Methodists for the past nine months shows an increase of 9.51 per cent over a similar period a year ago.

"This indicates that The Methodist Church is now on the march in the Advance for Christ and His Church," according to Rev. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Receipts from June 1, 1948, to Feb. 28, 1949, have been $4,379,596.47 in contrast to an amount of $3,999,161.53 for a similar nine-month period last fiscal year. This represents a gain of $380,434.94.

400 NEW CHRISTIANS IN USA, JAPAN

USA is the name of a well-known industrial town near Fukuoka, Japan. The story is told that the town was so named that certain manufactured articles sent from there to America in the pre-war days could truthfully bear the label, "Made in USA."

Since the war nothing has been heard from USA until the other day when Miss Carolyn M. Teague, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Methodist missionary in Fukuoka, reported that a Buddhist priest and some 400 of his temple devotees have become Christians. It seems that they have been studying the Bible and Christian doctrine together for some months, and just recently have declared themselves as Christians. Now the temple is being converted into a Christian church.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Help place a displaced person. Do you know of a house that needs a family to live in it? Have you heard of a job that will need a worker? Could your church members together find enough money to pay the fare from your town to New York for one displaced person or perhaps a family of three or four? Would you stand behind that family? That's what it takes to bring a D. P. family out of despair into hope. The second step in making the plan a reality is to get the necessary assurance forms and fill them out. The forms and other information are available from the N. C. Council of Churches, Box 6637, College Station, Durham, N. C.



Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Robinson, Central Church, Mooresville, are occupying the new parsonage pictured above. The old frame parsonage was sold on January 1, 1948, and moved from the lot. Construction on the new building began March 1, 1948, and the minister's family moved into the new home on November 1. Located next to the church, the parsonage has nine rooms and three tiled baths. It is completely furnished throughout with new furnishings. The total cost was $26,866.00.

Catawba Church Plans Rites; Crum Surveys Schools; Bethlehem Has Dedication; Durham Advance Series

CATAWBA CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

The Catawba church will be dedicated at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning with Bishop Costen J. Harrell preaching and leading in the dedicatory rites. He will be assisted by Rev. J. H. Armbrust, district superintendent of the Statesville District, and the pastor, Rev. A. G. Lackey. Dr. J. S. Hiatt will preach at 7:30 p.m., and the following men will speak during the Week of Dedication services each evening at 7:30 o'clock: Monday, Rev. J. C. Groce of Race Street church, Statesville; Tuesday, Rev. Clay Madison of First church, Hickory; Wednesday, Rev. Horwood P. Myers, Jr., of Hickory Grove church, Charlotte; Thursday, Rev. Walter J. Miller of Hawthorne Lane church, Charlotte; Friday, Dr. Emory H. Blackard, First church, Gastonia; Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Armbrust.

This is the second building for the Catawba congregation. The old church was built about 1878.

The educational unit consists of three assembly rooms, rest rooms, nursery, kitchen, 12 class rooms, furnace room and auxiliary room. It is adequately furnished for departmental church school. The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 280. There are thirty memorial art glass windows, a vestibule, and a ladies' parlor.

The church was built under the supervision of the board of stewards, as follows: Mrs. E. E. Smith, chairman; J. P. Coulter, treasurer; W. M. Musgrove, Mrs. Fred Y. Long, Miss Helen Wilkinson, Miss Winona Leonard, G. W. Rhyne, E. E. Huffman, Loyd Murray and Challie Jones, and the pastor, A. G. Lackey.

All former members, pastors and friends are cordially invited to attend all these services.

CRUM SURVEYS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN UNIVERSITIES

DURHAM.—An interesting survey of religious instruction in 12 large universities has been made by Dr. Mason Crum, associate professor of Biblical Literature at Duke University. The survey was sponsored by the Duke Research Council, through a grant from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Dr. Crum visited eleven of the nation's largest universities for the purpose of investigating and studying the "Teaching of Religion on the Curriculum Level to Undergraduates." During his sabbatical leave last fall, the Duke professor spent some time at Princeton, Columbia, Yale, Harvard, and Boston, in the East; Chicago, in the mid-west; Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, and Miami, in the Southeast.

It is noteworthy that each of the four tax-supported institutions in the survey have regular departments of religion. The University of North Carolina has recently set up a department of religion, covering both undergraduate and graduate fields.

"Duke University is the only institution in the entire survey which requires the election of six hours in religion for the degree in the Liberal Arts College," Dr. Crum states. Professor H. E. Myers is chairman and director of undergraduate studies at Duke.

The teaching staff is composed of from six to eight full time professors and instructors, with four to six professors from the Divinity School who give one or more courses in the department. There are at the present time approximately 950 undergraduates taking these courses.

Dr. Crum came to Duke University in 1930. He did undergraduate work at Wofford College, studied theology at Vanderbilt University, philosophy at Harvard and education at the University of South Carolina, where he received the Ph.D. degree (1925). He is the author of a number of articles and books.

BETHLEHEM DEDICATES PARSONAGE, CHURCH FURNISHINGS

Dedication of the parsonage and church furnishings of the Bethlehem Church, near Monroe, took place recently with Dr. E. H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte District, and Rev. Earl A. Cook, pastor, in charge.

In ceremonies following a message by Dr. Nease on the theme "I Will Build My Church," the church furnishings were dedicated, including pulpit furniture, pews, carpet, pulpit Bible, and two crosses. Most of these gifts were memorials.

Following the service at the church, the congregation went to the parsonage nearby, where dedicatory rites were held. The parsonage is a lovely, seven-room, modern structure, complete with all electric appliances and a central heating system.

DURHAM DISTRICT HOLDS ADVANCE SERIES

To acquaint the people with the Advance program in the local church and to prepare for a more effective observance, a series of nine sub-district Advance meetings was held last week in the Durham district. The series began at Trinity church, Durham, Monday evening and closed at Hillsboro Friday evening. Meetings were also held at Rougemont, Roxboro, Yanceyville, Fairview, Saxapahaw, Burlington, and Pittsboro. Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent, was in charge.

Speakers included Rev. M. B. Stokes, returned missionary from Korea and member of the Western N. C. Conference, who spoke on the needs of Korea, one of the foreign fields chosen by the North Carolina Conference for mission specials during the quadrennium; Glen Hanna of Haw River, president of the district youth fellowship, who spoke on youth's part in the Advance; Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham, who spoke on the goals set by the women of the church in the Advance; Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School, who discussed the need for advance in the Conference. Dr. John B. Howess of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md., who pointed out the needs in the home field, with particular emphasis on the need for more rural ministers; Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Graham, district missionary secretary, who presented Advance literature and spoke on mission specials; and Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University, associate conference lay leader, who brought each meeting to a close with a challenge to the church to advance in spiritual living and in giving to meet the great demands of the times.

During the week several hundred people were reached, and Dr. Hillman expressed satisfaction over the way the Advance program is shaping up in the district. He announced that the offering for overseas relief taken recently in the district would total upward of $2,000.

OVERSEAS RELIEF STILL NEEDED

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Europe, to care for thousands in China, Burma, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines, India, and Pakistan. The list of desired items is rather long and specific topped by men's heavy clothing, the hardest of all items to get. Approximately 200,000 pounds per month are needed. Heavy clothing for women and children, layettes for infants, light clothing for men, women and children and bedding, sheets, blankets and quilts come next in order. Sturdy, low-heel shoes in wearable condition are also needed.

The monthly requirement of 650,000 pounds to meet the eight million pound goal looms large, but divided among Protestants throughout the country, the needed contribution from each is almost negligible, less than a pound apiece. For the whole Methodist Church only 1,025,000 is asked. Send your gift of clothing now to the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. Remember, too, that 8c with each pound, will pack it and deliver it overseas.

If the wicked flourish, and thou suffer, be not discouraged; they are fatted for destruction; thou art dieted for health.—Fuller.



CATAWBA CHURCH

Speakers for Annual Meeting Announced; Gastonia District Plans Caravans; Forest City Gives Awards

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NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Western North Carolina Conference will be held at First Church, High Point, April 6-8, and a good program has been worked out by Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., program chairman. The entire program will appear on this page March 31.

Outstanding speakers have been secured and it is hoped that every society in the Conference will send a delegate to this conference to get first-hand information and inspiration.

Among the speakers will be our own Bishop Costen J. Harrell who will have charge of the silent communion service on Wednesday evening, and who will also address the meeting at the opening session Wednesday afternoon, April 6. Delegates and visitors will want to hear Bishop Harrell.

Following the communion service on Wednesday evening, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon will speak on "Methodist Missions Around the World." Miss McKinnon is a native of Maxton, N. C., served many years as a missionary in China and is now in charge of Africa and Europe in the Department of Foreign Work in our Woman's Division of the Board of Missions in New York. Miss McKinnon is considered one of the most brilliant and outstanding women in the Division. She was a delegate to the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam last year and from there visited our mission work in Europe and Africa. Miss McKinnon will speak again on Thursday morning and at that time will tell of our work in Africa.

Thursday evening for the Promotion Secretaries' Hour, and again Friday morning, Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, Executive Secretary, Education and Cultivation of the Woman's Division, will speak. Mrs. Woolever is also an outstanding executive of the Board of Missions and an interesting and forceful speaker.

Another high light of the Conference will be the noontide devotions when Miss Leila Epps, missionary to Brazil for 38 years, will bring the message. Many of us have heard Miss Epps before and are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to hearing her again. Miss Epps is editor of the "Missionary Voice" in Brazil, and this magazine has more subscribers than they have members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Brazil.

Another beloved leader, whose presence in any meeting is a benediction, is our own Mrs. C. C. Weaver, who will have charge of the Memorial service on Wednesday afternoon.

There is so much in store for all of us that we will not want to miss this conference. Mrs. George C. Haltom of the hostess church is general chairman and Mrs. J. H. Allred is president of the local society. They are making detailed plans for our comfort and convenience.

SUPPLY WORK

The list of "Askings" for foreign work in this department were listed in a previous issue and the following is the list for home work. (As has been mentioned before, Districts nearest Charlotte are requested to send their supply funds and materials to the Charlotte Bethlehem Center and those nearest Winston-Salem to the Winston-Salem Center.)

Bethlehem Center—Charlotte: Materials for the Home, such as canned fruits, vegetables, soap, tooth paste, crib sheets, crayons and other material useful in kindergarten, and coupons.

Bethlehem Center—Winston-Salem: Same as Charlotte.

Robinson School and Kindegarten, Puerto Rico—Cash $75.00.

Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, N. C.—Cash for supplies in the kitchen and dining room, ice making machine, large exhaust fan and items for the Science Laboratory.

Allen High School, Asheville—Sheets, bed spreads, pillowcases, dish towels, dresser scarves, white cloth napkins, curtain material, aprons, washable rag rugs for girls' rooms.

Bennett College, Greensboro—Chairs, silverware, dishes, single bed sheets, guest room towels, garments for children in nursery school (girls and boys), unbleached muslin for curtains, mattress covers, single sheets, pillow cases, shoes for children.

Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.—Blankets, sheets, napkins, card tables covers, bath sets, bed spreads in pairs, rags for cleaning purposes, large dish towels, bolts of curtain material, vanity scarves, dresser scarves, white duck towels.

ADVANCE CARAVAN—GASTONIA DISTRICT

The Gastonia District has planned a schedule for "Advance Caravaners" in keeping with plans made at the last Conference Executive Meeting, which are being held this months as follows:

Cleveland County, Wednesday, March 23, Lafayette Street Church, Shelby; Lincoln County, Thursday, March 24, First Church, Lincolnton; Gaston County, Friday, March 25, Lowell Church, Lowell.

Speakers forming this Caravan are Conference officers, Mrs. J. W. Payne, president; Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., promotion secretary; and Miss Lillian Walker, secretary of missionary service. Mrs. W. G. Boyd is the president of this district and Mrs. R. C. Nimon is promotion secretary.

MARION DISTRICT

Miss Una Edwards, promotion secretary in the Marion District, is stressing increase in membership and giving in a letter she has mailed to local promotion secretaries, along with copies of the Advance Clipper. This District covers such a large area, much of it in the mountains, that it is difficult to reach every society, but a person more consecrated to a hard task than "Miss Una" could not be found and the Marion District is making progress in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS—FOREST CITY

Six Life Memberships were awarded members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Forest City, Marion District, at the general meeting of the society in February. Those honored were, Mrs. Maurice Smart, president; and Mrs. F. B. Ledbetter, Mrs. E. L. Walker, Mrs. E. V. Seitz, circle chairmen, given by the Society. Mrs. M. E. Dorsey was given a membership by her daughters, Misses Frances and Bernice Dorsey, who are also presented one to their sister, Mrs. Aubrey Dobbins of Rutherfordton.

OUR HELP NEEDED IN CHINA

Miss Zela W. Worley, missionary in Foochow, Fukien, China, has written a letter to the Board of Missions which Miss Louise Robinson is sharing with us, a part of which is as follows:

"COMMUNISM—that is the word on everyone's lips today! The struggle between the Communists and Nationalists (so-called), and that between the Communists and Christians, is being fought on a few battle-fields, in thousands of books and newspapers and leaflets, in hundreds of schools, and in every heart.

"At the same time, the hundred-year-old struggle between China's old religions and Methodism goes on! Last week as I left the Cathedral where Anglican and Congregational and Methodist Christians had been bowing at the altar in remembrance of Christ and His sufferings at the first meeting of the Week of Prayer, I bumped into an enthusiastic and noisy idol procession. That section of the city had suffered a devastating fire a few weeks before and the people were taking their local gods for an airing, thereby expatiating for their neglect and indifference.

"Three days before Christmas the mobile health station wagon was loaned to a group of us to go for the bumpy twenty-four mile ride up to Gangcia where Claragene's Memorial Church is in building. Those of us from this side of the river had to walk across a temporary scaffolding in the 'Bridge of a Thousand Ages,' for finally, the authorities are repairing properly the span in this old bridge that was bombed by the Americans during the Japanese occupation. Bishop Lacy and other friends were happily surprised to see the progress on the church: the 12-foot wall of cut stone was in place and except for the corner where the cornerstone was being laid, the brick walls were finished almost to the roof. At the same time we were all astonished at the virility of the local religions, for as we entered the town there on a prominent site another "temple" was in building, and it was not a small, insignificant place. Never have I seen larger logs in China! This is a fine, big Buddhist temple that the people are erecting. In other words, Buddhism and Christianity are fighting in Gangcia for the hearts of the men and women and children. Which is going to win?

"Many of you have been cooperating with me in Kingdom-building in this place. Friends, our task is not finished! The struggle goes on! Even if the missionaries are forced to leave (and I pray God this may not happen), the church will not go to pieces. We will still need your backing, and will need it for many years to come.

"The future is uncertain. Inflation still rides high. I do not want to be an embarrassment to my Chinese friends if the Communists should take Foochow. On the other hand I do not want to leave. Just thirty-four years ago this week, (January 10, 1949) Mr. Worley and I arrived in Foochow and began our missionary work. The struggle still goes on. With your help and strength from above, I hope to continue service until my scheduled furlough in the summer of 1950—and be able to come back for one term after that.

"In spite of all you read and hear, again I appeal to you—"Have faith in China."

Subdistrict Vacation School Institutes Announced; Stevens Appointed Camp Dean; Camp Schedule

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Three months hence you will be in the midst of your vacation church schools. Will it be confusion and chaos or will you have your plans and preparation so well made that when the inevitable problems arise which you never anticipate, adjustments can be made in a quiet manner so that instead of being more trouble they can be used as good teaching experiences? Are you thinking and planning now for your teachers? Are you choosing your units of study now—those that will mean most to your children, and training workers so that they will have advantage of all suggestions possible?

There will be orders to make, materials to buy, books and pictures to find, clippings to make—so very much preparation to make, and if you begin now it will be fun. Once a woman said, "Who, me? Teach in vacation church school? Do you know whom you're asking? Why I wouldn't even attempt such a thing; besides I'm too busy!" Well, she persuaded herself and after the completion of the vacation church school she came to me and said, "That was one of the most wonderful experiences I have ever known. I didn't know that it could be such fun, but I thoroughly enjoyed it, and got such inspiration from it. I would like to take a class in that department the next time there is a vacancy if I may."

The need for good teaching is so vital that we should bow in humble gratitude to our Heavenly Father and ask his guidance in using all the assets we have in helping lead these children in our care to Christ. Instead, do we say, "I'm too busy?" Mothers are too busy with their children, those who are not mothers do not feel their responsibility. What are we to do? First of all let's make it a privilege, not a duty; a joy, not a burden; a challenge, and not a thing to be taken lightly. Let's remember these things in planning toward this excellent opportunity for teaching in our vacation church school. Everyone has 24 hours a day. Only the smart ones use all of them.

Because we wanted every single child in every single church to have the best vacation church school possible, we have developed a program of vacation church school institutes. The one and only purpose of these institutes is to give assistance and encouragement to you who will work in these schools. If you have not already attended an institute choose the one nearest you and go to that one. I am sure that you will be happy that you did.

Below is a list of district teams, places of institutes and the dates for same. These teams were trained at vacation church school training conferences at Greenville and Raleigh by Miss Elizabeth Dixon Johnson, Miss Kitty Cline, Miss Sarah Hall Goodwin, Mrs. H. R. Odum, and Miss Doris Sutton. Many thanks to the conference team of workers and to the teams now on the field working in the district institutes.

The institutes scheduled below will be held in the Methodist church of the towns listed:

North Carolina Conference Board of Education

REV. J. G. PHILLIPS, Executive Secretary
REV. TROY. J. BARRETT, State Director of Methodist Student Movement, Conference Director of Youth Work
MISS DORIS SUTTON, Conference Director of Children's Work
MRS. EVELYN CLINE ROACH, Office Manager and Director of Methodist Youth Fund
Post Office Address: Box 6667,College Station, Durham, N. C.

DURHAM DISTRICT—All institutes at 9:30 a.m.

Team: Mrs. Frank Mann, Durham; Mrs. B. U. Rose, Durham; Mrs. Cyrus Johnson, Durham; Mrs. D. D. Holt, Durham.

March 17—Chapel Hill.
March 24—Long Memorial church, Roxboro.
March 29—Davis St. church, Burlington.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT—All institutes at 2:00 p.m.

Team No. One: Mrs. T. E. Rountree, Hobbsville; Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Hobbsville; Mrs. John Paine, Hobbsville; Mrs. C. V. Cross, Gates.

March 8—Gatesville.
March 18—Windsor.
March 23—First church, Elizabeth City.
March 30—Ahoskie.

Team No. Two: Mrs. R. D. Wise, Stumpy Point; Mrs. D. L. Meekins, Stumpy Point; Mrs. G. G. Bonner, Manteo; Mrs. C. F. Heath, Washington.

March 11—Belhaven.
March 25—Edenton.
March 29—Manteo.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—All institutes at 2:00 p.m.

Team: Mrs. Troy Herring, Roseboro; Mrs. O. A. Spivey, Roseboro; Miss Sarah Hall Goodwin, Lumberton.

March 15—Chestnut Street church, Lumberton.
March 21—Jacksonville.
March 23—Clinton.
March 30—Trinity church, Wilmington.

RALEIGH DISTRICT—All institutes at 2:30 p.m.

Team: Mrs. James Auman, Four Oaks; Miss Emily Gattis, Four Oaks; Miss Mary Beth Joyner, Henderson; Mrs. Roderick Dail, Kipling.

March 15—First church, Oxford.
March 22—Hayes Barton church, Raleigh.
March 29—Four Oaks.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—All institutes at 2:00 p.m.

Team: Mrs. Marvin Vick, Sanford; Mrs. H. M. Humphries, Sanford; Mrs. J. R. Regan, Troy; Mrs. H. R. Odum, Gibson.

March 17—First church, Rockingham.
March 24—Hay Street church, Fayetteville.
March 31—Carthage.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT—All institutes at 2:00 p.m.

Team: Miss Jennie Martin, Wilson; Mrs. E. B. Pittman, Wilson; Mrs. P. F. Newton, Enfield; Mrs. S. A. Maxwell, Rocky Mount.

March 21—Warrenton.
March 24—Scotland Neck.
March 28—First church, Wilson.

NEW BERN DISTRICT—All institutes at 2:00 p.m.

Team: Miss Edna Boone, Farmville; Mrs. W. E. Howard, Trenton; Mrs. D. W. Charlton, Goldsboro; Rev. C. M. Mitchell, Morehead City.

March 15—Ayden.
March 22—Smith's Chapel church, Mount Olive.
March 29—Centenary Church, New Bern.

ANNOUNCING INTERMEDIATE CAMPS

Intermediate camps for the conference will be conducted on a plan almost identical with that of the past two summers. The sessions will be conducted at Fishers Landing and Camp Forest. Naturally, we were very anxious, as doubtless you were, to carry on our entire program at our own conference camp this coming summer. We still seem certain to be ready for quite a lot of activity at Camp Don-Lee by the middle of the summer, but it does not seem wise to risk disappointing our intermediates by failing to make plans for district camps which we can be sure of carrying through. If only we could have received sufficient financial aid, we could have done wonders at Camp Don-Lee this winter, with springtime lasting nearly all winter. In fact, the only really bad weather we had was the Sunday the Christmas Camp offering was to be presented in the churches! And with that bad weather start the proceeds have been very deliberate indeed. We just simply cannot do what we do not have the resources to do. We are still pleading! Other conferences are wanting to know about our outstanding camp and we have just received a request from one of the major denominations for a chance to do some camping there.

ONE NEW DEAN FOR CAMPING

The chief change in camp leadership is the appointment of Rev. Willis Stevens as dean of the camp weeks for the Rocky Mount, Durham, and Raleigh districts. All correspondence about the program for the up-State district will go to him at Roanoke Rapids, where he is the very effective pastor of our Rosemary church. Since Rev. L. C. Vereen has moved out of the coastal district region more responsibility for the program for those districts will fall to Dean C. Freeman Heath, of First church, Washington. Rev. W. D. Caviness of Morehead City and Rev. T. C. Collins of Gatesville will be working with him.

CAMP SESSIONS

Durham, Raleigh, and Rocky Mount districts at Fishers Landing for two weeks, June 13-20 and June 20-25, with Rev. W. R. Stevens, dean.

Elizabeth City, New Bern, and Wilmington district at Fishers Landing for two weeks, July 11-16, and July 18-23, with Rev. C. F. Heath, dean.

Fayetteville District, at Camp Forest, August 8-13, Rev. C. P. Morris, Troy, dean.

In that worthiest of all struggles—the struggle for self-mastery and goodness—we are far less patient with ourselves than God is with us.—J. G. Holland.

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Allens Visit Campus; Boys to Get New Building; Spring Clothing for Children Being Ordered

By L. C. Larkin, *Superintendent*

THE ALLENS COME SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Allen of New York City were visitors on our campus, Monday, March 7. Before her marriage Mrs. Allen was Miss Mary Burwell of Warrenton. She built and furnished the Burwell Cottage here at our home. Mrs. Allen provides generously for the upkeep of this building.

This is a lovely building, and is beautifully furnished throughout. This cottage is used by 22 of our junior and senior girls. There are eleven bedrooms, 4 baths, supply room, library and two social rooms. Mrs. Doris Sharber is in charge of this cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen brought with them two friends, Dr. and Mrs. Coffin of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Allen celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary November 3, 1948. Our staff and entire family appreciate all that these loyal and devoted friends mean to our home. The older girls are proud of their lovely cottage. When the Allens drove off they left a generous supply of candy for the girls to enjoy.

A NEW BUILDING IN PROSPECT

We hope to break the ground for our older boys cottage in April. This building will be a duplicate of the one provided by Mrs. Mary Burwell Allen. This cottage is made possible by a gift from Mrs. L. B. Garris of Greenville.

Our junior and senior boys have been a little envious of the older girls for many years. When the new building goes up this year, both the boys and girls will be handsomely provided for. The new cottage will be located on the south side of the campus between the Cole and Borden buildings.

We should put some gold trimming on this cottage, for it will be associated with our Golden Anniversary that we commemorate this year.

RED LETTER DAYS

February 2, 1899, a committee of three, J. W. Jenkins, J. G. Brown and W. C. Norman, met at Edenton Street church in Raleigh. They launched a movement that led to the establishment of our Methodist Orphanage.

These men reported subscriptions from five persons for a total of $1,050. With this modest beginning the Orphanage movement was off to a good start.

This committee applied to our General Assembly for a charter. This was passed unanimously and ratified, March 6, 1899.

This year is a memorable one for our home. Our Golden Anniversary will be observed during the weeks and months that lie ahead.

A DAIRY OF DISTINCTION

If I were an artist, I would draw a picture of our Orphanage farm and pasture land. It is a lovely sight to see the large herd of cows grazing on the countryside.

We have over 60 cows and heifers in our herd. Our boys are milking 29 cows at this time. This past week they were turned into a temporary pasture of ryegrass and clover. The dairy production stepped up from 90 gallons to 130 gallons a day.

The Methodist Orphanage
RALEIGH, N. C.

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FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby will and bequeath to the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C., contemplated by the charter under Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina (here designate the bequest) . . .

Hugh Pierce is really tops when it comes to looking after cows. He has our dairy in the Cow Testing Association of our State. We stand near the top in the list of the 120 dairies in the association.

I forgot to tell you that we have 46 new pigs in our pens. These will come in good next winter when our supply of meat is running low.

CALL FOR SPRING CLOTHING

Mrs Mary Allred is now sending out information to some of the classes and organizations that clothe our children. With the coming of warmer weather our boys and girls will need their spring and summer clothing.

Most of our friends estimate the cost and send in the money twice a year. The matron can then take the child to the stores in Raleigh and get the boy or girl a new outfit. Some sponsoring groups have the boy or girl visit with them long enough to select the required clothing. Some write for the measurements, and mail in the articles that have been secured.

If your church group has not written about the new spring outfit for the children they clothe, please let us hear from you as early as possible. Your kindness and generous support is genuinely and sincerely appreciated.

GRADUATES SEND GREETINGS

Eighteen of our boys and girls will graduate in June. I know the readers of this page will be interested in hearing from these fine young people. I am asking one each week to write a letter that I am sure will be read with interest by every friend of our home.

Miss Ella Louise Smith is writing this week:

Dear Friends: Eight years ago I entered the Methodist Orphanage. I was only ten years old, so I had no aims or plans. But I, like any little girl, feared what was ahead.

Today, as I look back, I realize my fears were unfounded. In the Vann Building, I was introduced to the ways of the Orphanage by Mrs. Mary Allred, matron. She made the transition easy and pleasant. She taught me how to get along with others, including myself.

Then came the day I was to move from the Vann building to the Burwell Cottage. It was like pulling up my roots. Again I was afraid. This time it was Mrs. Clinnis Beddingfield, matron of the Burwell Cottage, who saw to it that my roots were planted deep in affection, love and understanding. When Mrs. Beddingfield left, Mrs. Doris Sharber replaced her as matron of the Burwell Cottage. Now I had three adopted mothers, three women who will always mean much to me for what they have done and for the influuence they will have on me all through my life.

There are many other things I will carry with me as I leave the Methodist Orphanage. Last fall, Mr. A. S. Barnes, who somehow managed to be a father to all 300 of us at the home, retired as superintendent of the Orphanage. His leaving the Methodist Orphanage was a sorrowful event, but when Mr. Leon C. Larkin took over his place we knew the Lord was looking after us. Again, we had a superintendent who though first of us and our future.

Clothes are important to us, too. I was supremely happy, because the good people of Queen Street church, Kinston, who clothed me, were most liberal in providing me with a wardrobe always adequate for my needs.

Now I'm leaving the Orphanage, but my future seems bright. I'm going to business school, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Mr. Carey H. Maddox, who is providing me with the education I will need to go out into the world. And there will be a job awaiting me as soon as I'm ready.

I've chosen a career in business, because of the training received at the Orphanage, working in the office with Mr. Barnes, Mr. Larkin, Mrs. Thomas, and last but not least in my thoughts, Mr. Wade Pridgen. I deeply appreciate all that has been done for me—Ella Louise Smith.



SCOUTS GO CAMPING

The Raleigh Optimist Club has been helping our Boy Scout troop. Here are shown members of the local club helping our Scouts get off for a week-end camp recently.

Sunday School Lesson for MARCH 20

Growing in Discipleship

Mark 4:10-12; Luke 11:1-4, 9-10, 13

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

In connection with the enigmatic words, To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is done in parables, so that they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, we read, in the same chapter, For there is nothing hid except to be made manifest, nor is anything secret except to come to light. Plainly then the only reason Jesus spoke in parables was because many of his hearers could not, or would not understand plain teaching, and would not be quiet and attentive under it. But the stories would hold their attention, and he hoped that some time in the future, under the stress of experience, the meaning would flash on them.

When he had finished his parables Jesus said with great solemnity, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. He thus suggested that under his stories there was a great and important meaning, and the more earnest and eager among his hearers would find great delight in thinking out the message of the parables for themselves. One peculiarity of all the teachings of Jesus is that they powerfully stimulate independent thought. He did not wish hearers who meekly swallowed what he said to them; he would have them become creative thinkers under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A part of Jesus' teaching was given in acted parables. The feeding of the five thousand when all they had on hand was five loaves and two fishes, was a parable that said, Give thanks for the little you have; always be willing to share, and assume that God will provide. And of course every time Jesus put his hand on blind eyes and made a man see he proclaimed that God was willing to open the spiritual eyes of every mortal who would acknowledge that he was blind. And when he cleansed a leper he proclaimed God's willingness to cleanse the vilest from their sins.

The kingdom of heaven is a great secret society, made up of those who have learned the way to happiness and helpfulness. Jesus was eager to initiate every one who would meet the conditions. One of its priceless secrets is the secret of prevailing prayer.

First of all, says Jesus, be humble in your prayers (Luke 18:9-14). Put no confidence in your own goodness. And second, never be dismayed by delay in the answer to your prayer (Luke 11:5-10; 18:1-9). In view of the fact that you can get a favor from an unwilling friend, even if you go to him at midnight, the most inconvenient hour of the twenty-four, by just keeping at him, it is absurd to doubt that if you are persistent you can get a favor from your heavenly Father, to whom no time is inconvenient, and who is more willing to bless than you are to be blessed. And of course, says Jesus, God who put it into your hearts to grant the requests of your children will be at least as good to his children as you are to yours.

When you pray, say, Our Father. Prayer is an adventure that assumes that God is an infinitely good heavenly Father. But simply because he is so good we are to be doubly reverent. The petition, Hallowed be thy name, is a prayer that we, and men everywhere, should cease to dishonor God by prayer that is ostentatious, insincere, or full of vain repetition (Matthew 6:5-8). Then we are to pray for the coming of the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus expects even the humblest Christian to be a world power through his faith.

Then we are privileged to pray for bread, and all other needs including health and housing. But when a man realizes how little he has trusted the fatherly grace of God, how little he has hallowed his name, how little he has shared his earthly blessings with the poor, he is moved to pray, Forgive us our sins. But Jesus reminds us that we can be forgiven only if we are willing and even eager to forgive any man who has wronged us when that man is at all sorry for his wickedness.

And then comes the prayer for deliverance from temptation, and for the downstretching of almighty power to snatch us from the awful power of evil. A certain type of temptation is inevitable, but we should pray to be saved from any rash exposure of ourselves to evil conditions that will be too much for us, and from calamities that will shatter our faith. And we are also to pray and work incessantly for the removal of those conditions which are too much for our fellow men, such as debasing poverty and the lures of the drink traffic.

In Memoriam

JAMES NELSON DAYVAULT

CHINA GROVE.—To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dayvault of Cabarrus County on October 6, 1879, God gave a baby boy and his parents named him James Nelson. Even as there are soils that are conducive to the growth of plants there are Christian homes that are conducive to the growth of great souls. Such was the heritage of James Dayvault. Realizing that the favorable climate of the church was necessary for spiritual development he was taken to the church as a child and early in life joined the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church near his home.

His growth into physical manhood revealed the stature of a gentleman, an understanding mind and a winning, friendly smile. However, within this "tenement of clay" there grew a soul worthy to be envied by us of lesser faith. Upon moving to China Grove in 1905 he found a small band of Methodists. Little did this church realize the contribution he was to make through the years when he joined here 44 years ago. It can be said of James N. Dayvault as it was said of Sir Christopher Wren, the builder of St. Paul's in London, "If you would see his monument look around you."

On September 25, 1902, James Dayvault and Nora Rodgers joined hands to build together a Christian family. The endlessness of the circle of the wedding ring speaks of the permanence of their love in sickness and in health, through difficulty and through triumph, in sorrow and in joy until his death early Sunday morning, February 13, 1949. To this home God gave four children: Mrs. Kathleen Bailes of Greensboro, Frank Dayvault of Lenoir, Rodgers Dayvault of Lexington, and Grace Dayvault, who died during childhood. The fine qualities of these sons and daughters speak to us of their noble heritage. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Kenneth A. Shinn, Sr., of China Grove; one brother, A. C. Dayvault of Kannapolis; and five grandchildren.

As a citizen he was interested in and took an active part in the various community enterprises, serving his town as mayor and for many years as a member of the town board. As a merchant he was respected by the people of his community and throughout a wide area. As a Rotarian it seemed as if the motto, "Service Above Self" was made by Jim Dayvault. He served his club as president and in other positions, and was also a district officer.

But above all other fields of interest was his love for his church. As a charge lay leader, as a trustee, as a steward, as the teacher of a class that bears his name, as a superintendent of the school he gave his best. Though other interests claimed much of his time he always put his church meetings first. What church could ask for a more loyal member? What pastor could wish for a better layman than he? What board ever had a better steward? What group of Christians ever found in a fellow Christian the breadth of understanding and the depth of love more perfectly portrayed? Have you seen a man more fervently devoted to the Master? Did we not see in him a great man's heart overflowing with faith and love from God to his fellowmen?

He was one of the most liberal men I have known, going beyond his duty to see that his church would not want. His generosity did not stop with his church. Typical of his generosity is the question put to me by my boys when I tell them I have been to the Dayvaults—"What did Pops and Aunt Nora send me?" they ask. For they knew that something was on the way.

Typical of James Dayvault is this personal glimpse into a scene of a little more than a year ago. At that time he was in the hospital fighting a battle with the reaper. One afternoon as I was about to leave his room he told me of a vision or a dream of the night before. He felt that he was standing in a wide highway that stretched before him but a little space. Ahead he saw great mounds of golden treasure and as he pondered what it meant, a figure stood beside him and he turned questioningly, to which he received the reply, "Those golden treasures are golden opportunities for service; but look, the sun is fast sinking, the day is far gone." And as he said that he stepped forward to grasp the opportunity he awoke. Yes, James Dayvault awoke to regain a measure of health; but more than that, to grasp for more than a year the golden opportunities for service to his church, his family, his community and his friends.

Friendship means so much along life's way. To the disciples the friendship of Jesus meant the fullness of joy, of hope, of assurance and of his abiding presence whatever the day brought. Today, in our time of need, the unseen presence of Jesus is our strength and stay. The friendship of great souls adds much to our journey of life. Of such was that of James Dayvault. In him we had a friend in whom we saw no shadow. His nobleness, tenderness, yet rock-likeness tell us how good he was. My heart and the hearts of the thousands his life touched ache that he has gone from us. However, we can be grateful that God still speaks to us through the life of James Dayvault that we may follow the Christ as devotedly as he.

—JULIAN HOLMES, Pastor.

MRS. IDA YOUNG PAGE

MARION.—Mrs. Ida Young Page, born May 22, 1869, was a lifelong Methodist and one of the oldest members of Marion's First Methodist Church, and died on January 2, 1949. She was the daughter of the late Major T. B. and Mollie E. Young, and the wife of J. Z. Page. Two children survive: Gordon C. Page, and Mrs. Lee W. Erwin, both of Marion.

Her life was characterized by unselfish devotion and service to her family, her community, and her church. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.—HER PASTOR.

MRS. T. A. PERSON

GREENVILLE.—On Dec. 14, 1948, the spirit of Mrs. T. A. Person departed from us. She was a gracious Christian woman who was devoted to her church and one of the most loyal members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was a woman of culture and refinement with a keen mind, an acute sense of humor, and loyalty to her friends. She was ever willing to use her talents in carrying on the work of her Lord. We know that our loss on earth is her gain in heaven.—MRS. MILTON WHITE.

MRS. S. D. COX

ENGLEHARD.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Servie of the Englehard Methodist Church, wish to pay loving tribute to Mrs. S. D. Cox, who died February 12, 1949, at the age of 75.

A charter member of our society, efficient, patient, gentle and kind, she was faithful in all of its activities.

Therefore, be it resolved, That we, her co-workers, wish to extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones, for we, too, are grieved at her passing.—THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

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Children's Storytime

Winnie Unearths a Story

Winnie picked up the bit of broken china. It was the prettiest piece she had ever seen, creamy white with a gay pattern of softly colored field flowers, dull blue and deep yellow and lavender, and warm rose. She rubbed it against her pinafore and got off the last particle of sandly soil. She turned it over. On the back was a queer-looking signature and a date, "1826."

"Why, that's a hundred years old!" said Winnie. "I'd like to know whose it was, a hundred years ago." She left the new playhouse and went to show it to mother.

Mother turned it in her hands with a curious smile. "Did you find this under the dogwood trees?" she asked.

"Yes, mother, when I was sweeping the dead leaves away to make a playhouse. See, it's a hundred years old! Who do you reckon it belonged to then?"

"It belonged to your great-grandmother, dear Winnie," said mother. "When she was married her brother in France sent her six of these plates. Fine china was rare and costly then, and she was very proud of them. She kept them all until she was old, then she gave one of them to each of her six daughters. My mother used hers for a cake plate. And she always let me pass the little iced cakes when she had a tea party. And I held that plate very carefully too, I can tell you!" Mother laughed softly. "I always wanted it for my playhouse, more than anything in the world! I never had a real tea set like yours, only bits of china that had been broken."

For the first time Winnie realized that once mother was a little girl herself. "Where was your playhouse, mother?" she asked eagerly.

"Come on," said mother, "I'll show you!" She took Winnie's hand, and together they went out through the backyard gate. They followed the small beckoning path down the little hill until they came to the brook. It was a noisy little brook, always in a hurry, and on the banks beside it grew blue and white violets and starry pink crow's-feet. They stepped across it and climbed the steep bank beyond and came to the sweet dogwood thicket.

"Right here's where I found it," said Winnie.

Mother nodded with that curious little smile on her lips again and a far away look in her eyes. "It's where my playhouse was," she whispered. They sat down side by side.

"But how did you get the plate, mother?" persisted Winnie. "You never did tell me."

"I was so busy remembering things that I forgot it," said mother. "Well, one day mother was having a big tea party for the minister and his wife. They were going to China. He was a big, tall man, very gentle and kind and very near-sighted and awkward. Mother let me wear my red cashmere dress that day and my white apron with its ruffle all starched and fluted. I was going to pass the cakes as usual. I was much excited. And I loved to hear the ladies telling each other that I was 'Such a helpful child!' 'So graceful!' 'A perfect little lady!' I was making my way among the guests, and the minister was standing by the fireplace. But as I came up behind him, he turned to sit down, his foot caught in the hearthrug, and he fell sprawling, knocking me down at the same time. I got up not hurt at all. He got up and said he wasn't hurt either, but terribly outdone, of course. But the lovely plate was broken into thirteen pieces!"

"Oh, dear!" cried Winnie. "I bet you were glad the preacher did it!"

"I was, dear Winnie!" said mother, laughing. "Of course no one could scold the minister. It was just laughed off, as if it were nothing. But when everybody had gone home, mother cried a little and gave me the pieces for my playhouse." Mother looked around her is if she were coming back from a far-away place. "And this is the very spot. Of course the trees were little then, and the ground was not so shaded, so grass and wild flowers grew under them. I had a board between those two trees for my china cupboard, and there I kept the broken plates."

"Mother," said Winnie curiously, "truly, weren't you kind of glad he broke it?"

"I'm afraid I was," admitted mother, "but I didn't let mother know it until he sent her a very beautiful new one from China!"—Christian Observer.

He that speaks least means fairest, as having fewer opportunities to deceive.—Jeremy Taylor.

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GREENSBORO DISTRICT

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Carraway Memorial 2-9 p.m. 1

MARION DISTRICT

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S., P.O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

March

Avondale, night ... 17
Centennial (Sunshine), night ... 18
Forest City, 11 ... 20
Sunshine (Bostic) 2 ... 20
Oak Grove (Bostic), 3:30 ... 20
Salem (Bostic), night ... 20
Hollis and Hopewell (Sunshine), at Hopewell, night ... 21
Cedar Grove (Sunshine), night ... 22
Pisgah (Sunshine), night ... 23
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, RUTHERFORDTON, CONVENES 9:30 A.M. ... 24
Golden Valley (Sunshine), night ... 24
Riverview (Creston), night ... 25
North Morganton, 11 ... 27
Bethel (Drexel), 3 ... 27
Zion (Drexel), night ... 27
Mt. Harmony, night ... 28
Connelly Springs, night ... 29
Friendship (Connelly Springs), night ... 30
Shady Grove, night ... 31

April

Snow Hill, night ... 1
Bethel (McDowell), 10 ... 3
Trinity (McDowell), 11 ... 3
Pinnacle (McDowell), 3 ... 3
Hildebran (Revival), night ... 3
Bakersville, 11 ... 10
Oak Grove (Bakersville), 3 ... 10
Bethlehem (Bakersville), night ... 10
Penland, night ... 11
Altamont, night ... 12
Jonas Ridge, night ... 13
Concord, night ... 14
Kona, night ... 15
Oak Hill (Table Rock), 10 ... 17
Mt. Grove (Table Rock), 10:45 ... 17
Linville (Table Rock), 11:30 ... 17
Calvary (Revival), night ... 17
Deyton Bend, 10 ... 24
Red Hill, 11 ... 24
Glen Ayre, 3 ... 24
Tipton Hill, night ... 24
Fairview (Boone Circuit), night ... 25
Bethel (Boone Ct.), night ... 26
Friendship (Boone Ct.), night ... 27
Pleasant Valley, night ... 28

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

March

Salem, 11 ... 20
Albemarle Circuit, Union Chapel, 3:30 ... 20
Albemarle: Main Street, 7:30 ... 20
Rocky Ridge, 11 ... 27
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 ... 27
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, FIRST STREET, ALBEMARLE, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2 O'CLOCK.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

C. N. Clark, D.S., Waynesville, N. C.

March

Fines Creek, 11 ... 20
Spring Creek, 3 ... 20
Shooting Creek, 11 ... 27
Hayesville, 3 ... 27

April

Franklin Circuit, 11 ... 3
West Macon, 3 ... 3
Whittier, 11 ... 10
Bethel, 11 ... 24
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9:30, Clyde ... 30

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

H. G. Allen, D.S., 898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

March

Walnut Cove: St. Marks, Church Dedication, 11 ... 20
Danbury: Bethesda, 3 ... 20
Surry Project Training School, Mount Airy ... 20-24
Surry Project Rural Life Conference, Dobson, 9:30 ... 25
Sparta: Shiloh, 11 ... 27

April

Elkin Circuit, Ebenezer, 11 ... 10
Elkin Circuit, Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 ... 10
Shoals: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 4 ... 10
Holy Week Services (Surry Project), Bishop Paul B. Kern 10-15
Salem: Salem, 11 ... 17
Salem: Carter's Chapel, Church Dedication (Surry Project), 3 ... 17
Oak Grove: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 5 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Pilot Mountain, 9:30 ... 26

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Asheville—Abernethy Memorial, 9:30 a.m.	April 28
Charlotte—Ansonville, 9:30 a.m.	April 21
Gastonia—Cherryville, 9:30 a.m.	April 19
Greensboro—Carraway Memorial, 2:00 p.m.	May 1
Marion—Rutherfordton, 9:30 a.m.	March 24
Salisbury—Albemarle: First Street, 2:00 p.m.	April 3
Statesville—New Salem Church, Cool Springs Charge, 9:30 a.m.	April 29
Thomasville—Randleman, 9:15 a.m.	April 22
Waynesville—Clyde, 9:30 a.m.	April 30
Winston-Salem—Pilot Mountain, 9:30 a.m.	April 26

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

RICHMOND AREA
Bishop W. W. Peele, Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D. S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

March

South Mills: Newland, 11 ... 20
Elizabeth City, City Road, 7:30 (Preaching) ... 20
Gatesville: Philadelphia, 11 (Preaching) ... 27
North Gates: Savages, 3 ... 27

April

Moyock: Sharon, 11 ... 3
Wanchese, 7:30 ... 3
Elizabeth City, City Road, 7:30 (Q. C.) ... 4
Pasquotank: Mount Hermon, 7:30 ... 8
Williamston, 11 ... 10
Windsor: Cashie, 3 ... 10
Perquimans: Woodland, 11 & 1 ... 23
Aheskie, 11 ... 24
Aulander: Lewiston, 7:30 ... 24

May

Elizabeth City, First Church, 11 (Preaching) ... 1
Edenton, 8 ... 1
Elizabeth City, First Church, 7:30 (Q. C.) ... 2
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Williamston, 9:30 ... 4
Kitty Hawk: Mount Zion, 11 ... 8
South Camden: Camden, 8 ... 8
Swan Quarter: Soule, 11 ... 15
Mattamuskeet: Watson's Chapel, 8 ... 15
Kinnakeet: Fair Haven, 8 ... 17
Hatteras: Buxton, 8 ... 18
Washington, 11 ... 22
Bath: Bath, 4 ... 22
Stumpy Point: Stumpy Point, 11 ... 29
Manteo, 8 ... 29

June

Columbia: Cedar Grove, 11 ... 5
Creswell: Mount Hermon, 8 ... 5
Plymouth, 11 ... 12
Roper: Siloam, 3 ... 12
Murfreesboro: Union, 11 ... 19
Belhaven: Belhaven, 8 ... 19
Hertford, 11 ... 26
Chowan: Bethany, 3 ... 26

July

Layman's Retreat, Louisburg College ... 2-3

DURHAM DISTRICT

E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts Street, Durham, N. C.

March

Bahama, Mt. Bethel, 11 ... 20
Alamance, Sapling Ridge, 3 ... 20
Roxboro, Cavel, 11 ... 27
Person Circuit, Warrens Grove, 7:30 ... 27

April

Andrews-Fletchers: Fletchers, 11 ... 3
Maybrook-Masseys: Masseys, 7:30 ... 3
Durham, Duke Memorial, 11 ... 10
Butner: Butner, 7:30 ... 10
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Phillips Chapel, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ... 21
Yanceyville: Locust Hill, 10 ... 24
Milton: Purley, 7 ... 24

May

Carrboro: Orange, 11 ... 1
Burlington, Davis Street, 7:30 ... 1
Leasburg: Bethel, 11 ... 15
Burlington, Webb Avenue, 7:30 ... 15
Pittsboro: Chatham, 11 ... 22
Bynum: Ebenezer, 3 ... 22
Durham, Carr, 7:30 ... 22
Graham: Graham, 11 ... 29
Haw River: Haw River, 7:30 ... 29

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D.S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

March

Belhaven: Pantego, 11 ... 13

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

March

Riverside-Brgtn.: Beech Grove, 11 ... 20
Grimesland: Salem, 7:30 ... 20
Grifton, Edwards, 11 ... 27

April

LaGrange, Trinity, 11 ... 3
Mt. Olive: Calypso, 7:30 ... 3
Vanceboro: Lanes, 11 ... 10
Pink Hill: Woodington, 7:30 ... 10
Fremont: Yelverton, 11 ... 17
Seven Springs: Zion, 7:30 ... 17
Dover: Lanes, 11 ... 24

May

Stonewall: Bayboro, 11 ... 1
Aurora: Campbells Creek, 7:30 ... 1
District Conference: Epworth (Vanceboro Charge) ... 5
Oriental: Arapahoe, 11 ... 8
Pikeville: Saulston, 7:30 ... 8
Goldsboro Circuit: Salem, 11 ... 15
Ocracoke, 7:30 ... 18
Marshallberg, 11 ... 22
Beaufort Circuit: Core Creek, 7:30 ... 22
Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 ... 28

RALEIGH DISTRICT

H. B. Porter, D.S., 1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

March

Clayton, 11 ... 20

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

A. J. Hobbs, D.S., 803 Sycamore St., Rocky Mount, N. C. Telephone 2804

March

West Halifax: Union, 11 ... 20
Conway: Bethany, 7 ... 20
Norlina: Norlina, 11 ... 27
Middleburg: Drewry, 7 ... 27

April

Tarboro, 11 ... 3
Elm City: Mount Zion, 3:30 ... 3
Kenly: Buckhorn, 7:30 ... 3
Spring Hope: Stanhope, 11 ... 10
Nashville: Yorks, 3 ... 10
Pinetops: Temperance Hall, 3 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: BETHEL, 9:30 ... 19
Bethel, 11 ... 24
Robersonville: Vernon, 3 ... 24
Scotland Neck: Hobgood, 7:30 ... 24
WASHINGTON, D. C., SEMINAR ... 26-28

May

Rosemary, 11 ... 1
Warrenton: Hebron, 3 ... 1
Littleton: Littleton, 11 ... 8
Warren: Prospect, 3 ... 8
Clark Street: Maple Creek, 3 ... 15
Whitakers: Speight's Chapel, 7:30 ... 15
Rich Square: Woodland, 11 ... 22
Enfield, 11 ... 29

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

C. D. Barclift, D.S., 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

March

Waccamaw: Bethel, 11 ... 20
(Dedication of parsonage in the afternoon)
Wilmington, Grace, preaching, 11 ... 27
Town Creek: Zion, 7:30 ... 27

Evangelists' Slates

ROY T. HOUTS, Approved Evangelist
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March 27 to April 10, Reynolds Memorial, Bristol, Va.
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SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT UNION INSTITUTE AND TRINITY COLLEGE IN RANDOLPH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

By B. A. YORK

In the year 1838, early in the spring, Dr. Brantley York began a school in Brown's School House. In the summer, a log building, 30x20 feet, was built at the place where Trinity College was erected in Randolph County. Dr. York named it Union Institute.

"In 1838, Brantley York, D. D., commenced an ordinary school. In 1839 the school was moved to the present site of the college. A good frame building of two rooms was erected. The school was chartered as Union Institute and for a year or two prospered greatly. In 1842, Dr. York retired from the Academy and Rev. B. Craven, then 19 years old, was elected to take charge."—Excerpt from the address of Dr. Craven in Raleigh, N. C., Centennial of Methodism, 1876, page 180.

"The first school out of which Trinity College grew was begun by Rev. Brantley York, D. D., in 1838. He at first taught a common school at Brown's School House, an old dilapidated log structure about 16x20 feet. This was located about a mile south of the present site. In the summer of 1838 his patrons built a new log house, 24x36 feet, a few yards northeast of the place where the college building was afterward erected. When his school of about 50 pupils, girls and boys, moved into new quarters, about August 12, the name of Union Institute was adopted. The school at once became prosperous and in a short time there was need for more room. In 1840, another building was ready for use. It was a frame house, 30 by 65 feet, and was divided into two rooms. Soon after the erection of this structure there came about a disposition on the part of the Methodist children to make fun of the Quaker "thee and thou" in consequence of which the most of the Friends withdrew their girls and boys. This brought about a decrease in the patronage. Dr. York's health had been poor for some time. The decrease of prosperity and his poor health caused him to resign in 1842. Dr. York was a pioneer in education. He educated himself in History, Latin, Greek, Mathematics, English, Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Moral and Mental Philosophy. He was principal of Clemonsville High School, York Institute, Ruffin Badger Institute, Randleman High School; traveler and lecturer in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Arkansas, teacher for about 70 years and preacher for about 60 years, instructed 15,000 pupils, preached 5,000 sermons and delivered 3,000 lectures. He was blind for 40 years."—Excerpt from History of Church and Private Schools of North Carolina, by Dr. C. L. Raper.

"It is worthy of note in passing that the great great grandfather of Hannah Brown, who married T. J. Finch, built on his farm the first school house erected in that section of the State. This log school house was located one mile west of where Trinity College stood before its removal to Durham, N. C., in 1892. It was known as Brown's School House. To this little school house came Rev. Brantley York to teach school in 1837, and it was during this stay that he worked out plans and led in building what became Union Institute. So Brown's little log school house is as truly an antecedent of Union Institute as Union Institute is of Trinity College or Trinity College is of Duke University."—Excerpt from an editorial article in the North Carolina Christian Advocate by Rev. A. W. Plyler in 1945.

"In 1838, the people of Brown's School House were faced with the necessity of providing another schoolmaster for their children. Many of the people knew a young man who was a native of Randolph County and who had already a good reputation as a teacher and local Methodist preacher. This young man was Rev. Brantley York. Late in 1837 he accepted an invitation to teach in Brown's School House. During the first few months in his new position York worked out plans and encouraged actions which led to the establishment of Union Institute Academy —with Brown's School the earliest antecedent of Trinity College.—Excerpt from Duke Alumni Register, August, 1938.

When Braxton Craven entered Union Institute as a student, Dr. York soon realized that he was unusual, possessing a brilliant mind. Under Craven's wise direction, Union Institute became Normal College and soon became Trinity College. Trinity College was moved to Durham, N. C., in 1892, under the guidance of Dr. Crowell. General Julian Carr, the Dukes and other friends rallied to its support and it prospered greatly until it was merged into Duke University, now one of the greatest universities in the United States. The following are the illustrious names of its presidents from Union Institute to Duke University: Dr. Brantley York, Dr. Craven, Dr. Crowell, Dr. Kilgo, Dr. Few, Dr. Flowers, and Dr. Edens. Duke is a great beacon light, leading the many colleges in North Carolina in their efforts for higher and better education. It is to be hoped that the spiritual and moral in education will be stressed at least as much as the mental and physical in the training of the students. For, if the student is trained in the mental and physical side only, he becomes impotent to accomplish good for the state or to lift its citizens up to higher ideals and nobler Christian living. An education that has the highest value must embrace the whole man, the spiritual, mental and physical. It is a reasonable hope that Duke, the greatest university in the South, will continue to live up to its motto, "Eruditio et Religio."



Washington, D. C.—Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, minister of Foundry Methodist Church here, is shown being sworn in for the second time as Chaplain of the United States Senate. Administering the oath is Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, an official member of Broadway Methodist Church, Paducah, Kentucky.

THE WEARIN' O' THE GREEN

"THE WEARING O' THE GREEN" may be an Irish custom; but St. Patrick's Day itself is dear to the hearts of millions of Americans. In big cities and small, Americans of every ancestry join in the yearly tribute to the patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick was the champion of the good, the foe of evil, and the friend of all mankind.

It is amazing how much is known about this great religious teacher who lived more than 1500 years ago. Patrick was a boy of sixteen when Irish marauders carried him off from England to tend the herds of their chieftains. For six years he was a slave in Ireland and he never forgot these days of bondage. In fact, they were the most telling of his life, for it was then that the early Christian training he had received took deep hold on his spirit.

In a series of daring adventures, he finally made his way back to England, only to decide that he must return again to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He took his training in Gaul; and there, in the year 432, Patrick was consecrated Bishop of Ireland.

Saint Patrick was the first to bring to Ireland the learning of other counties and to spread an understanding of the Irish people abroad.

This was fifteen centuries ago, yet what could be more modern than Saint Patrick's thinking? The same principles that guided him, inspired the Founding Fathers of our own United States—the same love of freedom and respect for human rights, the same urge to foster brotherly practices among men. Through the years, in war and peace, our country's flag always stood for liberty. In the councils of the nations today, American voices speak out for justice to the oppressed and downtrodden, knowing full well that our own liberty is forever tied to the freedom of men everywhere. In our own country, too, we are moving steadily forward, making equal opportunity and equal justice a reality for Americans of every faith, every race and every national ancestry.

The Lord in His infinite wisdom knows that mankind is frail. He knows that, too often, our actions fail to keep pace with the dictates of our conscience. He has bade us "cleave to that which is good" and has given us as examples spiritual leaders to show us the way. These men, whatever the country of their birth, the dogma of their creed or the color of their skin, belong to the whole world. For through their wisdom and their goodness the whole world becomes a better, finer place.

Among such leaders, St. Patrick was a pioneer. It would make him happy to see how many others have followed in his footsteps. To do this we need not be those who adhere to the "Wearin' o' the Green." We may be of varied faiths or nationalities but if we would carry on his work, to erase cruelty, injustice, bigotry and war from the face of the earth we must follow the teachings of him who said "Be ye perfected; be of the same mind; live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."—Religious Press Committee.



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CLOSING SESSION OF MECKLENBURG TRAINING SCHOOL HELD AT FIRST CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, LAST MONTH

STORY OF INTERMEDIATE CAMP NEAR HENDERSONVILLE—PAGE 11

Home Receives Goddard Memorial; Mohn Expresses Thanks; Letters; Notices; Ormond Series Continues

NEWS FROM THE METHODIST HOME

By Reid Wall

The Methodist Home announces the establishment of the John Newton Goddard Recreation Fund by Mrs. Stanton W. Pickens of Charlotte, North Carolina. In setting up this memorial to her father, Mrs. Pickens is making possible the creation and development of the Methodist Home craft shop. Through the fund Deaconess Pattie Louise Allen has attended the Penland School of Handicrafts, Penland, North Carolina. She is now setting up a varied craft program which is a source of satisfying and creative activity to most of the members of the Home.

Book of Remembrance

When memorial gifts are made to the Methodist Home, names of the donor and the person memorialized are recorded in the Book of Remembrance. Engraved cards bearing the following message are mailed to the bereaved family:

The memory of
.....
is perpetuated through a gift to
The Methodist Home
of
Charlotte, North Carolina
by .....
This memorial will endure in the security
care and abundant life
made possible for aged men and women of
Christian character

All memorial gifts should be directed to The Methodist Home, Route 8, Box 533, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dietitian

Mrs. Anne Fletcher Trippe has joined the Home staff as dietitian. Mrs. Trippe holds the degree of Bachelor of Home Economics from Winthrop College. She has had seven years of experience in hotel dietetics and thirteen years of experience in hospital dietetics. Mrs. Trippe is a member of the First Methodist Church of Leaksville.

Landscaping

Mr. Harold Daniels, a member of the Dilworth Church, Charlotte, is engaged in an extensive landscaping program at the Home. Persons who desire to have a part in this beautification program are invited to write to the Superintendent.

MOHN THANKS METHODISTS FOR WEEK OF DEDICATION RESPONSE

"WHEN 12,000 pastors ask for more than ten million pieces of printed matter to lead our Methodist people into a fuller dedication of life, during the week of March 13 to 20, then somebody should express profound gratitude to God and to those who have served Him so loyally for Christ's sake. This the office of The Advance for Christ and His Church is eager to do.

Thousands of our pastors, laymen, and church leaders cooperated to bring our beloved Methodism to this high hour. Bishop Paul B. Kern was at the center of this Week of Dedication, giving it inspiration and guidance. His dream of an altar where we kneel for pardon and tarry for spiritual power has come true, and we will never let that dream fade.

"Thanks to all who came and shared as a token of love to Christ and concern for the needs of His children. It is the plan of this office to release statistical results of the Week of Didication as soon as they are available."—E. HAROLD MOHN, Executive Director.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

After seeing the picture of the Rehobeth Church in the Advocate and reading about the seven ministers coming from that community I will say I am not surprised. We served the Coleridge charge many years ago, and knew their parents, and they had a wonderful background. I loved them all.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. H. Brendall, Sr.
R.F.D. 7, Greensboro

Dear Editor:

The interesting article in a recent issue of The Advocate by Rev. B. A. York, relative to the distinguished Rev. Brantley York, his father, missed several most interesting features in the great educator's career.

During my childhood I remember that Dr. Brantley York lived here at Rutherford College in a home on the college campus, and his family was reared mostly here. Dr. Brantley York taught English Grammar and Rhetoric in Rutherford College; was a most loyal co-operator of the college work with my father, Dr. R. L. Abernethy, founder and president of the college; and during Dr. Brantley York's teaching career here he wrote and published "York's English Grammar and Composition," and an elaborate textbook on rhetoric, both of which books were recognized by teachers throughout the nation as the most excellent and instructive works on those subjects.

I remember Dr. Brantley York when I was a mere child. He was totally blind, but had so masterfully memorized the important portions of the Bible he would open a Bible in the pulpit when starting to preach, pronounce entire chapters by memory, as if he were reading them from print. He was one of the greatest teachers of all time, and when he passed to his eternal reward, my brother, the late Dr. Will E. Abernethy, was called to the funeral service to deliver the address of the occasion.

When Alvin York, hero of the World War, visited here to speak, some years ago, he had me take him to the old York home —Dr. York's brother was Alvin's grandfather, he informed me.

ARTHUR TALMAGE ABERNETHY
Rutherford College, March 17, 1949

N. C. CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD —NOTICE

Due to the death of the Rev. J. A. Martin, March 12th, 1949, Call No. 115 is being issued. Please send check to H. Freo Surratt, Treas., P.O. Box 85, Tabor City, N. C.

MINISTERS' WIVES LUNCHEON

The Ministers' Wives of the Western North Carolina Conference will hold their annual spring luncheon in connection with the Woman's Conference which meets at First church, High Point, April 6-8. The luncheon will be held Thursday, April 7, at 1 o'clock at the Emerywood Country Club. Price: $1.50. Reservations must reach Mrs. H. E. Bolick, 803 Mangum Ave., High Point, by Monday, April 4.—MRS KENNETH GOODSON.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

When to end his sermon as well as what to say while preaching. Sermons may be too short or too long depending upon their effectiveness. There is more unfavorable comment about long ones than about short ones. Short preparation is often responsible for long sermons. The minister should know that good sermons are not manufactured, but are grown in the mind and heart of the minister under the cultivation of the Divine Intelligence.

Too many sermons are nothing more than a mechanical assembly of parts thrown together on Saturday when the minister is weary from his multifarious organizational and social activities of the past five days. Under such desperate exegency the sermon is apt to be both incoherent and too long. It had better be shorter than is expected than to be dragged out with two or more "finallys," which Charles E. Jefferson once wrote, "is an abomination and a plague."

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EDITORIAL

Conference Holding Fine Leadership Schools

The picture on the front cover of the Advocate this week showing the closing session of the Mecklenburg County Training School held last month at First Church, Charlotte, illustrates one phase of the training program being carried out by the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Education through its capable executive secretary, Rev. Carl H. King. At the Charlotte school more than 800 persons were enrolled, with 706 receiving certificates of recognition.

A glance at the courses offered and the teaching staff will reveal at once the richness and variety of the program. Three courses for children's workers were offered by Mrs. J. C. Burrow, Mrs. Ada Smith and Miss Elizabeth Oliver. Mrs. E. H. Saville and Dr. Raymond A. Smith led classes for intermediate workers. Mrs. E. H. Ould taught a course on "Youth and Christian Home-making." Rev. Aubert M. Smith led a group on "The Church Working With Young Adults." The school was rounded out with general courses on the "Church Library," "Christian Beliefs" and the "Life of Jesus," taught by Lloyd H. Snyder, Dr. M. B. Stokes and Dr. C. F. Nesbitt, respectively.

Now, all of the training schools in the Western North Carolina Conference are not as large as the one held in Charlotte. However, all have been well attended, and in every respect have maintained the same high standard that characterized the Mecklenburg school.

We are aware, of course, that comparisons are odious. And we certainly do not want to be unfair to any conference. Nevertheless, as we study the reports of other conference boards of education in the conference organs that come to our office, nowhere do we find a conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction that excels the Western North Carolina Conference in this particular phase of its educational program. We have reasons to doubt that any conference is now doing this particular task as thoroughly and as effectively as it is being done by Carl King and his splendid corps of workers.

It is not enough to bring people into the church. They must be guided and led into a deeper and richer spiritual experience, and they must be trained for leadership. The church that takes its educational task seriously will produce Christians of character and ability and strength, who in turn will make the church a tremendous power for good in the community.

Our congratulations to Mr. King, his excellent staff, the Conference Board of Education, the district superintendents, the pastors, the instructors and the people who are helping to promote this significant work. The fruits of their labors will be seen in the years to come.

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.—Seneca.

* * *

Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people ever read.—Quote.

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Calvary shows how far men will go in sin, and how far God will go for man's salvation.—Trumbull.

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Wisdom is knowing what to do next; skill is knowing how to do it; virtue is doing it.—David Star Jordan.

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So great is my veneration of the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society.—John Quincy Adams.

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A Good Plan for Raising Building Funds

Preachers and laymen with funds to raise for building programs will be interested in a plan followed recently at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, by which well over $150,000 was received in cash and pledges to add to $100,000 already on hand for a new educational and recreational building. The program was under the general direction of Dr. F. M. Inman of the Division of Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, and Dr. E. C. Few, pastor. In a program that lasted about four weeks, consisting of special services at the church, letters to the members and home visitation, the congregation, without personal solicitation, laid on the altar of the church in a climactic Loyalty Sunday worship service this large amount.

Those intimately acquainted with this plan see in it several fine features. First, it has a splendid effect on the congregation. It brings about an awakened interest in the church and a deeper loyalty to the entire program of the church. It is conducted along safe, sane, practical lines, without high pressure methods. The response of the congregation is spontaneous. Secondly, it is comparatively inexpensive. The local church is asked only to pay transportation to the community of the director, plus board and room, plus $100 a week for his services. Professional money raisers would charge several times over this amount.

More and more, churches in this section will be calling on the Division of Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension for this splendid service.

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Whose Servants?

It is generally understood that State legislators are the servants of the people. Thus it is their solemn duty to seek to know and to carry out through appropriate legislation the will of the people.

North Carolina is fortunate to have in the present legislature some men who seem to understand clearly their role as servants of the people. They have acted with the best interests of the people at heart. They have sought to do what the people wanted. They have labored patiently and tirelessly with meager material reward for democratic legislation. They have been true representatives of their constituency. A grateful citizenry will not soon forget their statesmanlike leadership.

In view of the way another group in the legislature, small though powerful, has handled the liquor question—opposing a state-wide referendum which they obviously believe would outlaw the legal sale of liquor, and supporting city referenda which they obviously believe would favor legal liquor—this question is raised: whose servants are they? The people's or the liquor interests'? Are they trying to carry out the will of the people or the will of special interests? They seem to be servants all right; but whose servants?

Guiding University Students in Christian Vocation

By BROOKS PATTEN *

How the Church, the University Testing Service and the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church join hands to give guidance to University of North Carolina students in choosing a Christian vocation.

I WANT to make my life count, but how can I do it most effectively?'' This insistent question arises again and again in the minds of hundreds of young men and women in the colleges of our state. Joining hands to help answer this question, the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina, the University Testing Service, the Board of Missions and Church Extension, numerous ministers and laymen—all have united their resources to present to our Methodist students at Chapel Hill the challenge of Christ in their life's work.

This special emphasis for the month of February came to a close with the words of Rev. Henry Ruark: ''Here, then, are the two most urgent needs of our time: for a new faith in God and understanding of His will, for a new achievement of community among men. Those needs present themselves to us a divine calling. God calls all of us as Christians to help meet them through the medium of our own life and work.'' Citing the need for keeping ourselves sensitive to God's leading, Mr. Ruark described the resolve of Albert Schweitzer while he was still a young student to devote himself to ''some form of directly human service.'' He concluded, ''There are some . . . to whom the Master is saying personally and urgently in the needs of our time, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' If it be so, God grant you the grace to answer, 'Here am I send me'.'' Such was the note of earnestness pervading the numerous meetings of the Christian Vocation month.

The plan of the program included sermons at the eleven o'clock worship each Sunday on the following topics: ''Religion or Life,'' ''The Day's Work as God's Calling,'' ''Christian Criteria in Choosing Your Job,'' and ''Who Will Go For Us?'' The emphasis for the first week was that of an overall orientation to the problems of vocational decisions. At the six o'clock Sunday supper program the staffs of the University Testing Service and the Placement Service presented a panel discussion which described the many interest and aptitude tests available to students today, the selection of major courses of study for particular fields of work, and qualities desired in college graduates by leading companies and employers. Then followed a study of specific needs in church vocation. Rev. Caxton Doggett, secretary of student work of the Board of Missions, spent an evening with twenty students showing films of the Mexico Work Camps for summer service opportunities. Students saw the film: Operation J-3, which describes the three-year service program for American students in Japanese reconstruction. Dr. M. O. Williams, personnel secretary of the Board of Missions, gave the larger perspectives of the needs of the mission fields in an evening talk to the Wesley supper cooperative. Rev. Linwood Blackburn spent two days on the campus illustrating to both students and the ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service many aspects of his work in Angola, Africa.

The second week's program concentrated on ''The Ministry.'' On Sunday evening Rev. Key Taylor spoke on ''Interpreting Christianity in Community Life.'' He laid before the students his clear conviction that the rural areas serve as the wellspring of the life of the nation, particularly in the South, and that the rural church faces unique opportunities. Two further discussions were held by Mr. Taylor on the problems of the rural ministry and the need for leadership in the local church.

The third week was devoted to the theme of ''World Churchmanship.'' All denominational student groups participated in a joint program. Rev. Ray Holder, rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh, spoke on the ecumenical movement. A special service of worship was observed in connection with The World Student Christian Federation Day of Prayer. All who participated achieved a deeper understanding of the meaning of the church universal, and became more aware of common tasks and responsibilities as world churchmen.

The concluding emphasis dealt with the Christian layman at work in the fields of law, business, and teaching. Miss Gladys Moore, teacher of social studies in the R. J. Reynolds High School at Winston-Salem, led a discussion group on how she found it possible to interpret Christian principles in her classroom. Mr. John Manning, a lawyer from Chapel Hill and Durham, led another group in a discussion on the interpretation of Christianity in legal practice. It was agreed generally that the church needs laymen deeply committed to a message which will find expression in the practices and policies of their professional life. All of life must be viewed as a calling. It is in the areas where laymen live that Christian society is being created.

As for tangible results of the Vocation Month, it is difficult to say what they are. So far, there has been one application for Summer Caravan work. A number of students have expressed opinions that they would like to do some type of summer service activity, such as the Mexican Work Camp and Lisle Fellowship. They were greatly challenged by the call for three year service in India. Most of our students will be spending their summers as Camp Counsellors either at church or private camps. We have five students who will be entering the ministry, three of whom are scheduled to graduate in June. They received valuable information on aspects of the church's work which they did not know about previously and had a deepening of their personal commitments to full-time Christian service. Generally speaking, all of the students came to a new appreciation of the distinctive role Christianity holds in their individual and group living. They became more aware of the many and varied types of work offered through the church, and whether or not any will go into full-time Christian service as an outgrowth of this month, they did see that their life's work could be made a deeply Christian ministry in whatever field they serve. Word has come from various counselors on the campus that whereas some students of their acquaintance had been confused and lackadsical in approaching their vocation, that there has been much stimulation as to the problem of vocational choice. That is probably about as much as could be said other than we hope many seeds were sown which will bear fruit with time and nurture.

The sincere desire of all who are endeavoring to guide the Christian development of our young men and women at the University of North Carolina is that they see clearly the relevance of the Christian faith to all of life, and that they be led into deeper commitments for the service of the Master.

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Cross and Sickle Strive for Japan

By LUCY H. CROCKETT*

SHORTLY before I left Japan last summer I received special permission to go through General McArthur's personal mail from the Japanese. I was amazed, first, by the number of letters written by Christian Japanese, then by the high note of courage and hope which ran through them.

In this land of disenchantment it's the Christian Japanese who are the fortunate ones today. For Christianity offers the spiritual means of rising above the all-pervading physical hardships and moral disintegration.

A people in distress look for something beyond themselves in which to believe. There may not be "one of the great spiritual reformations of all time," as General MacArthur evidently likes to think, but a substantial number of Japanese are going through definite religious upheaval, with a tendency to show a fresh curiosity in Christianity.

Christianity was the topic quickly seized upon everywhere I went. Countess Tomoko Otani, sister of the Empress, wife of a powerful Buddhist archbishop whose sect owns temples all over the Orient as well as nearly a dozen in the United States, is herself head of a woman's religious organization numbering between four and five thousand women. She admitted to the current impact of Christianity upon the Buddist world.

Buddhism, she said, clearly needed to be brought up to date. Buddhist teaching was a philsophy too heavy for the people to understand. "It lacks the emotional appeal of the Christian religion," she said through the interpreter. "In music, for instance, the chanting of our sutras, quite without harmony cannot compete with Christian hymns and carols. Today our people are upset and at a loss. Our religion should be able to offer the people the solace they look for in these desperate times."

Mrs. Takaori, herself a Catholic, nevertheless wanted to know if in America priests were really as "human" as the one portrayed by Bing Crosby in "Going My Way." Japan today, she said, was ripe for fresh spiritual inspiration. It had been the policy of MacArthur's headquarters to permit return to Japan of the old missionaries. "But what we need are younger men who are more flexible and vigorous and can meet the changes that are taking place today—spiritual leaders of vitality and vision."

Mrs. Kiba, the daughter of a Shinto priest and wife of an ordained Buddhist, admitted to being drawn greatly to Christianity, the subtleties of whose different denominations she didn't understand but by whose principles of humanity and brotherly love she was deeply impressed. She was overwhelmingly grateful when I was able to present her with a Bible, the first she had ever seen.

There are an estimated 6,000,000 Christians in Japan, with an additional million eagerly learning Christian teachings. Efforts to answer the increasing demand for Christian enlightment are seriously hampered by an acute shortage of clergymen, churches, and Bibles, although when I left Japan 250,000 Bibles had been sent from America with another two million expected. Preparations for a "Christian University of Japan" are under way, made possible by active support from religious and educational circles in the United States.

Will Japan go Christian or communist? The answer has not been determined, but this, no doubt, is Christianity's big moment. Much will depend upon the current promotional job each is doing.

Already established are eight mission schools of college status.

Although MacArthur talks of a Christian renaissance as the hope of New Japan, officially the Allied occupation can not sponsor activities of any one religion. It has permitted Christian missionaries to enter Japan long before other private citizens. MacArthur's headquarters probably does as much for the missionaries as it can without laying itself open to the kickback charge of replacing state-supported Shinto with SCAP-supported Christianity.

This is Christianity's big moment in Japan. Rarely have missionaries found a people so gratifyingly receptive to their efforts. For, ironically, both Christianity and communism, both coming from the western world, are now accepted by some Japanese as "democratic" and therefore in style.

The principles of Christian belief not only serve to counteract many of those viciously introverted Japanese traits which we so deplore; they also fortify believers against acceptance of other imported ideologies which run counter to the democratic concepts we are hoping will take root. This clash between Christianity and communism, the two newly popular faiths, is becoming increasingly evident in the news of the day: "Some fifty members of the Kyoto Prefectural Office Employee Union are attending every Saturday a Bible Class. Marxist elements of the union are bitterly opposed to such an attempt to infuse opium but were overridden by the majority." And from an issue of the Religious Review: "Especially noteworthy is the brisk activity among the student youth, whose earnestness of spirit rivals even that of the communist youth. They are seeking to spread the concept of a world ruled by morality . . . "

Whether or not the enthusiasm for Christianity is sincere this nationwide flare-up of interest indicates a desperate hunger in the Japanese people for a belief in ideals apart from their physical surroundings. In Japan at present exists a vacuum. New gods are needed to replace the old. Probably never in history has there been a people so ready to grasp at the first shining hope offered them. The new faith which they seek may very likely be found in Christianity or in communism, depending largely upon the efficiency of the current promotional job behind each.

One thing at least is certain. the principles of democracy we are introducing to Japan promise best to take root where Christian missionaries have prepared the ground.

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"As the Hart Panteth After the Water Brooks"

My spirit beats against the walls of circumstance.
I feebly cry unto this God of ours
Whose Love, men say, o'errules all Fate and Chance
And stands above the weightiest powers.

My voice comes back, an echo of my pleading cry
And shall I doubt the goodness of this God
Who gives me freedom that I may ever try
The paths the saints have trod,

The choice to open wide the door
That leads into a fair, fair space
Wherein the doubting heart gives o'er
And love and trust at last can face

Tomorrow and the far tomorrows,
Assured that, come joy, come sorrows,
Behind them all our God will stand
And I shall touch His hand?

—Metta Folger Townsend
Lenoir, N. C.

Invitation to Penitence

By JAMES C. STOKES*

It does not take the powers of a clairvoyant to realize that there is something chronically wrong with our world. Down the years, people have blamed the trouble on the gods, on the stars, on the human race in general, on other people, and occasionally on themselves. Usually they have sought to explain evil by the convenient device of fixing the blame upon a scapegoat, on which or whom they could cast their condemnation without much danger of retaliation.

Man has sought to dodge the inescapable fact that the chief trouble with this world lies in man himself. Man is a sinner. The word may be whispered, if you like, much as we sometimes whisper the word "cancer," but let us at least not ignore the symptoms in making our diagnosis. To say that man is a sinner is certainly not original. In fact, the theologians have been saying it as long as they have been saying anything at all. There have been times when they have rather mumbled the words, but usually their insight has been clear enough.

It may be said that a sick man first begins to get well when he recognizes that he is sick. It is only then that he seeks the services of a physician. As long as he considers himself to be well, he will not submit to treatment. Is not this a relevant analogy to the human predicament? In general, we do not consider that there is much wrong with us. If we did, we would show more evidence of concern. We have a vague awareness at times that "we have done that which we ought not to have done and left undone that which we ought to have done," but on the whole our attitude is one of large complacence.

We somewhat resemble the colored man who, when pressed on all sides by criticizers, cut them all short by declaring: "No matter what you sez, ah still suits me."

My father tells of his experience in holding a series of religious services in a girls' high school in Korea. He had preached upon the subject of sin, and following the service a group of girls came forward and said: "We don't understand your statements about sin. They just don't apply to us at all." My father asked them if they ever cheated on examination. They readily replied, "Yes, we sometimes cheat; we find that we make better grades that way." He pursued the questioning by asking if they ever hated anyone. Again they freely answered, "Certainly! We have our friends whom we love and our enemies whom we hate." But they did not consider these things as sin, nor did they feel any sense of condemnation in doing them.

In a great prayer of penitence the psalmist cries out: "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Are we willing to apply to ourselves the spirit of this 51st Psalm? "My sin is ever before me." Are our sins so deeply hidden that we cannot see them? Are they so carefully concealed that God is not aware of them, and that others do not know that something is wrong? Our only hope for the health of a clean heart and a right spirit is in freely admitting our sin and in submitting ourselves to the healing grace of the Great Physician.

Man ever seeks to escape himself and his sin. But, try as he may, he cannot. There is only one hope for the sinner—penitence. As Easter approaches, we are challenged to gaze questingly at the Man on the Cross to discover what He is and what we are not, and in humility and contrition to find through Him the way to real release and new life.

We shall never be able to do this until we come to Christ as contrite penitents throwing ourselves upon his mercy, as a desperately sick man yields himself to the will of a surgeon in whom he has every confidence.

What is the alternative to this? We may take the course of self-justification as illustrated in the story of the self-righteous Pharisee who comforted himself with the catalogue of his good deeds: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers . . . I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." He did not go down to his house justified! Nor can we clear our skirts with the comfortable thought that our evil is not unmixed with a great leavening lump of good. Does not Jesus in the record of Luke's Gospel admonish the apostles to say, "We are unprofitable servants," after having done all that was commanded them?

Dr. George Buttrick declared last year in the course of a lecture that the Christian Church alone of all the organizations in the world was willing to confess its sins. The political parties do not urge their members to repent of their sins; nor do the labor unions; nor do the organizations representing industry; nor do the civic clubs; nor do the organizations of servicemen. Perhaps they cannot be expected to. But the Christian Church calls all men and women to penitence. It does this because it knows that man is a sinner, collectively and individually. He bears the blight of sin upon his personality and upon his society. If he has not fostered selfishness and pride, injustice and tyranny, worldliness and lust, he has at least been too willing to acquiesce in the continuance of these underlying sins. Sometimes his lips have issued pious platitudes which his life has decisively denied.

It is not enough that we should be grieved at our failures, merely sorry that our ventures have ended in one miserable debacle after another. The real measure of our sin is not that we have failed, but that we have refused God our obedience and loyalty.

Again as Easter approaches, we are challenged to gaze questingly at the Cross and to seek a deeper understanding of its meaning. To look upon Christ as he hanged in pain and in anguish is to be made humble. To hear again his reply to the master-stroke of malice—"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"—is to be filled with a strange new charitableness. His spotless purity, his utter devotion to God and His will, move us to our knees in fresh-found humility. We know our sin as never before because we see his goodness in all of its immaculate splendor. Now we know that our sin consists in being what Christ was not, and in contrition and humble hunger we find the way to release and new life.

The Assurance We Need

In the midst of this present world weariness and the slavish spirit of fear of another war that has settled down upon the peoples of this generation, the last one of us need the consciousness of sonship revealed so fully in the life of Jesus. He did not fear death or starvation or the clashing forces of the world. To those gripped by all the anxieties of this world, he said, Learn the lesson of the lilies and of the birds. Then the fear of want flees away and world weariness lifts. Instead, we live in a world of stark terror, and we strive to fill and to satisfy the multitudes with bread. Oh, this fear! This weight of cares! How much we need the assurance of the Father's presence!—*M. T. Plyler.*

*Pastor, Maiden Church.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

REV. CECIL G. HEFNER, Trinity church, Kannapolis, was a recent chapel speaker at Pfeiffer College.

THE ADVOCATE has been going into the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Howard, Route 1, Davidson, for 57 years, writes the pastor Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr.

REV. JOHN M. CLINE of Bynum is entering his fifth week at Duke Hospital where he is recuperating from a lung operation.

DR. M. B. STOKES, JR., professor of Christian Doctrine at Emory, was the speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.

PAUL ERVIN, Charlotte attorney, is a member of a committee for social action in the Methodist Church which met in Chicago last week to organize for its quadrennial program.

REV. C. C. HERBERT, JR., pastor of First Church, Salisbury, was the guest speaker at the Young Adult Fellowship banquet of Cabarrus County. The meeting was held at Trinity Church, Kannapolis.

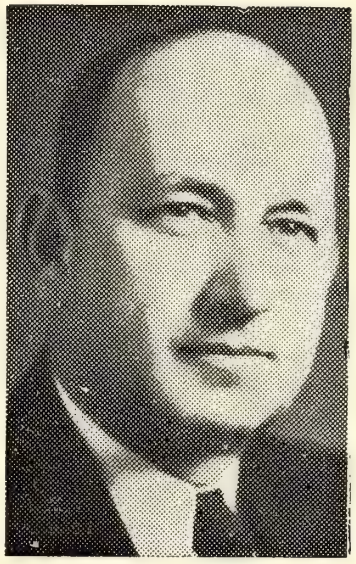
THE SURRY COUNTY Conference of Rural Churches will hold a banquet meeting Friday evening, March 25, at the Pilot Mills Methodist Church, with Dr. C. E. Lundy of the Holston Conference as speaker.

ST. PAUL'S Church, Maxton, observed the Week of Dedication with special services each evening emphasizing the Church, worship, evangelism, stewardship, and missions, and a Fellowship Church supper Friday evening. The pastor has also just completed teaching a study course on "The Methodist Primer."

SANDY RIDGE Charge, with Rev. J. C. Gentry, pastor, has five objectives during this conference year, including a family altar in every home, every family receiving the church paper, every member of the church a tither, every church member a soul-winner, and every member praying earnestly for a heartfelt revival.

REV. JOHN H. GREEN, pastor of Roberta Church, Concord, in sending in a list of 40 subscriptions to the Advocate, writes that a most fruitful revival was held in his church during early February with Dr. E. R. Overly of Kentucky, general evangelist of the Methodist Church, doing the preaching. Sunday School attendance has increased 20% and attendance at the worship services continues to improve. On the new church building, $8,000 has been raised, all conference and district obligations are paid in full for the year, and substantial increases on World Service and the pastor's salary have been accepted.

CHESTER BROWN and Clifford Shoaf, members of Welch Memorial Church, High Point, and students at High Point College, by action taken at the Welch Memorial quarterly conference Sunday evening, will be recommended to the forthcoming Greensboro District Conference for license to preach. Five other young men from Welch Memorial are engaged in or are preparing for the ministry or some type of religious service. They include O. L. Easter of Liberty, Aubert M. Smith of Charlotte, who are both members of the Conference; Paul M. Cassell and Vernon Stanley, local preachers serving appointments; and Rayford Coggins, who is studying for some type of Christian service.



Dr. P. E. Lindley

DR. P. E. LINDLEY, dean and professor of religious education at High Point College, is the author of a volume published recently entitled "Rise Up and Walk." Dr. Lindley, a well known writer and preacher, has been associated with High Point College for a number of years, and is popular with students, faculty members and citizens of High Point. His other book, "Human Nature and the Church," appeared several years ago. The new volume is being well received in church circles.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT HARDEE of Mocksville announce the birth of a son, Robert Marion Hardee, Jr., on March 16.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Mt. Olivet church, Manteo, presented a play "The Cash Crop," at the evening worship service last Sunday.

REV. CARL H. KING, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Education, is in Columbia, S. C., this week where he is teaching in a training school.

REV. Z. V. COWAN of Elizabeth City was the speaker at union services of the three churches of the Hatteras charge last Sunday in an all-day meeting held at Hatteras in connection with the Week of Dedication.

DR. ARTHUR HOLLIS EDENS assumed his duties as president of Duke University last week. Elected last November, Dr. Edens has been associate director of the Rockefeller Foundation's General Education Board. He succeeds Dr. Robert L. Flowers, who resigned some time ago.

BOOKINGS for the 16-mm sound film by J. Arthur Rank on the World Council of Churches Assembly in Amsterdam last summer are being received. The film runs 20 minutes and gives a graphic account of this significant church gathering. Rental on the film is $5.00. Write the Advocate for a date.

BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER of Columbus, Ohio, will be the preacher on Columbia's Sunday morning "Church of the Air" service, March 27, from 10:00 to 10:30 EST. His subject will be "He Found it in a Tear." Music for this service is to be supplied by a choir from Ohio Wesleyan University under the direction of Dr. Rexford Keller.

BISHOP EDWIN HOLT HUGHES of Washington, D. C., will be the preacher in revival services beginning next Sunday at the Weldon Methodist Church.

DR. CLOVIS CHAPPELL, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, has completed the manuscript for a new book entitled "Questions Jesus Asked." The book, his 25th, will be published in the summer.

DR. WALT HOLCOMB, well-known evangelist and Biographer of Sam Jones, has just completed a three months' evangelistic tour of Florida, where there were many conversions, reclamations and rededications.

REV W. A. ROLLINS, pastor of First church, Lexington, was elected president of the recently organized Davidson County Ministerial Association. The organization, interdenominational and inter-racial in membership, meets quarterly.

REV. LINWOOD E. BLACKBURN, missionary to Africa from the North Carolina Conference and who has been on furlough this year, reports that he will not return to Africa for another year. Meanwhile, he will serve as pastor of First Church, Pembroke.

FIRST CHURCH, SALISBURY, raised more than $1,000 recently at a Sunday morning worship service for the support of two missionaries who have been chosen by the church. The two missionaries are Miss Mildred Black, who is serving in Liberia; and Rev. Dick Moore, who is in India.

THE ADVOCATE would like to give complete coverage to the news of North Carolina Methodism. Pastors are urged to send in copies of their church bulletins and other publications of the local church as well as interesting news items.

H. L. SWAIN of Williamston, in three Laymen's Day addresses at Old Trap, at Bethany on the Chowan charge, and at Winfall, speaking upon the theme "I Am A Methodist," called upon modern Methodists to carry forth their heritage made great by God-loving, God-fearing and self-sacrificing forbears and to make the Methodist Church a vehicle for the Advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth.

GLENWOOD CHURCH, Greensboro, closed its week of evangelistic visitation and dedication Sunday morning with 36 adults being received into the church, 18 of whom came by baptism. This brings to 48 the number of new members received since conference. The pastor, Rev. T. H. Swofford, was assisted by 24 persons in this evangelistic effort. The large class of children now being instructed for church membership will be received on Palm Sunday.

THE DURHAM Methodist Society at its fourth annual steward's dinner Friday evening, March 25, will launch a campaign for $27,000. Projects to benefit from this fund are St. Paul Church, which is to get $14,500 on its building program; Lakewood Church, which is to receive $5,000 on its building program; and Carr Church, which is allotted $1,200 for a director of religious education. Other phases of the Society's program will receive the balance of the fund. Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University is the president. The 250 stewards and pastors expected to attend will hear Walter F. Anderson, director of the State Bureau of Investigation in the feature address of the evening.

Missions Group Holds Mid-Year Meet; Bishop Peele to Visit Norlina; Smart to Preach in Gastonia

WESTERN CONFERENCE BOARD STUDIES MISSIONARY PLAN AND MAKES GRANTS

To hear the report of a special committee appointed to make recommendations for the promotion of missions in the Conference and to consider applications for funds for special needs, the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension met in the Selwyn Hotel, Charlotte, last Thursday, with Rev. Walter J. Miller, president, in charge. More than forty persons were present, including members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, district superintendents, district missionary secretaries and others.

The special committee, consisting of F. C. Smathers, R. G. Tuttle, E. H. Lowman, Wilson O. Weldon and Cecil Hefner, recommended a full-time executive director employed jointly by the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work. The report also called for the establishment of a board or boards of missions and church extension in each of the districts to promote the work within the district.

After considerable discussion, the group voted that the executive committee of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the executive committee of the Commission on Town and Country Work, the chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance, the bishop and the secretary of the conference study the report further and to make recommendations at a joint meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Commission on Town and Country Work, during the Pastors' School at Duke in June.

The Board voted to grant $500.00 to Oak Grove church in a building program; $200.00 to Proximity church, Greensboro, to help pay the salary of a social worker; and $750.00 to College Place church, Greensboro, to apply on a heating plant for the Wesley House.

The Board also heard a report from Dr. L. B. Abernethy, Conference missionary secretary.

MARION DISTRICT HOLDS CONFERENCE

The Marion District is leading off the seventeen District Conferences in the State scheduled this spring with a meeting today (Thursday) at Rutherfordton. Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., district superintendent, is in charge of the program which began at 9:30 a.m., and closed at 4 p.m.

The theme for the Conference is "The Advance for Christ and His Church."

Speakers for the occasion include A. C. Swofford, C. H. King, C. B. Ross, E. P. Greene, J. S. Hiatt, Reid Wall, O. V. Woosley, H. L. Powell, J. W. Fowler, Jr., L. B. Abernethy, J. W. Braxton, Mrs. A. T. Abernethy, S. B. Moss, C. W. Robbins, D. M. Nifong, W. B. A. Culp and others.

All causes of the church are represented on the program.

BISHOP PEELE TO DEDICATE NORLINA ORGAN

Dedication of the Wurlitzer electric organ and chimes recently installed in the Norlina church will take place Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service with Bishop W. W. Peele in charge, according to the pastor, Rev. W. G. Farrar. Following the sermon by Bishop Peele and the dedicatory rites, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, will conduct the second quarterly conference. A picnic lunch will be served in the basement of the church.

Former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to join the members of the church in these special services.

The organ was purchased largely from tithing funds. For the past two years during October the members of the church have tithed their income for the month which they applied to the organ fund.

DR. W. A. SMART IN SPECIAL SERVICES AT GASTONIA

Dr. W. A. Smart, of The Candler School of Theology of Emory University will hold a week of special services at Main Street Church, Gastonia, March 27 to April 3, according to the pastor, Dr. Embree H. Blackard. Dr. Smart will preach twice on



Dr. W. A. Smart

Sunday, March 27, and April 3, and each evening except Saturday at 7:30 o'clock. Each morning from 10:00 to 10:45 o'clock Dr. Smart will conduct a Bible Study on the general theme, "What Jesus Taught."

On Monday morning, March 28, after the Bible Class, Dr. Smart will conduct an open forum at 11:00 o'clock for the ministers of the Gastonia District after which the group will have lunch together. Main Street church will welcome to the forum and luncheon ministers from other districts who wish to come and will make luncheon reservations with Dr. Blackard.

HOOTEN ELECTED TO TEMPERANCE POSITION

AT a meeting of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., Wednesday, March 16, Dr. Carradine R. Hooten, pastor, First Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., was elected executive secretary, succeeding Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, retired. Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker remains as executive vice-president, and Deets Pickett as associate secretary in charge of research.

Dr. Hooten was born at Hughes Springs, Texas, and is 53 years of age. He was educated at Southwestern University and the University of Texas. He is a member of the board of trustees of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and of McMurry College. He is expected to assume full duties about June 1,

WORLD SERVICE ACCEPTANCES

North Carolina Conference

New Bern District

B. B. Slaughter, Superintendent

Total Acceptances $22,655
Apportionment for District 20,230
Acceptances exceed apportionment $ 2,425
Acceptances exceed 1947-48 Apportionment 33%
Acceptances exceed 1944-45 apportionment 51%

THIS YEAR:

27 charges increased World Service acceptances.

5 charges of the 35 in the District accepted PAR or better for World Service. They are:

Grifton, E. W. Downum; Marshallburg, R. N. Fitts; Morehead City, First Church, L. A. Tilley; Ocracoke, C. J. Tilley; Walstonburg, Key W. Taylor.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE & FINANCE

M. J. Cowell, Secretary

YOUTH TO EMPHASIZE METHODIST YOUTH FUND

Methodist youth for sometime have been sharing in the missionary enterprise through their contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund. The mission work related to the fund is of vital importance and needs continued and increased support. As a part of the great Advance for Christ and His Church, it might seem expedient to some groups to take on what is called a "special" and to neglect the ongoing program. But an advance is not made by neglecting one piece of work in order to start a new one in some other place. To fail to support work in China in order to open new work in the heart of Africa would not be an advance.

In the light of the above, the council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth Department in the General Board of Education last fall voted that the Methodist Youth Fund would be youth's main emphasis in the missions phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church.

At the recent meeting of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education this plan was accepted with the addition of the following: "Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, as such, should not be approached with or take on specials." The entire statement included the goal that every member in every MYF contribute to the Methodist Youth Fund.

This will have significance for those who are especially related to the activities and program of Methodist Youth Fellowship groups. In interpreting the above-stated action, it is recognized that youth, as individual members of the church, will certainly assume their responsibilities in working toward and contributing to any "specials" taken on by the churches to which they belong. MYF groups, as such, however, should consider that their main missions emphasis and responsibility is the Methodist Youth Fund.

Other points in the missions phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church for youth relative to giving: (1) Every member in every Methodist Youth Fellowship contribute to World Service through the fourth Sunday offering and through general church benevolences; and (2) every Methodist Youth Fellowship share in relieving the world's suffering by giving to relief through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. These were also approved by the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.

Cushman Observes American Policy in Far East; Youth Hold Crusade Week; Council on Freedom

BISHOP CUSHMAN ASKS AMERICA TO EXAMINE MOTIVES IN FAR EAST

SINGAPORE (Via Airmail).—If the United States wants to built good will with the nations of the Far East, it must examine its motives to dispel charges of economic imperialism. This is the conclusion of Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of St. Paul, Minn.

Leader of Methodism in the episcopal area of Minnesota and the Dakotas, he is representing the Council of Bishops on a three-month visit to Methodist centers in Malaya, Sumatra, and the Philippine Islands.

Bishop Cushman reports, "At a recent conference of Asiatic youth in Ceylon, representing 16 nations, of 90 present only the three Filipino delegates defended the United States against charges of economic imperialism. Reporting this to the Northern Philippines Conference, our Methodist delegate, an outstanding young lawyer, said, 'We Filipinos know better.'

"Government officials are generally agreed on the infilteration of communist propaganda in this area, including the Philippines, Singapore, Hongkong, Bangkok, and Indonesia, but communism cannot account for the growing spirit of nationalism everywhere evident since World War II," Bishop Cushman believes. In this respect, he feels, there is a great deal of confused thinking as there is in the United States, with Christians frequently putting loyalty to nation above loyalty to Christ.

"Probably the missionary and Christian forces are the most stabilizing influence in any case, we are convinced that American investment in Christian missions is the best-paying investment of all and should not only be continued, but greatly increased."

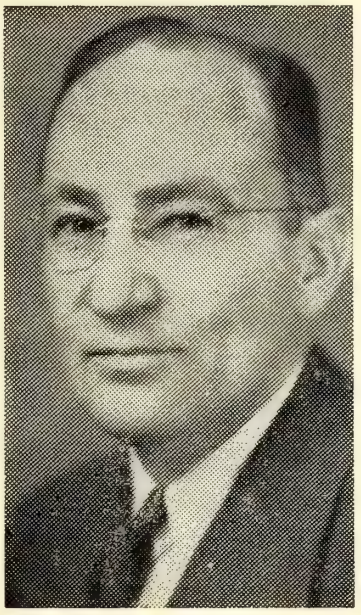
FEDERAL COUNCIL ISSUES STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

NEW YORK.—The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in a statement March 15, declared that the attack of the communist-controlled governments is directed against all forms of organized religion and urged all churches to "stand together" in resisting the efforts to curtail or destroy the influence of religion.

In standing together in a common protest, the Federal Council urged the churches to "guard against a blind emotion or heedless hysteria which might seek to defend the church through resort to war." It also made clear that its concern for religious freedom was not limited to developments in the Soviet-orbit, asserting:

"There is also a totalitarianism of a Fascist type which is hostile to religious freedom," the Federal Council added. "We cannot be silent about the fact that in Spain, the Argentine and elsewhere there are today grievous abridgments of religious freedom. In championing religious freedom we mean freedom from coercion by any earthly power, whether political or ecclesiastical, that assumes the prerogatives of God and attempts to control the conscience of the individual."

The statement, entitled "A Declaration on Religious Freedom," was adopted by the Executive Committee at its bi-monthly meeting in New York March 15, the first since the developments in Hungary and Bulgaria revived world interest in the encroachment upon religious liberty.



Dr. W. B. Selah

SELAH TO ADDRESS GREENSBORO YOUTH

Dr. William B. Selah, pastor of Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss., is the guest speaker at the Youth Crusade Week, March 27-April 1, sponsored by the Greensboro Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The services, which begin Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service and continue each evening at 7:30 o'clock through Friday, will be held at West Market Street Church.

Rev. E. Lester Ballard, pastor of Ogburn Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, will be in charge of the music and will direct the choir which is composed of young people from the participaitng churches.

Theme for the week is "God's Will for Our Lives."

On Sunday evening young people from the Rockingham County and High Point Sub-districts will attend for a District Rally.

Dr. Selah is very popular with young people, and is well known throughout the South as a most gifted speaker. He has held pastorates in Kansas City, Memphis and Oklahoma City. A native of Missouri, he was educated at Central College, the Kansas City School of Law and the Yale Divinity School.

Plans for these special services have been made by a special committee of young people from the Greensboro Sub-district with Mrs. Ed. Livingston, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Page, Dr. E. C. Few, Dr. W. A. Lambeth and Rev. Paschal Waugh.

CHURCH MINISTERS TO PRISONER FAR FROM HOME

The efficiency of Methodism's connectional system in ministering to human need is being demonstrated at the present time between Chicago and New York City. Member of a Chicago church, a young marine, with two of his buddies, was arrested recently in New York for armed robbery of a store. It was his first offense.

Notified by Brooklyn police of the arrest, the parents were anxious, but financially unable, to visit the young man. Their pastor obtained from the General Minutes the name of the superintendent of the Brooklyn South District, Rev. K. F. Moore. He wired Dr. Moore, asking that a Methodist minister be sent to see the prisoner as soon as possible. In a few hours a telegram was received by the Chicago pastor from Rev. J. E. Zeiter, pastor of Hanson Place Methodist Church in Brooklyn, with the message that he would visit the boy. Since then the Brooklyn minister has made a number of visits and has written long, detailed accounts of the situation. He has not only ministered to the youth's spiritual needs, but has seen that a lawyer was provided to represent him in court. The boy expects punishment as he awaits trial, but he does so knowing that The Methodist Church is close to him in his hour of need, even though his membership is nearly 1,000 miles away.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP DISPLACED PERSONS

MANY are asking the question, "What can I do to help displaced persons?" Here is at least a partial answer to that important question:

1. You can learn in detail all about the DP problem by securing literature either from your denominational headquarters, or directly from Church World Service, DP Department, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y.
2. You can organize a DP committee in your church or community.
3. You can help provide job and housing assurances for DP's.
4. You can raise money to help pay for the inland transportation of DP's.
5. You can get your local church, or some organization in your church, to sponsor a DP family.
6. You can give money through your own denomination to help Church World Service to resettle these "Delayed Pilgrims."

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK MAY 1-8

"Home Builders are World Builders" is the theme for this year's National Family Week which will be observed May 1-8.

National Family Week includes both the first and second Sundays in May. Designated Childhood Sunday by the General Conference of 1948, the first Sunday is a time for the special recognition of the importance of children. A special service entitled "The Way of Good Will" has been prepared for the observance of this day. It may be secured from the Service Department of the Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee. The price is five for 25 cents, minimum order, and cash must accompany the order. On the second Sunday, Mother's Day, a sermon upon the theme, "Home Builders Are World Builders," would be appropriate.

Many churches hold a church-wide family night during the week, and in a number of communities there will be interdenominational meetings on family life. Classes in the church school will wish to make special recognition of National Family Week and some youth groups will plan for discussion of family problems.

SCHOFIELD'S BOOK REVISED

Nashville, Tenn.—A revised edition of The Methodist Church, by Dr. Charles E. Schofield, based on changes made in the denomination's structure by the 1948 General Conference, has recently been issued by Abingdon Cokesbury Press for the Editorial Division, General Board of Education. The volume, now a part of the leadership education series, was first issued by the General Board of Lay Activities. Dr. Schofield is editor of adult publications in the editorial division.

More About Annual Meet; Parkers Women Organize; Wilmington Board Meets; Training Day at Goldsboro

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE W. S. C. S.

On April 5, 6, and 7 the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service meets in Front Street church in Burlington. The deadline for registration is March 25. Each society and each guild is entitled to one delegate. The registration fee is $6.00. Send this to Mrs. E. S. W. Dameron, Union Avenue, Burlington, as soon as possible. Rooms will be provided for the delegates.

If any delegate wishes to take care of her own housing, and plans to eat at some other place than those already arranged, she may register upon arrival by paying one dollar.

Visitors and friends are cordially invited to attend all services of the conference.

Remember the sacrificial offering to be placed on the altar at the communion service. This goes for the hungry children of Europe. The local society may send their offering by their delegate.

Mrs. A. M. Gates is to conduct the memorial service for the conference. Each society should send the names of their deceased members to their district promotion secretary as soon as possible in order that they may be listed for this service.

Mrs. W. C. Mosier is general chairman of the conference in Burlington, and Mrs. Nathan Long is the president of the hostess society.

NEW W. S. C. S. AT PARKER'S CHURCH

Mrs. L. P. Cox, promotion secretary of the Fayetteville district, announces the organization of a new Woman's Society of Christian Service at Parkers church on February 27. Mrs. R. A. Matheson of Raeford, leader of the Cumberland-Hoke zone, assisted by Mrs. C. L. Thomas of Raeford and Mrs. Jesse Gibson of Shannon, helped the women in the organizational meeting.

Officers elected at this time were: president, Mrs. Ralph Plummer; vice-president, Mrs. Roy Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. M. Allison. All addresses are Route 2, Raeford, N. C.

Secretaries of the various departments are: Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Joe E. Lovett, Rt. 2, Raeford; missionary education and service, Mrs. E. G. Capps, Rt. 3, Fayetteville; children's work, Mrs. Oscar Scull, Rt. 2, Raeford; youth work, Mrs. W. B. Lunsford, Rt. 3, Fayetteville; and literature and publications, Mrs. Henry Plummer, Rt. 2, Raeford.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

The president of each society in the conference is urged to set up the local committee personnel as soon as possible. This committee is composed of the following persons: the secretary of youth work, who shall be designated as chairman; the secretary of student work; the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild; the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and the local pastor.

The name of the chairman of the local committee, namely the secretary of youth work, should be sent to the secretary of missionary personnel of the district as soon as the committee is set up.

The duties of this committee are to seek out consecrated young people in the church and enlist them for full-time Christian service; to keep in touch with the Youth Fellowship of the church and to see that the members are informed along missionary lines. The committee may also assist in sending young people to youth assemblies and conferences.

The names of young people who are interested in Christian service should be sent to the district secretary of missionary personnel. Information should be given to young people as to the procedure for candidates for missionary work.

Through the secretary of student work, the young people who are in college should be contacted. Literature should be sent them. A diligent search should be made constantly for talented Christian students and the cause of full-time Christian service presented to them.

The local secretary should keep a good supply of literature on hand at all times. Free leaflets may be ordered from the Department of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, or Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. Other literature may be recommended by the district and conference secretaries.

Mrs. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern, conference secretary, urges that all activities, such as visits, letters, and materials sent out, speaking before groups of young people, etc., be reported to the district secretary of missionary personnel.

EXECUTIVE BOARD WILMINGTON DISTRICT

The executive board of the Wilmington District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. J. T. Doughtie in Clinton, with Mrs. A. D. Craig, president, presiding over the session. Conference officers and guests present were Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Mrs. J. M. Jerome, Rev. J. H. Lanning, Rev. Daniel Lane, and Rev. L. D. Hayman. Board members present were Mrs. A. D. Craig, Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Mrs. James C. Murdock, Mrs. Leon L. Mottee, Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Mrs. Daniel Lane, Mrs. William Hobbs, Mrs. Kermit Wheeler, Mrs. W. W. Sellars, Mrs. Victor Ventors, Mrs. J. H. Lanning, Mrs. Laura K. Sutton, Mrs. W. C. Davis, Mrs. W. I. McLamb, Mrs. L. Baggett, Mrs. W. E. Glenn, Mrs. A. D. Byrd, Mrs. A. J. Cavanaugh, Mrs. R. G. White, Miss Ida Hankins, and Miss Ikie Brock.

Plans and suggestions from the recent conference executive board were brought to the district by Mrs. Craig, the president, and Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, the promotion secretary. The secretaries of the various departments gave brief reports of their work and plans for the new year.

At noon Mrs. Doughtie served a delicious luncheon to all those present.

OFFICERS' TRAINING DAY AT GOLDSBORO

The conference officers, district officers and zone leaders met in St. Paul church in Goldsboro on Wednesday, March 16, at 10:30. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, the president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. J. C. Burwell of Warrenton, opened the meeting with prayer.

Attendance was checked by districts as follows: Durham, 17; Elizabeth City, 18; Fayetteville, 19; New Bern, 23; Raleigh, 17; Rocky Mount, 23, and Wilmington 18. The Wesleyan Service Guild had one member present.

Mrs. Cutchin announced that Miss Margaret Billingsley will be the speaker at the district meetings to train the caravans which will go to the zone meetings and local societies.

Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, conference secretary of spiritual life, brought the meditation of the morning. Her topic was taken from Matt. 15:28, "O woman, great is thy faith. Be it unto thee even as thou wilt." She closed with prayer.

After the meditation the group broke up into smaller groups for departmental discussions led by the conference officers.

St. Paul Woman's Society of Christian Service served a delightful barbecue luncheon to about 140 women.

REMEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

The local treasurer's report should be sent to Mrs. F. B. McKinne, 303 S. Center St., Goldsboro, before April 1.

The reports of all other officers will go to their respective district officers before the first of June. There is only one report for these officers during this five months interim.

WE PLEDGE OUR LOYALTY

The following portion of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, chairman, is of especial interest to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service:

"We rejoice that the renewed life and consecration of our church, expressed in the Crusade for Christ are being continued in the Advance for Christ and His Church. To its purposes and objectives we pledge our best loyalty and endeavor. It is heartening to note that the Woman's Division of Christian Service has also set challenging goals for advance in all phases of the work under the direction of that Division."

Appreciating this statement in the resolutions, we call attention to the fact that the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as members of the church support most loyally the movement of the Advance of the general church. As members of the society the women are responsible for the Four-Point Program of Advance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. This means that in the financial phase of the Advance, Woman's Societies as such do not assume the "specials" to be secured for the Foreign and Home Divisions. As societies—with society funds—they will assume the responsibility resting upon the society which calls for over a 33⅓ per cent advance in giving to appropriations and "over and above" giving through the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offerings, cash for supply work and large and supplementary gifts.

The youth of the church are to give through the Youth Fund in their regular channels of the Youth Fellowship, and are not to assume any of the "specials" of the church. As loyal church members they will do their share to Advance for Christ and His Church.

EMPLOYEES of the Methodist Publishing House, were they all to live in one community, would, with their families, make quite a sizable town. There are 1,530 on the payroll, distributed in 14 different cities. Nearly half of them (670) are in the Nashville plant. The Chicago House has 214 employees and Cincinnati 206. Dallas, with 80, New York, 72, Kansas City, 70 and Richmond, 64.

Recently Acquired Intermediate Camp Opens in June; Mecklenburg School Enrolls More Than 800 Persons

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THE METHODIST YOUTH CAMP

Lee F. Tuttle, Chairman of Trustees

The bare announcement that the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Youth Camp for Intermediate boys and girls of the Western North Carolina Conference has purchased a camp does not tell the entire story. The purchase of the camp near Hendersonville climaxes a search of more than a year and a half in which many obstacles were confronted and met by a Board whose highest purpose was to serve the interest of our conference youth. From the beginning it was evident that certain things like pure water, accessibility to medical and hospital care, as well as being near enough to a town large enough to guarantee an uninterrupted flow of supplies, were musts. As the search progressed, it became evident also that no one location could have every desirable feature and that eventually the selection of a place which had more of what we wanted with fewer difficulties than any other would have to be agreed upon.

In the Hendersonville site member of the Board of Trustees feel that these requirements have been realized. There is a beautiful clear lake approximately two acres with a maximum depth of eighteen feet which is practically ideal for use by Intermediate boys and girls 12, 13, and 14 years of age. With an elevation of 2,250 feet above sea level, this area guarantees a cool climate during the hot summer months of the camping season. The fact that Kanuga Lake, Camp Pinnacle, Camp Oceola, and Camp Ton-O-Wanda are situated in the same area indicates that it is a desirable center for summer camps. In Hendersonville, adequate hospital and medical care can be had almost immediately. The town of Hendersonville has an enviable reputation for catering to summer visitors and is prepared to supply the needs of a summer camp as a routine matter. The camp is five miles from the city and may be reached by a paved road running through the beautiful Flat Rock Section.

Testimony of an Experienced Camper

In commenting upon this camp, Mr. C. Walton Johnson, one of the most outstanding camp authorities in Western North Carolina, and the operator of Camp Sequoyah near Weaverville, says: "From the standpoint of altitude, geographical position, accessibility from highway, railway, and airport and nearness to the trading centers and hospitals of both Asheville and Hendersonville, this camp has a very desirable location. Fortunately, the water shed is included within the camp property and, therefore, under the control of the camp management. This is a very important consideration for a summer camp."

"The camp has been developed along the right lines with very substantial, well-located and properly constructed buildings. A good site was chosen for the lake which places the lake in the heart of the camp where it can be conveniently used. There is ample space for new buildings as they may be needed. The camp property is covered with a fine growth of white pines which add greatly to the attractiveness and desirability for camping. There is little mud or dust. Fortunately, grading for buildings and play fields can be done cheaply because of the the type of soil and the absence of large rocks. Some trees at the back side of the property could be used for lumber, but they should be cut with great care and only where cutting would not detract from the natural beauty of the camp property.

"The lake is ample in size and depth for swimming, life-saving, boating and canoeing. The dam seems to be well constructed and since the lake is fed by mountain springs rising within the camp property, pure water supply for the lake and for camp use is available. Fortunately, a standard and soundly constructed sanitation system prevails in the camp. An adequate and well-constructed sewage disposal system has been approved by the North Carolina State Board of Health."

Good Rating by State Board of Health

In all of the search for the proper camp site the Board of Trustees was ably assisted by Mr. F. Bodwell Blaisdell, District Sanitary Engineer for the North Carolina State Board of Health. As a camp specialist, Mr. Blaisdell made his report on each site considered. From his report on the camp which we have purchased, these excerpts are particularly pertinent:

"The camp is comprised of approximately 70 acres of wooded land, a lake of approximately 2 acres surface area, and the water supply, sewage disposal system and buildings necessary for summer camp operation. The terrain is high and well drained, and considered suitable for a summer camp location. This camp has facilities for 64 campers plus space for staff and employees. It operated during the past season under a Grade A certificate from the State Board of Health.

"This camp compares very favorably with sites that have been investigated in the past for your committee, and I do not hesitate to recommend it. One definite advantage it has over the other locations is that the camp is already built and can be expanded readily."

Purchase Price and Equipment

The purchase price agreed upon by our Committee named to deal with the owners was $57,500, which we consider very reasonable for a complete camp fully equipped, even to canoes and athletic equipment, as well as extra beds, mattresses and springs, to enable us to care for 150 persons when the capacity of the camp is expanded. A fair estimate on the amount of loose inventory would be $10,000. The price, $57.500, was arrived at after the owner originally wanted $75,000 for the property.

Toward meeting this purchase price our Camp Treasurer reports a total amount of $47,500. This means that we must secure immediately through Church School Day from ten to twelve thousand dollars, and it is estimated that an additional $15,000 will be necessary for future expansion to bring the camp to the desired 100 camper capacity. This would make our total outlay between $70,000 and $75,000. Limiting our total investment to this figure seemed wise rather than spending the $95,000 to $100,000 estimated to buy property and build a complete camp.

Our Board of Education has already announced plans to open the camp in June, thereby enabling us to meet the original stipulation of the 1947 Conference which designated the summer of 1949 as the time for the camp to be put into use. A more detailed announcement concerning the schedule for this summer will be ready by Easter or soon thereafter.

THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG TRAINING SCHOOL

More than eight hundred people enrolled in this school. Seven hundred and six received certificates of recognition at the closing session for attendance and participation in class activities. These achievements record one of the best attended schools ever sponsored by the Methodists of Charlotte. In many respects it was the best in succession of schools held annually since 1918.

Date Selected Year in Advance

At the close of the school in February 1948, the week of February 29, 1949, was designated as the date for the next year. The Executive Secretary was instructed to proceed in securing instructors for the courses designated. Preliminary planning was underway for a period of twelve months.

Planning Session, December 1948

Early in December a board of managers met to hear a report on progress made and to designate officers and committees to be in charge of plans and promotion. Dr. E. H. Nease, District Superintendent, was designated as Dean. Early in January he directed a letter to each pastor, church school superintendent, director of Christian education, and superintendents of age group divisions of the city and county. A publicity committee consisting of J. G. Huggin, Jr.; Robert H. Stamey, Director of Youth; John R. Hamilton, Director of Adult Work; and Miss Kate Crowell, Director of Children's Work, along with several other people planned certain extra-curricular activities which added greatly to the interest and effectiveness of the school. Hunter M. Jones was elected Chairman of the Board of Managers and Leroy Dulin was designated treasurer.

Promotional Dinner

On January 31, the Dean invited all pastors, superintendents, district directors and directors of Christian education to a supper meeting at Dilworth Church. At that time complete plans, courses and instructors, and extra features, such as a reception for faculty and students on Sunday afternoon, a banquet on Monday evening, and features for the fellowship period each night during the school were presented. Further promotion was made through letters, newspapers and other means.

Courses and Instructors

Courses covering a wide range of interest were given on The Child's Approach to Religion, Mrs. J. C. Burrow; Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. Ada Smith; Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth, Miss Elizabeth Oliver; Youth and Christian Home-Making, Mrs. E. H. Ould; Guiding Intermediates, Mrs. E. H. Saville; Understanding Adolescents, Dr. Raymond A. Smith; The Church Working With Young Adults, Aubert M. Smith; The Church Library, Lloyd H. Snyder; Christian Beliefs, Dr. M. B. Stokes; The Life of Jesus, Dr. C. F. Nesbitt.

Money Being Received for Children's Clothing; Youth Hold Conference; Building Contract Let

By O. V. Woosley

The Children's Home
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

A home for the homeless. Owned and maintained by the Western North Carolina Conference

O. V. WOOSLEY, Superintendent

THE WEATHER

We have been shivering considerably during the last several days. The thermometer has registered in the low 20's during the past several nights. It may be nice and warm by the time this appears in print, but at the present writing it has been nice and cold. Our youngsters have been very glad to play indoors, where the biting March winds do not bother them. We are almost afraid to go up to the orchard to see what damage has been done to our peach crop. Thanks to Mr. Simpson, our purchasing agent, and our coal dealer, we have had plenty of warmth in our buildings.

FAMILY TEMPERAMENTS

When it is remembered that we have about 500 inhabitants here in our children's village, these inhabitants composed of a few men, a lot of women and still more children, it will be evident that a lot of personal temperaments must be taken into consideration as we live together. Most of the time we get along mighty well. At other times there are flare-ups which must be considered. One of the great values of an enterprise such as ours is learning how to live together, the modifying of annoying temperaments and the cultivating of pleasing dispositions.

PERSISTENT BOY

Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick used to have a story he liked to tell which always fascinated me, since so well do I remember some of the boyhood desires that were so persistently in my mind, among them being a desire for a bicycle, which was finally secured by my own hard tol. The story that Kirkpatrick used to get over in such a good way was to the effect that a lad wanted a watch and that he persistently asked his father for this timepiece. Over and over again, day after day, he would remind his father of his desire for a watch. Finally the father told the lad that he would never get a watch if he asked him any more about it. Family prayer services came around and the children were in turn asked to repeat Bible verses. When the lad's time came he said, "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." The lad got his watch.

SPONSORED CHILDREN

This is the time of the year when sponsors of our children are sending in their checks and post office money orders for the securing of their sponsored children's spring clothing. We do not accept clothing for any particular child but we do accept money for the securing of clothing for a particular child. This procedure enables us to use our friends' money to the best advantage, both economically and emotionally. While we do not dress our children uniformly, we do feel that it is well to dress them within given boundary limits of expense and propriety. The sponsors of our children are more meaningful to the children through their personal contacts than through the clothing procedure. It it the love for the children we are after more than the clothing for the children.



His Smile Has Teeth In It

MILES OF SMILES

You can take a look at the picture on the page this week and see a smiling lad. His name is Wilburn Bostic, six years old in early December. Little Wilburn always carries a smile. Ordinarily when our youngsters are carried to a photographer the idea is to encourage a smile. In Wilburn's case we were very glad for him to look a little bit more serious. This lovable lad is sponsored by the young adult department of First church, Charlotte, Mr. Shirley Smith being the correspondent.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Homes for children executives and staff workers have conferences with one another with more or less frequent occurrence, such conferences proving most valuable. For a number of years most of the larger homes for children in North Carolina have sent six of their young people, usually three young men and three young women, to an annual conference held among the various homes for children. In the conferences the young people discuss their situation, both as to opportunity and responsibility. Like older people, many of them like to brag about what they have in their homes, probably each delegation seeing their home in a much better light as they compare notes with delegations from other homes. Such is human nature, not limited to youths. This Young People's Conference is to be held at The Children's Home this year April 8 and 9. Already questions for discussion have been submitted to the participating groups and a program is in the making. William Blackstone of the Junior Order Children's Home of Lexington is president and Peggy Shields of The Children's Home is secretary of this organization.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING

Contract has been let for the much needed addition to our school building and the project is under way. Already some big trees have been cut down, the excavation is in process and lumber is being hauled on the grounds. It is expected that four new class rooms, a large library room, a recreation room, a work room, a teachers' room and needed toilets will be ready for use by the opening of school on August 29.

THE BALL FIELD

For years we have needed more space for playground facilities, particularly for a baseball field. The boys have been having to play on the football field, such playing cramped into a small area and serving to disfigure the football grounds. The girls played at the other end of the football field and sometimes balls would be knocked into one another's area. For the past year we have been working on the hillsides back of the Duke and John Neal Buildings and have at length secured ample space for two baseball diamonds. We have an outfield now sufficiently far away from home base as to challenge James Smith's most hard hit balls for securing a home run.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Invoice for over $400 has just been placed on my desk calling for payment for additional fire extinguishers. During recent years we have increased our insurance against fire very decidedly, and better than all that, we have increased our facilities for preventing fire, among them being approved fire extinguishers. The installation of these extinguishers will not only reduce our insurance premiums but will when properly used tend to put out a fire before it gets very much headway. We can get very much alarmed when we begin to think about what a fire might do to a lot of children. All our new buildings are fireproof.

CHILDREN'S WORK

We believe very decidedly in encouraging our children to work, every one of them over about ten years of age having a work assignment, for which a small honorarium is paid. Our children are graded on their work as they are graded on their studies, the honorarium payment being affected by the gradation. The work that the children are expected to do is for the Home and not for individual families on the Home. Our children become participants in sustaining their own home but do not become servants in individual family homes. We think there is a distinction here as well as a difference which may be well used.

ABC STORES

These lines are being hurridly dictated in an effort to get away to meet with the Forsyth county delegation in the Legislature at Raleigh with reference to the proposed vote for ABC stores in Winston-Salem. It is our thought that the county should be the smallest unit on which a vote of such importance should be made. We have the hope that our children may not be exposed to glamorous liquor temptations.

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder." murmured the sentimental youth.

"Oh, I don't know," remarked the matter-of-fact girl, "did you ever try presents?"

Sunday School Lesson for MARCH 27

Jesus Crosses Racial Boundaries

Mark 7:24-37; Luke 7: 1-10

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

As Jesus knew that his time was very short he determined first of all to give every one of his fellow countrymen a chance to hear the good news that the promises to Abraham and the words of the prophets had prepared them to expect and to understand. He knew that his time in this world was too short to lay the foundations in the minds of the Gentiles who had not yet come to believe in one God, and who knew nothing of the long prophetic background of the gospel.

The swiftest way to reach the Gentiles was first to reach those Jews who were prepared to receive the gospel and to spread it abroad. But the leaders of his own people were so fiercely resentful of his exposure of their hypocrisy and of his broadminded spiritual message, that for a little time he was fairly driven out of the country. But even then his sense of his swift coming crucifiion caused him to center on preparing his apostles for the dreadful crisis that awaited them, rather than on the evangelization of the Gentiles.

But Jesus could not be hid, and a Syro-Phoenician woman whose little daughter was violently insane sought him out, beseeching him passionately to heal her daughter. Jesus, not wishing to attract a crowd by a miracle, was slow to answer her petition, and as the woman was making a nuisance of herself the disciples besought him to send her away. But Jesus, seeing in her face a determination that would override all obstacles, sarcastically echoed the race prejudice of his apostles, saying, It is not right to make the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. But the woman seeing a friendly glint in the Saviour's eyes and possibly remembering how she as a child loved surreptitiously to feed the dogs under the table, said, Yea, Lord, but even the dogs eat of the crumbs under the children's table. A great light came into the Saviour's face, and he said, For this saying go thy way; the demon has left your daughter. And she went and found the little girl no longer raving but sleeping peacefully.

Thus a heathen woman inspired by the audacity of love speaks to all the ages, assuring them that the Savoiur who loves the afflicted more than we can imagine, can be counted on finally to respond to the prayers of those who are not baffled by the apparent rebuffs of Providence, but persist in prayer to the end. The parables of the friend at midnight and of the unjust judge who feared not God nor regarded man, but at last yielded to the importunity of the widow, teach the same lesson (Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-8).

The other miracle wrought in Gentile territory has a message that is very close to every one of us. They bring to him a man who is deaf and has an impediment in his speech. Who is there among us who is not to some extent spiritually deaf and suffering from an impediment in his speech? We do not hear the mountains and hills break forth before us into singing, and all the trees of the field clap their hands in praise of God, as the prophet predicted (Isaiah 55:12). How tragically deaf this modern age is to God's message in nature, and also to the prophetic message of the great things that are happening today! And alas, how deaf we are to the music that sounds out of our blessed gospel! And we are all conscious of an impediment in our speech adequately to express the truths of God that we do hear.

Jesus took the man aside and worked the miracle away from the public gaze. He wished to be hid. First he looked up to heaven and sighed. Perhaps he sighed at the thought of the tragic spiritual deafness of the world. And then he put his hand on the deaf man's ear and spat, and touched his tongue, and lo, the man heard and spake plainly. May Christ take us all aside and through communion with him, and through his touch on our ears and our tongues, may we have a divine reinforcement of power to hear and to declare the good news!

What conditions must we fulfill to have our deafness cured and our speech impediment removed? The great cure for deafness is persistent prayer and that sense of spiritual need that will make us eager listeners. And without any doubt the habit of persistent Bible study brings it about that heaven's radio speaks through the Scriptures in loud tones; and study of the Scriptures will also give us language in which to express our deepest thoughts, and dependence on the Spirit will bring courage that loosens our tongues to witness bravely for Christ.

The Master's example conveys a power, a heroism, and a demonstration of the best and highest that life holds. It inspires us to attain loyalty, effort, and the disciplines by which we keep spiritually fit. The very speculation about what Jesus would do helps us the better to discover the true will of God. A story from the New York police court suggests the power of this criterion. A fashionable apartment was entered by a thief, and some valuable jewelry taken. The residents were away. No clue was found until after a lengthy investigation, when one of the detectives noticed an alabaster bust of Hofman's Christ turned in a peculiar way, facing the wall. It yielded the one fingerprint that apprehended the criminal. The robber later explained that he just could not steal with the eyes of the Christ looking on him; he had to turn the statue around before he could complete his burglary.—J. Richard Sneed, in "How to Live Effectively" (Revell).

In Memoriam

REV. HENRY MURPHY

FAYETTEVILLE.—During the six years that Rev. Henry Murphy was pastor of Johnson Memorial church, he gave to the church and the community a very fine and high quality of service. We, the board of stewards, wish to express our appreciation of his service, leadership, and fine Christian character. He was loyal and faithful, patient and tolerant, sincere and studious. These qualities gave force and emphasis to his preaching in the pulpit and his influence throughout the community.

Mr. Murphy was strictly a churchman, always ready and willing to be advised or directed by those in authority over him. He was kind and patient to those under his authority. He thought of the church as the source through which his religious hopes and aspirations could be realized. Thus, he was constant and diligent in his use of the grace and opportunities it offers to all men. His life and ministry were two-fold—seeking for himself in order that he might give to others. This motive and attitude made his ministry unusually helpful to others. He came about as near using all that the church had to offer in the form of work and means of devotion and worship, as anyone we have known.

We, the board of stewards of Johnson Memorial church, wish to place a copy of this appraisal of our former pastor and brother in the records of our church. We wish to send a copy to Mr. Murphy's family, a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy to the Fayetteville Observer for publication.—A. L. BROWN, Chairman; MRS. W. T. MOORE, Secretary.

LEONARD W. MARTIN

SPRAY.—Leonard W. Martin of North Spray was for half a century an honored, beloved and valuable citizen of his community. He is held in kind remembrance by a host of friends.

Born in Henry county, on July 22, 1872, he departed this life at his home in North Spray, on January 31, 1949, at the age of 76.

He joined Spray Methodist Church in 1910 and remained a faithful member until the time of his death, having served for many years as steward and trustee.

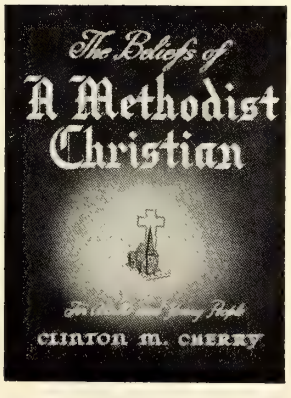
His funeral service was held at his church on Wednesday afternoon, February 2. The officiating minister was his pastor, Rev. C. Moody Smith, assisted by Rev. T. R. Wolfe of Stoneville. Surviving are his widow, three sons, five daughters, one brother and one sister.—THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

CARL MOTON

ALBEMARLE.—Main Street Methodist Church, Albemarle, was saddened to learn of the passing of one of its choice spirits, Mr. Carl S. Moton, at Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville, on February 14, 1949. Mr. Moton was the son of a distinguished minister of the former Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. J. H. Moton. This Christian home influence was reflected in the life of Carl Moton, who taught the Men's Bible Class in Main Street church until prevented by ill health.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Moton perhaps waged a still more gallant fight against the lingering illness which brought him to death's door many times. Knowing fully the gravity of his condition, his refusal to let it worry him extended his life beyond that which the doctors thought possible. One of his deepest desires was that he might be able to teach his Sunday school class one more time. However, an untimely accident proved more than his weakened body could stand, and he surrendered his spirit to One who said, "Come up higher."

Surviving is his widow, the former Miss Emma Furr, who ministered faithfully during his long illness. Funeral services were held in Main Street church February 16.—L. R. AKERS, JR.



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Children's Storytime

WANTED---TO RENT

By ELSIE CONRY

"Oh, Daddy! Not that!" cried thirteen-year-old Betsy, frowning at the drab three-story tenement house, where her father was parking the car.

"Yes, this is it," answered her father. "We're lucky to have even this roof over our heads during the housing shortage. And it's close to my new job, too."

Betsy peered horrified up the littered street, lined on each side by tall forbidding houses. "We can't live here," she wailed, tears clouding her blue eyes.

"It's not that bad!" teased her sixteen-year-old brother, George.

Father helped Mother from the car, and George started unloading suitcases. Interested neighbors gathered on the adjoining stoops and beamed at the new family. Betsy looked at their swarthy skins and dark eyes and whispered tragically: "Mother! They're Italians!"

"Shh!" Mother cautioned. "They'll hear you."

Inside their shabby quarters Betsy protested, "But we can't live in an Italian district. We're Americans.'

George snicked, "Oh yeah! Dad's Irish and Mother's mother was Danish and her father a Swede. Just how do you figure that we've got a priority on being American.

George proved his democratic attitude by mingling with the Italian boys. They stopped by for him on their way to school and referred to him as a "swell guy." Betsy, however, pined for her former home body had swarthy skins. She compared in the middle west community where no-her own fair skin and blond hair with Mary's, an Italian girl in her class who lived down the street.

At school, Betsy was ashamed to let the girls, of what she called the "upper crust," know that she lived in the Italian district. So she snubbed them as well as Mary. But after several weeks of loneliness, Betsy couldn't bear it any longer. She walked home with Mary after school and was amazed to learn that she was just as sweet and lovely as her old friends "back home." Mary confided that she too disliked living in their shabby district. They were kept out of the nice sections of the city because of their nationality, she explained. She longed to have a nice home with a big garden where her mother could raise the flowers she loved. When Mary invited Betsy to come into her home and see the decorations they had up for the next day's celebration Betsy asked: "Why do you celebrate tomorrow?"

"It's Columbus Day," Mary said proudly, showing her the clean living room, adorned with American flags and bunting. Betsy couldn't help thinking that her old crowd would think such decorations very childish. But Mary was proud to display her beloved American flags.

"Why do Italians celebrate October twelfth?" Betsy asked. "Columbus was Spanish."

"Oh, no!" Mary was excited. "He was an Italian. He discovered America for the Spaniards but he himself was Italian," and made a dash to a reference book to prove her point.

On the way Betsy met her brother. "George," she said, "as soon as I'm old enough I'm going to run for Congress.'

"Congress!" laughed George. "So you can represent the Italian district?"

"No," said Betsy seriously, "so that I can help make laws that will out-law racial districts in a democratic country."

"My little Joan of Arc" George exclaimed proudly, as he strolled down the street with his hand on Betsy's shoulder.—Arkansas Methodist.

The Book of Nature

The Book of Nature is open wide,
And on its pages fair,
Is written the handiwork of God
On earth, and sea, and air.

Reading this great and wonderful book,
On every page I find,
The mercy and love and care
Of God for all mankind.

In every tender blade of grass,
In every towering tree,
I see the love of God,
For such as you and me.

I see Him in the skies above,
In every shining star
In oceans wide, and lands so broad,
I see Him everywhere.

From sun and planet, cloud and mist,
From all creation wide,
He calls to us in tender tones,
"Come, and in me abide."

—MINNIE ATKINS-EDWARDS
High Point, N. C.

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHARLOTTE AREA
Bishop Costen J. Harrell, First Methodist Church, Charlotte

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
Edgar H. Nease, D.S., 1100 Queens Road, Charlotte 7, N. C. Telephone 4-7489

March

Marshville: Wingate, 11 ... 27
New Hope-Bethel: Long Pine, 3 ... 27
Prospect: New Hope, 7:30 ... 27

April

Mouzon, 11 ... 3
Unionville, 3 ... 3
Spencer Memorial, 7:30 ... 3
Spencer Memorial, 11 ... 10
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Paul, 3 ... 10
Moore's Chapel, 7:30 ... 10
St. Paul, 11 ... 17
Monroe Circuit: Midway, 2:30 ... 17
Morven: Pleasant Hill, 8 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: ANSONVILLE, 9:30 ... 21
Duncan Memorial, 11 ... 24
Weddington: Bond's Grove, 3 ... 24
Waxhaw: Heath Memorial, 7 ... 24

May

Central Avenue, 11 ... 1
Polkton: Poplar Hill, 3 ... 1
Indian Trail-Stallings: Beulah, 2:30 ... 8
Belmont Park, 7:30 ... 8

GASTONIA DISTRICT
W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

March

Dallas: Dallas, 11 ... 27
Boger City, 7:30 ... 27
Kings Mountain, Grace, 7:30 ... 30

April

Lowesville, New Hope, 11 ... 3
Asbury, Iron Station, 7 ... 3
McAdenville, West Cramerton, 7 ... 6
Belwood, Kadesh, 11 ... 10
Sulphur Springs, Sulphur Springs, 3 ... 10
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30 ... 10
Shelby, Martin Street, 11 ... 17
Cramerton, 7:30 ... 17
Belmont, First, 11 ... 24
Mt. Holly, 7:30 ... 24

May

Cherryville Circuit, Bess Chapel, 11 ... 8
Lincolnton, First, 7:30 ... 8
Gastonia, Myrtle, 7:30 ... 11
South Fork, Plateau, 11 ... 15

GREENSBORO DISTRICT
W. A. Lambeth, D.S., 320 E. Greenway, North, Greensboro

March

Jamestown, 7:30 ... 24
Oakview, 7:30 ... 25
Mitchell's Grove, 7:30 (Sat.) ... 26
Haw River Ct., Midway, 11:30 ... 27
Lee's Chapel, 3:30 ... 27
Madison, 7:30 ... 28
Mayodan, Mt. Herman, 7:30 ... 30
Lebanon, 7:30 ... 31

April

Reidsville Ct., Salem, 11 (Sat.) ... 2
Stokesdale Ct., Mt. Zion, 11 ... 3
Stokesdale Station, Glencoe, 3 ... 3
Pleasant Garden, 7:30 ... 3
Moriah, 7:30 ... 4
Tabernacle-Julian, 7:30 ... 5
Calvary, Greensboro, 7:30 ... 7
West Market Street, 5 ... 8
Bethel, 7:30 ... 8
Hickory Grove, 7:30 (Sat.) ... 9
Stoneville, Centenary, 11 ... 10
Spray, 3:30 ... 10
Sandy Ridge, Sandy Ridge, 7 ... 10
Grace, 7:30 ... 11

May

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Carraway Memorial 2-9 p.m. 1

MARION DISTRICT
John Hoyle, Jr., D. S., P.O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

March

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, RUTHERFORDTON, CONVENES 9:30 A.M. ... 24
Golden Valley (Sunshine), night ... 24
Riverview (Creston), night ... 25
North Morganton, 11 ... 27
Bethel (Drexel), 3 ... 27
Zion (Drexel), night ... 27
Mt. Harmony, night ... 28
Connelly Springs, night ... 29
Friendship (Connelly Springs), night ... 30
Shady Grove, night ... 31

April

Snow Hill, night ... 1
Bethel (McDowell), 10 ... 3
Trinity (McDowell), 11 ... 3
Pinnacle (McDowell), 3 ... 3
Hildebran (Revival), night ... 3
Bakersville, 11 ... 10
Oak Grove (Bakersville), 3 ... 10
Bethlehem (Bakersville), night ... 10
Penland, night ... 11
Altamont, night ... 12
Jonas Ridge, night ... 13
Concord, night ... 14
Kona, night ... 15
Oak Hill (Table Rock), 10 ... 17
Mt. Grove (Table Rock), 10:45 ... 17
Linville (Table Rock), 11:30 ... 17
Calvary (Revival), night ... 17
Deyton Bend, 10 ... 24
Red Hill, 11 ... 24
Glen Ayre, 3 ... 24
Tipton Hill, night ... 24
Fairview (Boone Circuit), night ... 25
Bethel (Boone Ct.), night ... 26
Friendship (Boone Ct.), night ... 27
Pleasant Valley, night ... 28

May

Maness Chapel, 9:45 ... 1
Gray's Chapel, 11 ... 1
New Hope, 3 ... 1
Bethlehem (Mill Spring), night ... 1
Lebanon, night ... 2
Gilboa (Gilkey), night ... 3
Gilkey, night ... 4
Thermal City, night ... 5
Mabel, 10 ... 8
Henson's Chapel, 11 ... 8

SALISBURY DISTRICT
Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

March

Rocky Ridge, 11 ... 27
Coburn Memorial, 7:30 ... 27
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, FIRST STREET, ALBEMARLE, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2 O'CLOCK.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT
C. N. Clark, D.S., Waynesville, N. C.

March

Shooting Creek, 11 ... 27
Hayesville, 3 ... 27

April

Franklin Circuit, 11 ... 3
West Macon, 3 ... 3
Whittier, 11 ... 10
Bethel, 11 ... 24
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9:30, Clyde ... 30

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT
H. G. Allen, D.S., 898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

March

Surry Project Rural Life Conference, Dobson, 9:30 ... 25
Sparta: Shiloh, 11 ... 27

April

Elkin Circuit, Ebenezer, 11 ... 10
Elkin Circuit, Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 ... 10
Shoals: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 4 ... 10
Holy Week Services (Surry Project), Bishop Paul B. Kern 10-15
Salem: Salem, 11 ... 17
Salem: Carter's Chapel, Church Dedication (Surry Project), 3 ... 17
Oak Grove: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 5 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Pilot Mountain, 9:30 ... 26

May

Forsyth Rural Workshop ... 1-6
New Hope Circuit: New Hope, 11 ... 8
New Hope Circuit: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 ... 8
Level Cross: Rockford, 11 ... 15
Level Cross: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 3 ... 15
Pilot Mountain: Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 11 ... 22
Franklin Heights, Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 3:30 ... 22
Kernersville, Main St., 11, ... 29
Kernersville Circuit: Cherry Street, 3 ... 29

June

Surry Project Evangelistic Week ... 20-24

July

Yadkin Evangelistic Week ... 10-15

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Asheville—Abernethy Memorial, 9:30 a.m.	April 28
Charlotte—Ansonville, 9:30 a.m.	April 21
Gastonia—Cherryville, 9:30 a.m.	April 19
Greensboro—Carraway Memorial, 2:00 p.m.	May 1
Marion—Rutherfordton, 9:30 a.m.	March 24
Salisbury—Albemarle: First Street, 2:00 p.m.	April 3
Statesville—New Salem Church, Cool Springs Charge, 9:30 a.m.	April 29
Thomasville—Randleman, 9:15 a.m.	April 22
Waynesville—Clyde, 9:30 a.m.	April 30
Winston-Salem—Pilot Mountain, 9:30 a.m.	April 26

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

RICHMOND AREA
Bishop W. W. Peele, Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

DURHAM DISTRICT
E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts Street, Durham, N. C.

March

Roxboro, Cavel, 11 ... 27
Person Circuit, Warrens Grove, 7:30 ... 27

April

Andrews-Fletchers: Fletchers, 11 ... 3
Maybrook-Masseys: Masseys, 7:30 ... 3
Durham, Duke Memorial, 11 ... 10
Butner: Butner, 7:30 ... 10
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Phillips Chapel, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ... 21
Yanceyville: Locust Hill, 10 ... 24
Milton: Purley, 7 ... 24

May

Carrboro: Orange, 11 ... 1
Burlington, Davis Street, 7:30 ... 1
Leasburg: Bethel, 11 ... 15
Burlington, Webb Avenue, 7:30 ... 15
Pittsboro: Chatham, 11 ... 22
Bynum: Ebenezer, 3 ... 22
Durham, Carr, 7:30 ... 22
Graham: Graham, 11 ... 29
Haw River: Haw River, 7:30 ... 29

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT
J. Herbert Miller, D. S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

March

Gatesville: Philadelphia, 11 (Preaching) ... 27
North Gates: Savages, 3 ... 27

April

Moyock: Sharon, 11 ... 3
Wanchese, 7:30 ... 3
Elizabeth City, City Road, 7:30 (Q. C.) ... 4
Pasquotank: Mount Hermon, 7:30 ... 8
Williamston, 11 ... 10
Windsor: Cashie, 3 ... 10
Perquimans: Woodland, 11 & 1 ... 23
Ahoskie, 11 ... 24
Aulander: Lewiston, 7:30 ... 24

May

Elizabeth City, First Church, 11 (Preaching) ... 1
Edenton, 8 ... 1
Elizabeth City, First Church, 7:30 (Q. C.) ... 2
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Williamston, 9:30 ... 4
Kitty Hawk: Mount Zion, 11 ... 8
South Camden: Camden, 8 ... 8
Swan Quarter: Soule, 11 ... 15
Mattamuskeet: Watson's Chapel, 8 ... 15
Kinnakeet: Fair Haven, 8 ... 17
Hatteras: Buxton, 8 ... 18
Washington, 11 ... 22
Bath: Bath, 4 ... 22
Stumpy Point: Stumpy Point, 11 ... 29
Manteo, 8 ... 29

June

Columbia: Cedar Grove, 11 ... 5
Creswell: Mount Hermon, 8 ... 5
Plymouth, 11 ... 12
Roper: Siloam, 3 ... 12
Murfreesboro: Union, 11 ... 19
Belhaven: Belhaven, 8 ... 19
Hertford, 11 ... 26
Chowan: Bethany, 3 ... 26

July

Layman's Retreat, Louisburg College ... 2-3

NEW BERN DISTRICT
B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

March

Grifton, Edwards, 11 ... 27

April

LaGrange, Trinity, 11 ... 3
Mt. Olive: Calypso, 7:30 ... 3
Vanceboro: Lanes, 11 ... 10
Pink Hill: Woodington, 7:30 ... 10
Fremont: Yelverton, 11 ... 17
Seven Springs: Zion, 7:30 ... 17
Dover: Lanes, 11 ... 24

May

Stonewall: Bayboro, 11 ... 1
Aurora: Campbells Creek, 7:30 ... 1
District Conference: Epworth (Vanceboro Charge) ... 5
Oriental: Arapahoe, 11 ... 8
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What Protestants Gave to Bulgaria

By W. W. REID

IN commenting on the conviction and imprisonment of fifteen Protestant leaders in Bulgaria by the Soviet court in Sofia, Correspondent M. S. Handler, in a special dispatch to the New York Times of March 9, ends his article with these paragraphs:

"In a sense an historic period came to an end with the trial. Protestant missionaries first 'discovered Bulgaria' seventy or eighty years ago when Bulgaria was still a province of the Turkish Empire. Missionaries who penetrated into Bulgaria from Greece were the first to open Bulgaria to the Western world.

"It was on the basis of their early 'discoveries' that the first ethnographic maps of Bulgaria were made. It was the missionaries who found Bulgarian-speaking communities in Macedonia and even in parts of Greece. It was they who discovered the exact extent of the spoken Slavic language in the Balkans.

"In this respect, American Protestant missionaries were to a great extent responsible for the intensification of a strong national consciousness among Bulgarian intellectuals long before Bulgaria became an independent state. It was Bulgarian missionaries who brought out to the world the news of the terrible massacres of the Bulgarian people by the Turks and who provoked international investigation.

"With time, missionaries founded schools in Bulgaria and were, for all practical purposes, responsible for the establishment of many institutions of higher learning in Bulgaria. The present curricula in Bulgarian secondary schools are largely patterns of courses of study that the missionaries introduced. The missionaries also were largely responsible for the introduction of the study of the physical sciences and foreign languages in Bulgaria.

"A whole generation of Bulgarian intellectuals between the first and second world wars owe much of their intellectual outlook to training in schools founded by missionary societies.

"This epoch has now been put to an end in a dramatic manner."

The Methodist Church (the Missionary Society of the former Methodist Episcopal Church) began its work in Bulgaria in 1857; the conference was organized in 1892.

The most recent reports indicate that there were 20 organized Methodist churches in Bulgaria in 1948, with six additional preaching points where congregations were being formed. There were fourteen ordained Methodist pastors. The leading churches were in Sofia, Lovetch, Varna, Pleven, Vidin, and Tirnovo. The church buildings in all these communities were badly damaged by bombs in World War II.

Perhaps the most outstanding institution of Methodism in Bulgaria during the last half-century has been the American School for Girls in Lovetch. Hundreds of the ablest young women of the nation have been trained in its classes, and the fame of the institution goes far beyond national boundaries. The School is now closed, following governmental decree last year closing all mission educational centers. Methodism's only two missionaries in Bulgaria served there but were able to leave the country late in 1948: Miss Mellony Turner to Greece, and Miss Ruth Wolfe to Turkey.

EARLIEST JOURNAL OF LIBERIA



A precious historical document—"The Journal of the Liberian Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, during its session in the Town of Monrovia in the year of 1834"—has been presented to Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, by Bishop Willis J. King, of Monrovia, for preservation in the vaults of the Board. This is the earliest record of Methodism in Liberia, and the earliest foreign missionary journal of the Methodist Church anywhere in the world.

The "Journal" covers the conferences beginning in 1834 and runs through 1853. It was started in 1835 by the Rev. John Seys, one of Melville B. Cox's immediate successors. Later chapters are by later missionaries. The volume is a large-paged ledger, now yellowing, and with torn covers; and the first writing is a beautiful pre-Spencerian hand penned by Mr. Seys.

This historic "find" comes as a result of a woman's good housekeeping. No living missionary apparently knew of its existence until Mrs. Frank Argelander, newly assigned with her husband to head the century-old College of West Africa started to "clean house." In the basement of the College, beneath a mildewed pile of books and papers that were to be thrown out, she spied this unusual volume—and a brief glance convinced her it had value.

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THE CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD

By G. F. IVEY

If I were extolling the merits of some particular brand of cigarettes or laundry soap, I would state that there are 17,603 Methodists within the limits of the Western North Carolina Conference who have never heard of the Methodist Brotherhood. To such I will state that it is an organization composed of all the ministers except seven, and in addition about 1,200 laymen. On the death of a minister each clerical member sends $3.00 (formerly $5.00) to the secretary, who immediately sends to the widow of the deceased a check for about $1,200 to defray the necessary hospital and burial expenses. In addition, a certain sum is set aside to build up an endowment so that should a depression come, we will still have enough to send the check.

As chairman of the Board of Conference Claimants, I have been endeavoring to increase the number of lay members, and so far have received the names of about 225. I have sent cards to every minister asking for the names of ten of his laymen who he thought might be interested in this proposition. I am sorry to say that less than two-thirds have responded, although I sent a second card to those who failed to reply to the first.

This reminds me of a Negro preacher who was reading the morning Scripture:

"And there were ten Virginians, five wise and five foolish."

"Will you please read that again, parson," a brother interrupted.

"And there were ten Virginians, five wise and five foolish."

"If it's in the Book, it must be true, but I did not think the proportion was quite that high."

I know that there are many men who for one reason or another, many of them good, have failed to send me this card, but it is simply incomprehensible to me that so many ministers would be so utterly indifferent to the welfare of the wives of 500 other ministers, to say nothing of his own, as to neglect this matter.

I know there are many laymen and laywomen in the Conference whose names I did not have, and if such are willing to send $1.00 to the secretary upon the death of a minister (there were seven last year and only four this year so far), I will ask them to write me to this effect, and their names will be duly entered.

If any who read this article have ever had a lingering death in the family, with medical, hospital and undertaker's bills to pay, they will realize that a check just at this time would mean a great deal, and I urge all such to advise me promptly.

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GOLDEN CROSS EMPHASIS

The Western North Carolina Conference has designated that "The month of April is sought as a time for special Golden Cross emphasis, though payments may be made throughout the entire summer."

Your Golden Cross money is the ministering fund to the sick in our Conference. The calls are many and we greatly appreciate whatever you do in the name of Him who honors even a cup of water given in charity.—J. S. HIATT, Director of Golden Cross.

WORLD SERVICE ACCEPTANCES NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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6 charges of the 39 in the district accepted PAR for World Service, or better. They are listed with the names of the pastors:

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ATTENTION, ALL MINISTERS' WIVES, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Our spring luncheon will be held in Burlington on Wednesday, April 6. If you plan to attend please send $1.00 to Mrs. W. L. Clegg, Burlington, as soon as possible. Our records of addresses are incomplete and we are afraid the cards sent did not reach every one.—MILDRED MEACHAM, Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Peele authorizes the following appointments: Fremont, J. D. Cranford; Faison, Dennis Kinlaw; First church, Pembroke, Linwood E. Blackburn; Bladen circuit, Robert H. Rowsam.—C. D. BARCLIFT, Secretary.

MINISTERS' WIVES LUNCHEON

The Ministers' Wives of the Western North Carolina Conference will hold their annual spring luncheon in connection with the Woman's Conference which meets at First church, High Point, April 6-8. The luncheon will be held Thursday, April 7, at 1 o'clock at the Emerywood Country Club. Price: $1.50. Reservations must reach Mrs. H. E. Bolick, 803 Mangum Ave., High Point, by Monday, April 4.—MRS KENNETH GOODSON.

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An experienced gardener knows that in every garden noxious weeds and destructive insects have to be reckoned with. Similarly, in every parish, famous or obscure, there are people difficult to live with, creating problems which try the soul of a faithful minister.

Comfort lies in the acknowledged fact that in every parish spiritual flowers of incomparable beauty can be grown if the minister will provide patient, constant, intelligent culture.

THE DURHAM Methodist Society at the annual steward's dinner last Friday evening presented Rev. Leon Couch a lovely walnut executive desk in appreciation of his services as the society's executive secretary.

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EDITORIAL

A Lesson From the Women

Next week more than 1000 members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, representing our two Conferences, will gather at Burlington and at High Point for their annual meetings. Thousands of other women will attend in spirit. In fact, virtually every woman identified with North Carolina Methodism will be deeply concerned about what happens at Front Street church, Burlington, and at First church, High Point. And it won't be due to insatiable feminine curiosity, but to genuine interest. All of which leads to this observation: The Woman's Society of Christian Service, on the whole, is the most effective organization in the Methodist Church.

For one thing, it reaches more of its potential members than other organizations. The Woman's Society, not content with the high percentage of women it is already reaching, has set out to bring every woman of the church into its membership.

Again, the Woman's Society has a higher percentage of active members than other organizations. Its program is so broad and so varied that there is a job for every woman. It is the one organization that looks after the smallest details.

But the Woman's Society is not lost in a maze of little things. It is engaged in so many things that improve the life of the church and the community. In addition, its members have their eyes on far horizons. Perhaps of all groups in the church, they are the most sensitive to world need. For example, last year 22,389 members of the Woman's Society of the North Carolina Conference gave $86,943 to missions, or nearly $4.00 per member; while 28,663 members in the Western North Carolina Conference gave $110,220, with approximately the same average per member. During the same year the entire church in both Conferences gave an average of less than one dollar per member for World Service.

How account for this effectiveness? It cannot be completely accounted for. But there are several contributing factors.

God's best gift to us is not things, but opportunities.—Alice Rollins.

First, the Woman's Society has a missionary passion. Its soul is aflame to share Christ with the whole world. Any organization whose heart beats for needy humanity will flourish. The more it gives the more vibrantly alive it becomes.

Again, in this organization every woman is made to feel that she counts. The Society is personal enough to cause each member to feel that not only does she belong to the Society, but the Society belongs to her. She is not merely a name on a roll or a statistic in a report, but a person in whom her fellow-members take an interest, and an integral part of a great cause.

Still again, learning is always central in the Society's program. It is the most consistently studious group in the church. Three or four timely studies are held during the year. Its members are consistent readers of the Methodist Woman and the World Outlook. They are the best informed group in the church. Therefore, they are the most interested and the most loyal.

Not only should the 1000 members who attend the annual meetings and the other Methodist women throughout the State be concerned about what happens at Burlington and at High Point next week, but every member of the church should be concerned. Somehow the whole church needs to discover the secret that makes the Woman's Society such a great and effective power for good; and, learning that secret, to follow it.

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A Layman Discusses Faith

It is not news when an officer of the law talks about crime. Perhaps it is not news when he recommends religion as a cure for crime. It is news, however, when an officer of the law talks about faith and prayer and the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ from personal experience. Well, that is exactly what Walter F. Anderson, director of the State Bureau of Investigation and active Methodist layman, did last Friday evening when he addressed 200 laymen and preachers at the annual stewards' dinner sponsored by the Durham Methodist Society. Mr. Anderson did not talk about abstract faith or academic religion. He talked about a personal experience with Christ. He told how a small group of Christians in Raleigh had banded themselves together to pray for one another, for their church and community, and for lost people. He talked about witnessing for Christ. "Juvenile delinquency," he declared with a conviction born out of personal experience, "would almost be solved if mothers and fathers had the love of Christ in their hearts."

Perhaps the worldly wise and the sophisticated will snicker at Mr. Anderson's simple faith. But we believe that if we had more officers of the law and more laymen in the church and more preachers talking about things Mr. Anderson talked about in the warm, personal, earnest, first-hand manner in which he discussed them, there would be more people won to Christ. The Christian faith is a personal experience; and to make it live in others, it must first live in us.

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An Educator Goes to Congress

When United States Senator J. Melville Broughton fell recently, many North Carolinians felt that it would be most difficult to find a man of sufficient stature to replace him. They believe that Governor Scott has found that man in the person of Dr. Frank Porter Graham. Although some people in the State do not agree with all of Dr. Graham's social views, they have great confidence in his integrity, in his ability, in his sincere humanitarianism, and in his great courage. His towering personality will help to keep North Carolina in the forefront of economic and social progress. He is the kind of man needed in Washington during these highly critical days. North Carolinians will miss him at the head of their outstanding university. But they realize that the whole nation has first claim on his remarkable gifts. Governor Scott is to be commended on the wisdom of his choice and for the unyielding tenacity that finally gave him his choice.

"My Soul Is Weaned" *

By DR. RUSSELL DICKS
Associate Professor of Pastoral Care, Duke University

In the 131st Psalm are these words, "Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty. Neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned from his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child." The ancient Jewish poet who wrote those words was giving an account of his soul; he was evaluating his life. Here is autobiography that reveals character and challenges attention.

Let us look at the man behind those words; what kind of a person was he? We would suggest that he was an humble person: one not given to boasting nor to putting himself forward. "My heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty," he says. He was not proud. When he walked along the street he saw his neighbors and spoke to them. His body was relaxed, and his manner pleasant. He had confidence in himself, in his fellowmen, in his God; otherwise he would have been haughty. The unfriendly person holds people at arm's length, antagonizes them, turns them away through his attitude of haughtiness. He does not tell them in so many words that he wants nothing to do with them. That would be too aggressive and too violent, and the consequences would be too severe. To say to a person, "I do not like you," is apt to result in unpleasantness, for instance, a punch in the nose. But if you shrug your shoulders, or ignore a person, or speak to one and not to another; if the tone of your voice is indifferent, or condescending, or slightly argumentative; if you appear bored and yawn then you turn people away from you without the danger of physical violence, although the ultimate consequences may be almost as severe.

The writer of our Psalm goes on to say, "Neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me." I do not try to do a job that is too big. I do not get excited about being president of the Woman's Club or Grand Master of the Lodge; I do not seek to boss other people; to say to one, "Go," and he goeth, to another "Come," and he cometh. Neither do I exercise myself over things which I cannot control; the planets in their courses, the storms in their seasons, the coming and going of the great and near great. All the qualities which the writer has enumerated are negative qualities. "I do not do this and I am not like that," he says but looked at from the standpoint of what these negative qualities mean he becomes a pretty positive fellow for our natural tendencies are to be haughty and lofty, to get into important events and to seek high places. This man has avoided doing those things: things which we Americans have thought were pretty worthwhile and which we have encouraged our children to do. "Don't speak to Junior Smith, don't associate with Frankie Jones. Work to stand at the head of the class, jump into the game and get to be captain of the team." Are all such things to be avoided? Are we to be shrinking second raters? What kind of business is that? Snub nobody? Everybody's friend? President of nothing and leader of none? No, that is not the purpose of life, for the writer goes on.

How difficult it is to grow up, to achieve full personhood and adulthood, to stand on our own feet, to make decisions and to accept responsibility, and to live in harmonious relations with other people. To learn that secret, we turn to the ancient past—to the Psalmist whose secret is as sure and as dependable as the Word of God.

"Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned from his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child." Here the psalmist becomes positive in describing his achievements of character. He has become weaned: he has become an adult; he has achieved personhood. This is one of the most difficult of all character achievements. In fact it is so difficult and so important, that we may say that this is the chief purpose of life: to be able to say, "My soul is even as a weaned child."

Throughout life we are torn between a desire to have more freedom of choice and a clinging to parental protection. A child psychologist has pointed out that the belief that runs throughout all childhood is the belief that "Tomorrow will be a better day. Tomorrow I will be bigger. Tomorrow I will be able to act like big people do, for their problems are so simple." And yet when the child reaches adulthood physically, we often find that he has not reached adulthood emotionally and spiritually.

It can be said that the human creature will do anything to avoid having to think. It may also be said that he will do anything to avoid carrying major responsibility which involves making decisions. The alcoholic is a person who drinks excessively.Once he has started, he cannot stop and under certain conditions he cannot avoid starting. He is as helpless as he would be if he were standing in the face of a raging hurricane. Yet what is his chief characteristic? When studied carefully often he is found to be a person who was overprotected as a child; he was not permitted to make decisions and carry responsibility. At thirty or forty or even fifty, if he is to recover, he has to learn lessons which he should have been learning when he was three and five and eight years old, but was not permitted to because his parents, usually his mother, would not permit him to make the simplest kind of decision. Sometimes such persons find themselves in important positions; they have exercised themselves, or someone else has, in their behalf, in securing a high place, but they cannot carry the responsibility. So they start building up their courage through a false friend, a bottle. They cannot say, "My soul is even as a weaned child."

It is the purpose of life to develop one's character and one's ability so that he can stand upon his own feet, can make decisions, can accept a job and carry it through to completion without destroying himself or exploiting other people. The quiet person who lifted up his soul to God in the words of the Psalmist probably had never been president of his Rotary club or foreman in his factory; he probably had never won a golf tournament. He probably had never seen his name in the local newspaper, yet he is the kind of a man we believe our Lord would tap on the shoulder and say, "Come up higher, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee master over many." The unfortunate thing is, the writer of that autobiographical sketch did not tell us how he had succeeded in accomplishing a purpose which enabled him to say, "My soul is even as a weaned child."

The purpose of life, the goal which the subject of today's talk suggests, is to become weaned, to achieve a sense of dignity and personhood. This, as I have said above, is the ability to carry responsibility, to accept a job and see it through to the end, and above all to so conduct yourself in relation to other people, your wife, your husband your children, your

* A radio address sponsored by the Durham Methodist Society.

boss, your fellow workers, your employees, so as not to take advantage of them, or exploit them to your own ends, or to insist that they fit their ideas to coincide with yours.

In the past we have worked to survive physically; in the future we will work to survive spiritually and emotionally. We often see a person retire from a job because of an age limit, and soon become ill and perhaps even die. While another goes on working, useful and creative, for many more years. His soul is even as a weaned child for he has joined with God in creative tasks and efforts. He is not ill because he has neither the time nor inclination to be ill.

How is all this achieved? Through a mastery of little things, simple acts, small jobs. The test also includes these words, "I do not exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me." What is too high? We do not know. No one can say what job you are capable of doing, what amount of responsibility you can carry, what position you can aspire to. All around us we see persons who have taken on more than they can handle, who are nervous, emotionally disturbed, sick in one way or another. The writer of our Psalm goes on, "Surely, I have behaved and quieted myself." Perhaps just here is the answer as to how personhood, adulthood, a sense-of-dignity is achieved. So long as you are able to quiet yourself and let the creative forces around you strengthen and renew you, you will continue to grow, to be creative: a person in your own right. Lafayette is reported to have written to friends in France during the American Revolutionary War in words to this effect, "This is a strange and interesting country. Here every man walks and acts as if he were a god; neither enslaved nor indebted to any other man."

Well, there it is . That is our goal. To be neither enslaved nor indebted, and yet not haughty nor consumed with self pride . . . "Lord my heart is not haughty nor mine eyes lofty . . . My soul is even as a weaned child."

Visitation Evangelism Works

By S. J. STARNES*

There are many successful methods of evangelism. One of the oldest and most effective is visitation evangelism. Where it is conscientiously applied, it works in rural or urban churches, in small or large churches.

All are agreed that the great task of the Christian church is evangelism—the winning of people, young and old, to Christ and his Church. That responsibility is set forth in the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples," and it was illustrated by Jesus in the parable of the Great Supper, where men were ordered to go into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in. When he sent out the seventy, two by two, he declared "the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Everywhere Jesus seems to express a compassionate concern for those beyond the circle of his disciples.

There are several methods of evangelism. None of them should be regarded as all-sufficient, nor should any of them be neglected. St. Paul declared "I am become all things to all men, if by any means I may save some." There is virtue and value in each method. I do not believe that the day of mass evangelism is past. I do not think it is being used as effectively as it could be simply because many ministers and laymen are shying away from it under a misapprehension. I know it has been abused in certain quarters and by certain people, but we should not let any group, however misguided, rob us of a method of evangelism that has proven its effectiveness through the years. We need to rescue mass evengelism and restore it to its rightful place and usefulness. I believe also in educational evangelism. I think we make a grave mistake if we do not utilize the church school, the MYF, the WSCS, the Methodist Men's Club, and the regular preaching services in our efforts to reach people for Christ and His Church. Each of these avenues of approach offers a fine opportunity for evangelistic service.

One of the most effective methods of evangelism is the visitation method. It is not new, as some have thought, but is as old as the Christian movement, having been used by the disciples in the days when Jesus sent them out. This is the most reasonable and logical of all the methods, it seems to me, because it affords an opportunity for sitting down in the home and talking intimately with people about their religious life. It gives them the chance to ask questions, and receive explanations. One young married woman said to me some years ago when I was a member of a team visiting in her home, that she didn't understand much about what was meant by becoming a Christian. After a few minutes of explanation, she expressed her desire to become a Christian, saying that was the first time anyone had ever talked with her about it. On another occasion a man became very happy in his home while being visited. He had recently gone through a revival service at the church and had taken no stand, although invitations were given. At the close of a prayer in the home, he embraced the pastor and declared he would not take a thousand dollars for that visit. He said he stayed out of church for seventeen years, and nobody seemed to care. He said that was the first time he had been asked to become a Christian, and declared he was happy. He was received into the church, and became an official in the church.

It is a matter of record that the Fayetteville district led the entire state during the Year of Evangelism in the matter of additions and also in the percentage of increase. That was largely due to the fact that the district superintendent, Rev. W. L. Clegg, in cooperation with the district director of evangelism, gave large emphasis to visitation evangelism. One church in that district has conducted a visitation campaign for each of the past four years and has received an average of more than 100 members each year, bringing the membership from around 600 to more than the 1000. The church I am now serving, under the leadership of its former pastor, Rev. B. D. Critcher, added to its membership between 400 and 500 members during the past five years, largely through the use of the visitation method of evangelism, and there are still plenty of "prospects."

If we do not use this visitation method of evangelism, it seems to me we are neglecting one of the most prolific fields for building Christian character and increasing church membership. All over the church men are giving their testimony to the effectiveness of this method. Hundreds and thousands of people are being added to the church where visitation evangelism is being used. It works in the rural, urban, or large city church, according to those who have tried it. I have worked with this method since 1944, in my own church and in assisting the brethren, and have found it always produces results. It requires careful preparation, a firm belief in its value, and tact in carrying it out, but the results secured amply justify the effort it takes. The weeks immediately preceding and following the Easter season offer a most opportune time for employing this effective method of evangelism.

In the Advance for Christ and His Church may we not overlook our responsibility for reaching the unreached, nor fail to use every legitimate method of evangelism to this end.

* Pastor, Davis Street Church, Burlington.

"Apart From Us"

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.—Hebrews 11:39.

By G. W. CRUTCHFIELD *

IN THE eleventh chapter of Hebrews the writer turns back to Old Testament history and names several heroes of the faith. Recall how the chapter reads. "By faith Abel offered a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain. By faith Noah took heed and built an ark for the saving of his household. By faith Abraham went out not knowing where he was to go. By faith Moses chose to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin."

After naming these and other heroes of the faith, the writer brings the chapter to a climactic end with this rather startling statement: "And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect."

Is that a fair and just judgment? Abraham, Moses, and the others, had kept the faith, had done their work the best they knew how, had won God's approval, yet none of them received what was promised. Does that seem unjust? Why should they have not received their reward? At least, that is in keeping with our sense of justice and fair play, for to the faithful, sturdy toiler goes the reward.

Well, doubtless the heroes of the faith who served in the past have received some reward. But whatever reward they received, it was not the full attainment of their goal, not the complete fulfillment of their hopes.

But why not? Because God had provided something better for the future keepers of the faith, that they (the heroes of the past) might not reach the fulfillment of their hopes apart from the future keepers of the faith. It seems that we Christians of today have something to do about whether or not the faithful of the past will ever receive their full reward. "Apart from us" their labor shall not be made perfect.

The writer of the text was saying to the Christians of his day that the full realization of the hopes of the faithful in Israel's history depended upon the loyalty and steadfastness of Christian believers, since the faithful of the past could not have the full, perfect reward apart from the faithfulness of present believers. The effort is made to impress upon Christians a keen sense of responsibility.

With the coming of Jesus into the world and the subsequent establishment of the Church, the hopes and ideals of the Old Testament carried over into the new Christian beginning. The responsibility for realizing the hopes of the faithful in Israel's history was now shifted to the faithful in Christian history. If, therefore, in the hour of persecution, such as existed when Hebrews was written, Christians renounced their faith, then the hopes of the past which had not been fulfilled would be shattered. Heroes of the faith had picked up and carried God's flaming torch, God's cause, until the time came to pass it on. Now Christians held the torch, and Christians must carry it through their day, and not let it go out or fade, even under persecution. You can almost hear the unwritten cry of the author as he wrote his epistle, "Christians, awake and arise to your responsibility as crusaders for God's kingdom on earth!"

The heroes of the past did not receive the full promise because God had something better for the future keepers of the faith. As Christians, we have a responsibility to the past, to the present and to the future. The fulfillment of Jesus' promise of a Christian society on earth depends upon our loyalty and steadfastness. Therefore, our greatest need is the rededication of our total lives to God.

Let me quote the text again, using Goodspeed's translation: "Though they all gained God's approval by their faith, none of them received what was promised, for God had resolved upon something still better for us, that they might not reach the fulfillment of their hopes except with us."

"Apart from us," "except with us," does it not mean that the author of Hebrews wrote also for our time? We do not have the persecution which the writer had to deal with, but we have the ever present peril of relapse, the temptation to compromise too much with our faith, even to renounce it for the pleasures of secularism. We have something much more dangerous than persecution. I speak of the apathy, the indifference, the coldness, the neglect that characterizes the average Christian of our time. This danger runs all through the Christian Church. If there is one common thing Christ could say about the average Christian today it is something like this: "I have this against you, you are indifferent, or cold, or relapsed, or unfaithful."

If we fail as Christians in our day, we not only fail ourselves and Christ, we also fail the faithful of the past, and the future. If we are unfaithful, then the future will carry a big question mark, and the heroes of the past will continue to be denied their perfect reward, since apart from us they cannot receive the fullness of the promise.

The faithful of the past did not receive all that was promised, because most of what was promised is still in the making. Peace, justice, brotherhood righteousness, abundant life, God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is the promise so far as this world is concerned. And right now the promise is all in our hands, upon our shoulders, the responsibility of all Christians.

God's flaming torch has been passed on to us, but lo, how unworthily we are carrying it! Hardly can it be seen. Instead of being set on a hill for all men to see, it is more than half hidden under secularism, materialism, and indifference.

What are we doing with the promise and to the promise? Heroes of the past gave all they had that God's will might be done on earth, and His kingdom come to this world. They won God's approval for their faith, but none of them received the promise, since God had foreseen and provided something better for us, that they might not reach the fulfillment of their hopes apart from us. Can you not hear them speaking out of their past? "We have kept the faith, we have done all we could, but we cannot receive the promise apart from you, unless you follow in our train." How can we turn a deaf ear to that ringing challenge that comes out of the past? How can we deny them, and ourselves, and the future, the fullness of what has been promised in Christ our Lord?

Parents may do ever so much for the child, but the realization of their fondest hopes depends upon the child. Apart from the child the parents cannot receive the promise, nor can their labor be made perfect unless the child is faithful all his life.

Parents understand that. I hope all of us understand it as well in the area of religion, in connection with the church. We are responsible not only for our time, not merely for the future, but also to the past, to those who have gone before us. Indeed, they did not receive the promise, because much of what was promised is still in the making. Right now it is all in our hands. The responsibility is ours. The labor of the past cannot be made perfect apart from us.

The greatest urgency before us, therefore, is the urgency of rededicating our total selves to God and His kingdom, and the reconsecration of our total selves to Jesus Christ and His way.

* Pastor, Pinebluff Charge.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

DR. J. M. CULBRETH, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., Monday, March 28, at 6:45 p.m. Since last November Dr. Culbreth had made his home at Brentwood, Tenn., Route 2.

BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL was the preacher last Sunday at Myers Park Church, Charlotte.

REV. C. D. BARCLIFT, superintendent of the Wilmington District, is the visiting preacher in evangelistic services this week at Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton.

REV. JOBE OVERTON, pastor of the Louisburg Circuit, writes that he and his family have just moved into their lovely new parsonage at Bunn.

DR. FRED P. MANGET, head of the Huchow General Hospital, Huchow, China, spoke at First Church, Elkin, last Sunday morning.

REV. A. L. LATHAM of Greensboro, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference is a patient at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, where he has undergone an operation.

DR. E. H. NEASE, superintendent of the Charlotte district, will be the visiting preacher at Spencer Memorial church, Charlotte, in a week of evangelistic services beginning Sunday.

REV. JOE E. CALDWELL, pastor of Duncan Memorial Church, Charlotte, is teaching a course each Wednesday evening during Lent at Myers Park Church, Charlotte, on "Personal Religious Living."

REV. J. G. HUGGIN, pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, is the speaker for the annual fellowship supper to be held at First Church, Mocksville, April 19. He will discuss the Amsterdam Conference held last summer.

LAYMAN'S DAY was observed on the Perquimans Charge with the following laymen occupying the five pulpits: H. L. Swain, Epworth; J. F. Pugh, Oak Grove; W. T. Lewis, Cedar Grove; J. L. DeLaney, Woodland and New Hope.

DR. JOHN R. CHURCH of Winston-Salem will be the preacher at Springfield, Ill. the latter part of May in a city-wide union revival sponsored by the Protestant churches. Services will be held at the Fair Grounds in a tent that will seat 6,000 persons.

THE CONGREGATION of Memorial church, Kannapolis, has recently purchased a house at 1025 West C Street which is being furnished for occupancy by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr. The new sanctuary of the church, in process of construction, will be ready for use in May.

THE ADVOCATE regrets that it stated erroneously last week that Dr. Clovis Chappell's 25th book, "Questions Jesus Asked," would be published this summer. The volume came out last September. A new book by Dr. Chappell, "When the Church was Young," will appear this year in November.

DR. HENRY C. SPRINKLE, JR., left for New York Sunday to assume his duties as Associate Editor of the World Outlook. For the past month he has been on a tour of duty as a Naval Chaplain in the Caribbean area. Dr. and Mrs. Sprinkle plan to keep an apartment for the time being in Greensboro.



DR. ARTHUR HOLLIS EDENS, above, assumed his duties as president of Duke University on March 15.

REV. HARLEY M. WILLIAMS, pastor of Davidson Church, was the principal speaker at the assembly of faculty and students at Davidson College on March 23.

MRS. C. C. WEAVER of Winston-Salem, president emeritus of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, is a patient at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, where she underwent an operation last week.

REV. W. C. CRUMMETT, pastor of the Union Grove Charge, has two revivals on his charge in progress this week. Rev. Miles McLain of Troutman is preaching at Friendship church, and Rev. Charles Jackson is preaching at Sandy Ridge.

THE RICHMOND AREA led all episcopal areas in the Southeastern Jurisdiction in Crusade for Christ Funds, according to the final report issued by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Treas. Composed of the North Carolina and the Virginia Conferences, the Richmond Area contributed $1,420,367.01. The Charlotte Area was third, with $1,193,505.77. The Atlanta Area, with $1,266,119.14, was second. Through February 28 the whole Church had contributed $27,023,582.56.

BETHANY CHURCH on the Flat Rock Charge is undergoing extensive repairs. Two new class rooms are being provided, the interior of the church is being beautified, and a portico built. New windows, part of which will be memorials, are being installed, and the exterior of the church is being painted. This church, the framing of which was hewed out by hand and put together with wooden pegs, was erected in 1894. Rev. H. L. Isley is the pastor.

THE STATESVILLE DISTRICT Youth Fellowship at their district rally on March 24, took as a mission special $1,000, directing it to the Cherokee Indian project. The amount has been subscribed by the six sub-districts. Over five hundred young people heard Dr. E. K. Blackard speak on "The Challenge of Amsterdam." Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner of Newton is district director of youth work. The meeting was held in Broad Street, Statesville. The youth choir of First Church, Newton, provided the musical program.

MRS. JOHN CLINE of Carthage is in Duke Hospital, where she is recovering from a recent operation.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR of Dilworth church, Charlotte, will present "The Messiah" on Palm Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m.

DR. A. J. HOBBS, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, will be the guest speaker during Holy Week at Wesley Memorial, Warrenton.

REV. J. L. INGRAM, pastor of Proximity church, Greensboro, announces a series of special services in his church next week, beginning Sunday.

REVIVALS will be held in all Methodist churches in Burke County April 3, to 8. Some of the leading ministers of our two conferences will be the featured speakers.

DR. S. B. TURRENTINE, president-emeritus of Greensboro College and member of the Methodist Board of Publication, suffered a heart attack at his home in Greensboro last week. He is a patient at Piedmont Memorial Hospital, Greensboro.

REV. J. J. POWELL, pastor of Purcell church, Charlotte, has been elected chaplain of the Wilkinson Boulevard Fire department. This fire department was organized at the same time that Purcell church was organized, and serves a large portion of the county.

THE CHOIR of First church, Henderson, used as the offertory anthem at the morning service March 13, "The Creation," composed by the church organist, Mrs. George W. Holden. The anthem, being used for the first time, was dedicated to the choir.

PASTORS, help your church paper give wider coverage of the news of North Carolina Methodism. Send the Advocate your weekly bulletin and interesting news items from your charge. Help the Advocate give fresh, up-to-the-minute, authentic news of the churches.

A SERIES of evangelistic services was held in the West Asheville Church March 20 to 25, with Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, minister of First Church, Elkin, as preacher. Mr. Tuttle led discussions at six o'clock dinner meetings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the young people. He delivered a series of excellent sermons and the church has felt a great spiritual uplift.

BOONE Methodists are securing a new carpet for the sanctuary and are getting ready to paint the exterior of the church. The parsonage kitchen has been re-equipped and extensive repairs made on the building. The woman's society recently honored Mrs. S. B. Moss, who is recovering from a back injury received in January, with a reception. Rev. S. B. Moss is the pastor.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS BENTON ROSE. Jr., members of First church, Henderson, have had the unique experience of having all their children christened by Browns. Ann and Tommy were christened by Rev. W. H. Brown, minister of the Oxford Methodist Church, and Rev. R. E. Brown, former minister of First church, and present minister of Duke Memorial church, Durham, christened Paul and David, and last Sunday, christened Kathryn Warrick. Following the christening service, Mr. Brown brought the message of the morning.

Marion Opens District Conference Series; Park Ave. Dedication; Durham Group Makes Extension Plans

ADVANCE IS THEME OF MARION DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By S. B. Moss

More than 200 delegates and visitors gathered at Rutherfordton last Thursday for the Marion District Conference, with Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., district superintendent, in charge.

Routine District Conference business and reports were heard. However, the central emphasis of the conference was a ringing challenge to an enthusiastic commitment of all Methodists to the ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH. The principal part of the Conference program was dedicated to "The Advance."

Two speakers interpreted the "Advance" to the conference. Dr. Embree H. Blackard, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, Gastonia spoke on the subject: "Advance Through Understanding and Commitment." He presented the "Advance" as the logical step to follow the achievements of "The Crusade For Christ." Such a continuation of our Christian endeavors demands increases in our giving to all causes of the Church; increased interest in Missionary Specials; and deeper dedication. "We shall teach and preach with power only as long as we are spiritually and intellectually prepared." Dr. Blackard then illustrated our need for a more adequate faith by indicating that we live in an era of spiritual ignorance that is appalling. Our civilization is "pagan at heart." In facing this challenge it is necessary to avoid dangerous extremes. Cold intellectualism must be avoided as well as extreme emotionalism. The need demands hard thinking and self-dedication to the Christian way. Great faith is the challenge to the Church today. Christian faith that equals in its fervor and self-sacrifice the faith of the Nazis under Hitler, or the Communists of today; faith that avoids the extremes and evils of the pagan ideologies. We cannot be satisfied with merely "holding our own." With deep faith and commitment we could win every person in America to Christ within thirty years. Dr. Blackard closed his address with a personal testimony, which sprang from his recent experiences in Europe. "I came back with a stronger faith and conviction that there is no other way by which men can live together than the way of Jesus."

The second address was by Rev. J. W. Braxton of Forest City. His subject was "Advance Through Dedicated Means." "To personalize the World Service program," he said, "we are asked to give through Missionary Specials. Each Conference selects a particular Mission field for its Specials. Each Charge selects its project from that field. This Conference selected the Geneva Area with special emphasis on North Africa and Poland. Specials may be selected to fit the resources of the individual Church and will range from $25.00 to $50,000."

The Conference licensed the following Local Preachers, John Henry Causey, Albert Lealon Lytle and Charles Reuben McKinney.

Floyd Lee Heckard was recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on trial and for Local Deacon's Orders. J. A. Fitzgerald was recommended for Admission on trial.

A good conscience expects to be treated with perfect confidence.—Victor Hugo.

DURHAM SOCIETY LAUNCHES ANNUAL PROGRAM

More than 200 stewards and ministers, representing the Methodist churches of Durham, gathered at Trinity church last Friday evening in the annual dinner to launch the program of the Durham Methodist Society for the year. Judge A. R. Wilson presided, and the group heard Walter F. Anderson, director of the SBI, and Rev. Millard C. Dunn, secretary of the Society.

Mr. Anderson, an active Methodist layman in Edenton Street church, Raleigh, based his message on personal religion, and outlined the work that a small group was doing in Raleigh to develop their own personal lives and to win others to Christ. He emphasized the importance of prayer and love and a personal Christian experience.

Mr. Dunn recounted the achievements of the Society from its beginning in 1943, and called particular attention to the accomplishments of the past year. He pointed out the effectiveness of the radio program being sponsored by the Society each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock which is receiving widespread acclaim, and the building projects which the Society completed during the past year. The church at Camp Butner and the Maybrook church in Durham were both completed. The program for 1949 was outlined as follows: with an over-all budget of $27,000, three churches are to receive aid, including Lakewood church, which is to receive $5,000 in a building program; St. Paul, which is also to receive $14,500 for building purposes; and Branson church, which is to get $1,200 for a director of religious education. The Society also includes in its budget $2,500 for radio and publicity, and $3,800 for church extension. Committees have been appointed to solicit gifts in the near future.

Also appearing on the program were Rev. R. E. Brown, who gave the invocation; Rev. D. D. Holt, who extended words of welcome; Vernon Suitt and Robert B. Fearing, who provided the music; L. Stacy Weaver, who introduced the speaker; and Rev. B. D. Critcher, who pronounced the benediction.

Officers of the Society are Dr. B. G. Childs, president; Edwin L. Jones, Jr., vice-president; Rev. Millard C. Dunn, executive secretary; and E. W. Dunham, treasurer. The executive committee is composed of R. E. Brown, C. S. Boggs, Leon Couch, B. D. Critcher, D. D. Holt, C. J. Honeycutt, C. E. Jordan, J. C. Dailey, R. L. East, L. W. W. Horton, H. L. Moore and G. P. Whitley.

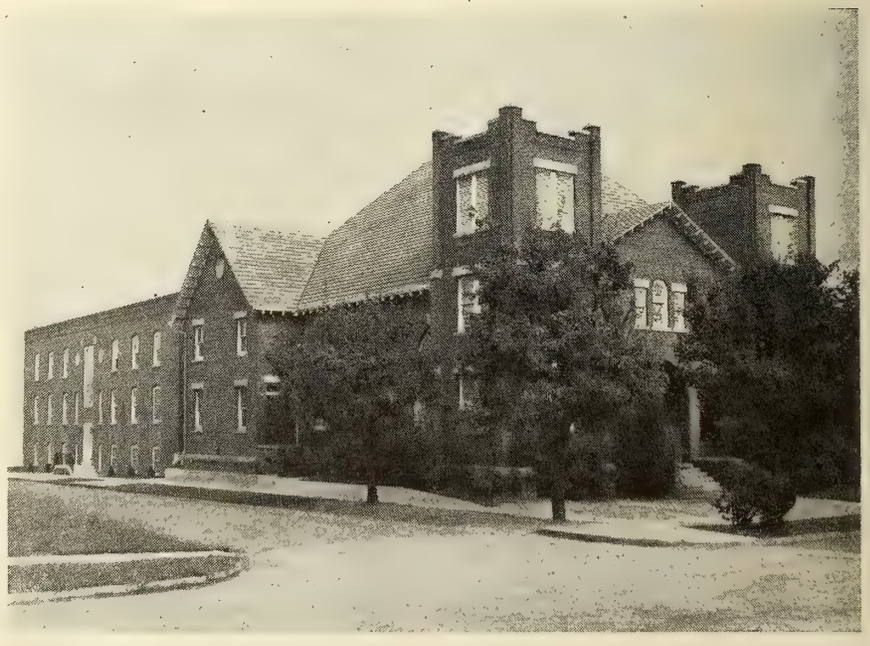
SALISBURY CHURCH TO DEDICATE EDUCATIONAL UNIT

THE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING of Park Avenue Church, Salisbury will be dedicated at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning April 3rd, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell preaching and leading in the dedicatory rites. He will be assisted by Rev. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Salisbury district, Rev. O. L. Brown, the pastor, and former pastors, Rev. T. H. Swofford, and Rev. Carl H. King.

The building is of brick construction with three floors and consists of five assembly rooms, twenty-two class rooms, rest rooms, kitchen, pastor's study and secretary's office. Built at a cost of $50,000, it is adequately furnished for a departmental church school.

It was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Thomas H. Swofford, who served the congregation five years 1942-1946. The plans and specifications were prepared by H. M. King, architect, of Louisville, Ky., and E. W. Wagoner & Sons of Salisbury were the contractors. The building committee was composed of A. F. Morris, chairman, C. A. Misenheimer, G. Q. Miller, G. V. Eagle, J. R. Mize, J. L. Hoffner, C. E. Fesperman, Mrs. John F. Kirk, Mrs. John H. Cook, R. L. Shaw and L. Willett.

The occasion will be a home-coming for the church. The membership is being asked to bring dinner and serve it picnic style in the fellowship room of the educational building. An invitation is extended to all former pastors, member and friends to attend and enjoy the day and rejoice with the members of the congregation. The afternoon program will consist of singing by the male chorus of the church and talks by former pastors and friends.



Park Avenue Church, Salisbury. The educational building will be dedicated Sunday, April 3.

Many Youth Expected at Summer Camps; Supply Pastors' School in June; College Adds Ten Trustees

WEST ASHEVILLE CHURCH USES FILMS TO PREPARE CHILDREN FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A SERIES of Bible-story films is being used in the 10-week church membership course for boys and girls now being taught at the West Asheville Church. Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor, is teaching a course on "What It Means To Be a Christian" to primaries, juniors and intermediates. Classes are being held each Saturday morning from 10 to 11, February 5 to April 9.

While the course is primarily for those who desire to take the vows of church membership on Palm Sunday, or even in a subsequent year, it is open to all the boys and girls of the church.

Nearly half of the 75 enrolled in the course have not yet joined the church. Despite an epidemic of measles in Asheville, there has been an average attendance of 38.

YOUTH PREPARING FOR SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

NASHVILLE, TENN.—With an estimated 150,000 Methodist youth attending approximately 800 camps, institutes and assemblies during the summer months, it is not too soon to begin planning for these meetings.

The Youth Department of the General Board of Education is urging that local church school groups be well represented at the summer youth meetings in their respective districts and annual conferences. The meetings provide excellent opportunity for fellowship, training, and enrichment that will be of inestimable value to the youth program of local churches and to the growing life of young people, it was said by the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, who has charge of promoting summer agencies for the Youth Department. Mr. Bell suggests that the matter of attendance upon these meetings be discussed in the council of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and in one or more MYF meetings.

Early plans for the election of delegates to the various meetings available should be made and delegates instructed as to any local recommendations. Preparation of delegates should be climaxed by a consecration service upon the Sunday evening prior to their leaving for the camp, institute or assembly.

HENDERSON CHURCH HAS CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORD

FOR the last two Sundays in March, First Church, Henderson, has had more persons to attend Sunday School than there are on roll. The 817 present on March 20 was approximately 50 above the present enrollment.

One of the factors in this unusual situation has been the friendly attendance contest that has been in progress during February and March between the Men's Classes of First Methodist and First Baptist Churches. The entire family was encouraged to attend and also any friends or visitors, thus the increased attendance throughout the entire school.

With an average attendance of 373, the Methodist men's class won the contest. The losing class will visit the winning class on April 3, presenting at that time a silver trophy to the winner. The Men's Bible Class of First Methodist Church has had several such attendance contests in the past years and has always been victorious.

ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS MAY STUDY AT EMORY

THE fourth annual short-term school for Accepted Supply pastors of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be held at the Emory University School of Theology June 13-29.

Launched on an experimental basis in 1946, the school has attracted more than 300 men as students and has come to be recognized by the General Conference. Classroom work is supplemented by a full-program of worship, preaching, discussion groups, and field trips.

There is no charge for tuition, and a limited number of forty-dollar scholarships are available to cover cost of living expenses during the school.

In addition to the regular faculty of the School of Theology, a number of other outstanding specialists will participate in the leadership school, among whom will be numbered Dr. Harry Denman and the Rev. James W. Sells.

Complete information and application blanks may be secured from the Rev. James W. May, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia.

MISSIONARIES CARRY ON IN YENPING, CHINA

A REPORT reaching the Board of Missions and Church Extension from the Yenping Annual Conference in Fukien Province, China, where communists are in general control, tells of plans for Christian mission work "as usual" despite the presence of these forces. Says the report:

"Our spring itineraries begin next week and we are looking forward to these weeks among the churches of our conference. Three teams will be covering the whole conference area during February, March and April if conditions permit. We are so constantly hearing of communist-bandit activities all around us, that we may have to cancel some of our plans as we go along. Local officials have strongly advised against going to certain sections, and have asked us to make careful inquiry about each place as we go along. These bandits have made attacks in three places quite recently, and their chief purpose seems to be that of looting for guns and ammunition. We hear many versions of what it all means and of what we may look forward to here in Fukien in the near future, but for the present at least, we certainly are among the more fortunate.'

LOUISBURG COLLEGE TRUSTEES MAKE BUILDING PLANS AND ENLARGE BOARD

LOUISBURG—At the Spring Meeting of the board of Trustees of Louisburg College last week the Executive and Building Committees were authorized to take final action in regard to the proposed gymnasium building for the college. Hope was expressed that this building would be constructed in the immediate future.

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee the board of trustees was enlarged by ten members, thus making a board of thirty-five members. Mrs. W. P. Moore, Greenville, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. T. A. Person, deceased. New members of the board are: Rev. C. P. Morris, Troy; Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Fuquay Springs; Dr. W. G. Suiter, Weldon; Rev. Grady Dawson, Sanford; Rev. W. C. Ball, Fayetteville; Rev. E. B. Fisher, Wilmington; Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, Whitakers; Sam Underwood, Jr., Greenville; W. E. Horner, Sanford; and C. S. Bunn, Spring Hope.

Members of the board whose terms have expired and who were reelected for a new term of three years are: A. L. Burney, Aberdeen; Dr. W. A. Cade, Ayden; Fred Fearing, Greenville; Nathan Johnson, Dunn; Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Whiteville; M. G. Mann, Raleigh; D. U. Sandlin, Fayetteville; M. B. Smith, Burlington; Judge Marshall T. Spears, Durham; and Dr. H. E. Spence, Durham.

Officers of the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College for 1949-1950 are: Dr. W. A. Cade, Ayden, president; Dr. J. E. Hillman, Raleigh, vice-president; A. L. Burney, Aberdeen, secretary; and Mrs. Genevieve Perry, Louisburg, acting secretary.

MISS CHANDLER ELECTED MAY QUEEN AT LOUISBURG COLLEGE

LOUISBURG, Miss Ruth Chandler, a senior from Roxboro, will be May Queen at the annual exercises to be held at Louisburg College Saturday, May 7. Elected as Maid-of-Honor to Miss Chandler is Miss Rosemary Dawson, of Wagram.

The May Court will be composed of five members of the senior class and five members of the junior class. The seniors are: Misses Edith Boone, Nashville; Daphne Bryan, Raleigh; Olivia Martin, East Bend; Vivian Proctor, Rocky Mount; and Jenny Tyson, Lucama. The juniors are: Misses Raymelle Blalock, Timberlake; Janie Dickerson, CaVel; Peggy Ivey, Godwin; Peggy Manning, Tarboro; and Betty Strother, Louisburg.



MEMBERS OF CHOIR MORE THAN 50 YEARS

The quartet pictured above, members of the choir of Main Street Church, Gastonia, sang during Ladies' Night recently. The quartet is composed of Mrs. G. R. Spencer, active church worker all her life; Mrs. B. T. Morris, double first cousin of the late Walter Hines Page; E. I. Atkins, nephew of the late Bishop James W. Atkins; and Sam S. Shuford, Spanish-American war veteran.



BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL
Resident Bishop, Charlotte Area

THE NINTH MEETING
of the
Western North Carolina Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
High Point, N. C.
April 6-8, 1949

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 6, 2:30

"Advance, O Church of God, Advance"
Conference Hymn
Welcome—Mrs. J. H. Allred, Pres., W. S. C. S. First Church
Organization
Address, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte Episcopal Area
Hymn No. 516
Memorial Service .. Mrs. C. C: Weaver, President Emertius
Announcements—Benediction



MISS SALLIE LOU McKINNON
Dept. of Foreign Missions, Woman's Division of Christian Service

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 6—7:15

"A Higher Sovereignty Unites the Kingdoms of This World"
Communion Service ..... Bishop Costen J. Harrell
(Gifts to be laid on the altar for suffering children)
Hymn No. 507
World Federation of Methodist Women—Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr.
Special Music ..... First Methodist Church Choir
Address, "Methodist Missions Around the World" Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon Announcements—Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 7—8:45

"Only Love Sets Free'
Morning Meditations ..... Mrs. J. Dale Stentz
Hymn No. 267
Reports: Recording secretary, Mrs. R. M. Hauss; Literature and Publications, Mrs. D. M. Davidson; Missionary Education, Mrs. C. A. York; Missionary Projects, Miss Lilian Walker; Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. Dale Stentz; Status of Women.
Conference Hymn—Announcements
Address, "Africa" ..... Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon
Vice-President ..... Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr.
President ..... Mrs. J. W Payne
Special Music
Noontide Message ..... Miss Leila Epps

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 7—2:00

"To Share Our Christ With All the World"
Hymn No. 259
Report of Treasurer ..... Mrs. David D. Smiley
Pledge Service (Using District Presidents)
Reports: Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. R. I. Corbett; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Cloyce Woody.

(Wesleyan Service Guild Members will retire for separate meeting.)
Hymn No. 465
Supply Work ..... Mrs. Ira C. Shelley
North Carolina School of Missions and Christian Service—Mrs. C. M. Waggoner, Mrs. C. A. York
Announcements—Benediction

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 7—7:30

Hymn No. 479
Worship Service, Rev. Kenneth Goodson, Minister, First Church
Special Music ..... High Point College Choir
Promotion Secretary ..... Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr.
District Promotion Secretaries
Address—Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, Executive Secretary, Woman's Division
Announcements—Conference Hymn—Benediction

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 8—8:45

"In Search for Truth"
Morning Meditation ..... Mrs. J. Dale Stentz
Hymn No. 266
Report of Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting, Mrs. J. W. Harbison Secretary of Supply Work, S. E. Jurisdiction
Election of Delegates to Assembly
Reports: Children's Work, Mrs. S. A. Rhyne; Youth Work, Mrs. J. G. Winkler; Student Work, Mrs. Carl King; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. C. N. Clark.
Special Music
Message ..... Mrs. Eloise Woolever
Hymn No. 460—Discussion Period—Unfinished Business
Noontide Message ..... Miss Leila Epps



MISS MOLLIE E. TOWNSEND
Missionary to China

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD DINNER

Miss Mollie E. Townsend, R. N., missionary to China since 1921, and now doing special work at Scarritt while on furlough, will be speaker at the Wesleyan Service Guild dinner at the High School Cafeteria in High Point at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7. Miss Townsend is a most effective speaker and the Guild members will hear her with pleasure and profit. Miss Townsend has been stationed at Danforth Memorial Hospital, Kiukiang, China.
An executive luncheon and business session of the Guild will be held at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7, and the Guild Conference will begin at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, immediately following the report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

THE GREENSBORO COLLEGE ALUMNAE DINNER

The Alumnae Dinner for all alumnae and former students of Greensboro College and Davenport College who are attending the Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at First Church, High Point, April 6-8, either as delegates or visitors, is to be held at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, at the South Main Church, High Point.

Tickets to this dinner will be $1.25. Those who plan to attend are urged to make their reservations as soon as possible, at least by Saturday, April 2. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Everett Marsh, 909 Johnson St., High Point.



MRS. J. W. PAYNE
President, W. N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service



MISS DOROTHY McCONNELL
Associate Editor, World Outlook, Advisor to the American Delegation to the United Natons

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
North Carolina Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
April 5, 6, 7, 1949
Front Street Methodist Church
Burlington, North Carolina
PROGRAM

CONFERENCE THEME: "Advancing With Christ"

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 11:00 a.m.

Meeting of the executive committee, zone leaders and district presidents, Front Street Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:30

Organ Prelude, "Adoration" ..... MacFarlane
Hymn 379, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
Scripture and Prayer ..... Mrs. H. I. Glass
Musical Meditation ..... Mrs. Margaret Love
Organization and Business
Welcome ..... Mrs. Nathan Long
Response ..... Mrs. Russell Johnson
Report of Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. C. D. Barclift
"That His Way May Be Made Known," Mrs. M. W. Warren, Mrs. Hubert Odom, Mrs. W. P. Moore, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick
Hymn 233, "Jesus Calls Us"
Introductions and Announcements—Benediction

6:00 p.m.

World Federation of Methodist Women Dinner—Alamance Hotel
Mrs. H. I. Glass, presiding

EVENING SESSION, 8:00

Organ Prelude, "Vision" ..... Rheinberger
Hymn 228, "O for a Closer Walk With God"
Holy Communion—(Sacrificial Offering for the needy children of Europe)
Anthem, "O Saviour of the World" ..... Goss
Address ..... Miss Dorothy McConnell
Hymn 278, "Lead On, O King Eternal"
Benediction ..... Rev. E. L. Hillman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 9:00 a.m.

Organ Prelude, "Cloister Scene" ..... Mason
Hymn 147, "Let There Be Light"
Meditation ..... Mrs. J. E. Peterson
Solo, "Prayer" ..... Guion
Miss Margaret Smoot
Organization and Business—Report of the Minutes
President's Message ..... Mrs. J. H. Cutchin
Report of the Wesleyan Service Guild ..... Mrs. L. C. Larkin
Address ..... Miss Dorothy McConnell
Hymn, "Advance, O Church of God" ..... Miss Margaret Love
Program Building—Mrs. H. I. Glass, Mrs. N. P. Edens, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Jerome, Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter
Presentation of Special Memberships
Award: Lilly Moore Everett Study Jewel
Hymn 481, "Christ For the World We Sing"
Meditation ..... Dr. A. J. Walton
Benediction

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00

Organ Prelude, "Meditation" ..... Kinder
Hymn 216, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"
Scripture and Prayer ..... Miss Florine Robertson
Memorial Service ..... Mrs. A. M. Gates
Solo, "These Are They Which Came" ..... Gaul
Promotion Hour—District Secretaries, Conference Deaconesses, Industrial Workers, Rural Workers, Promotion Secretary
Report of Supply Work ..... Mrs. C. H. Walston
Hymn 465, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
Benediction—Planning Committees

EVENING SESSION, 8:00

Organ Prelude, "Gone Sweet Death' ..... Bach
Hymn 533, "Oh God, Our Help"
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. W. L. Clegg
Anthem, "Halleluiah, Amen" ..... Handel
Address ..... Mrs. Eloise Woolever
Solo, "The Lord Is My Light" ..... Allitsen
Clarence O. Southern
Hymn 502, "Fling Out the Banners"
Benediction

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 9:00 a.m.

Organ Prelude, "Angus Dei" ..... Bizet
Hymn, "Advance, O Church of God"
Devotional ..... Mrs. M. S. Dickson
Solo, "The Palms ..... Faure
Mrs. E. G. Purcell
Report of Jurisdictional Conference, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger
Report of Historical Committee ..... Mrs. S. S. Holt
Hymn 487, "The Morning Light is Breaking"
Address ..... Mrs. Eloise Woolever
Invitation for 1950
Orphanage Interests ..... Mrs. Gurney P. Hood
Report of Committee on Resolutions
Noon Meditation ..... Dr. A. J. Walton
Treasurer's Report ..... Mrs. F. B. McKinne
Pledge Service ..... Treasurer and District Presidents
Hymn, "Advance, O Church of God."
Benediction

HOSTESS CHURCH

President of Hostess Society ..... Mrs. Nathan Long
Chairman of Housing Committee .... Mrs. F. D. Fowler
Chairman of Materials Committee .... Mrs. Reid Maynard
Chairman of Registration ..... Mrs. E. S. Dameron
General Chairman ..... Mrs. W. C. Mosier
Organists .. Miss Lois Bradshaw and Miss Peggy Haywood
Minister of Music ..... Clarence O. Southern



MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER
Executive Secretary, Board of Missions and Church Extension



DR. A. J. WALTON
Professor Rural Church Administration, Duke Divinity School



MRS. J. H. CUTCHIN
President, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service

Gift Received; Bowl Game Set; More Honor Citizens; Visit Siler City, Cool Springs, Jonesboro Heights

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

ANOTHER LETTER FROM A SENIOR

The luckiest day of my life has proven to be a day in the summer of 1938. It was on this particular day that I was afforded the opportunity of joining a big family at the Methodist Orphanage. I was only seven years old and ready to enter my second year of school. The orphanage provided the schooling for me until now which is my last year, being a senior. I was also provided with a good home, and with the best of influential persons to guide and help me. This has made what I hope to be an everlasting impression. To this Home and its supporters I shall always be deeply grateful.

My sincerest appreciation goes to the good people of the Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina, who have provided for me, through these years, all the clothing necessary for my comfort and pleasure. It was a great sacrifice to them and for it, I wish to express my humble thanks.

When I leave perhaps my greatest loss will be the friends I leave behind. Not only all the boys and girls in school, but my counselors and teachers who have helped me tremendously. It is to these that I owe a great deal, but still I owe much more to Mr. Barnes my first superintendent for ten years, and to Mr. Larkin my new one.

I plan to enter Duke University next fall to take a pre-med course. It is then my ambition to enter a good dental school and become a dentist.

I shall never forget the Methodists of North Carolina who have made this wonderful home possible, and it is to them I will remain indebted always.

Walter Smith.

A FRIEND REMEMBERS OUR HOME

The Reverend Freeman Heath, mailed us a check this week for $100.00. This amount was left to our home by Mrs. Josephine Roberts. She was a devoted friend of the Orphanage.

Before her death, Mrs. Roberts was serving as a faithful member of the First Methodist Church of Washington, North Carolina. She was the wife of a local preacher in the Methodist Church. The deserving children of this home have entered into her labors, and their lives will be enriched through this expression of her love.

ROLLERS FROM ROSES

When I read of a gift that was received by the boys at The Children's Home in Winston-Salem I was just a little envious. I could picture those boys with their shiny rollers in groups over the Campus having a wonderful time.

Last Wednesday was our day to rejoice, and be glad. A life long friend of mine, John Cole Rose, of Durham remembered our boys in a big way. He sent us seventy bags of marbles. A total of 4,200 rollers. This game is hard on the knees but it provides a lot of enjoyment for our youngsters.

Mr. Rose is the son of a Methodist ministers, E. E. Rose, who served in our conference for many years. John Cole loves children and is a loyal friend of this home.

The Methodist Orphanage
RALEIGH, N. C.

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Owned and maintained by the North Carolina Conference

FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby will and bequeath to the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C., contemplated by the charter under Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina (here designate the bequest) . . .

SHRINE BOWL GAME

Sudan Temple sponsored the first annual Shrine Bowl football game last fall between Oxford Orphanage and Methodist Orphanage. The game was played at the State College Riddick Stadium in Raleigh and drew an attendance of around 8,000 people. Temple and orphanage officials felt that the game was a success in every respect and plans are now under way to make it an annual event. State College stadium has been secured so that the game can be played annually on the fourth week-end in October. The 1949 contest will be staged on Saturday night, October 29, with the same two orphanage teams participating. Sudan Temple officials plan to make the Shrine Bowl game one of the leading high school football attractions in

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

The duties of a Superintendent vary from day to day. Our problems are few, when compared to the privileges and pleasant experiences that are ours here at the home.

Most every day one or more of the older children will request a conference in the Cottage, or in the office. The Religious experience of the young person is discussed freely and frankly.

A senior girl made this remark, "I want a faith that is deep and strong. I want something to hold on to when I leave this good home." It is our first concern to give each child something "to hold on to" while he is here, and also when he leaves the Orphanage.

HONOR CITIZENS

An announcement at the end of the school period of six weeks just ended shows that we have thirty-six on the Citizens' Honor Roll. This is an increase of five over the preceding period and is a source of gratification to all of us to know that the number of honor citizens is increasing. Citizenship is our major objective and we feel that we are making progress in this significant area.

SILER CITY—COOL SPRINGS AND JONESBORO HEIGHTS VISITED

A group of the older boys and girls made a trip March the 6th with the Superintendent. We gave a program at 10:00 a.m., at West End Methodist Church in Siler City. After this visit, our West End friends placed three lovely quilts in the car. Three of our children will sleep warm under these quilts. K. F. Duval is pastor of this church.

At eleven o'clock we had a part in the service at the First Methodist Church of Siler City. The pastor, E. R. Clegg and his members gave us a most gracious welcome. After the service a luncheon was served in the social room. This was greatly enjoyed by every member of our party.

In the afternoon we drove over to Cool Springs Church, near Glendon. W. A. Parsons serves this church. The sanctuary was well filled, and the response was most inspiring.

A generous offering was received for our home at this service. Boxes of fruit and food were presented to the boys and girls.

Sunday March 20th, we visited Jonesboro Heights. The attendance at church school and morning worship was fine. Six of our children had part with the superintendent in the service. T. M. Vicks is the pastor in charge of the church. To the minister and members of all four churches we would express our sincere thanks.



SHRINE BOWL CHECK
Sudan Temple's presentation of Shrine Bowl check to Methodist Orphanage. Left to right: Potentate Frank Watson, Past Potentate N. E. Edgerton, Coach Fred Smith, Co-Captains Jay Jeffries and Herbert Clewis, Noble Otis Banks Supt. L. C. Larkin and Principal Blaine Madison.

Sunday School Lesson for APRIL 3

Turning Toward the Cross

Mark 8:29; 9:1-34

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

How did Jesus know that he could only save the world by submitting to the cruel cross?

First of all, he knew that the prophets who had preceded him, and had been used of God for the uplift and encouragement of Israel, had all risen to power and influence through suffering. The leaders of their day regarded them as unpatriotic. Often, as in the case of Amos, it was the priests, the ministers of religion, who most bitterly opposed them. The high priest expelled Amos from the sanctuary as a traitor (Amos 7:10-13). Jeremiah, that supremely heroic and discerning prophet who warned Israel of the approaching Babylonian captivity, and who had the one message which, if heeded, would have saved Jerusalem from destruction and Judah from exile, cried out, Every one doth curse me (Jeremiah 15:10). And John the Baptist, our Lord's great forerunner, had already been beheaded.

Jesus also knew that we cannot persuade men to believe in the love of God unless we ourselves love them enough to suffer for them. It is not a golden cross carried by a priest at the head of a procession that will make men believe that God loves them to the limit, but only a cross of sacrificial service in the heart and life of the priest. And as Jesus was to be the supreme benefactor of mankind, he inferred that he was to be the supreme sufferer.

Then, too, Jesus read the murderous hate in the hearts of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Their prestige before the people was being lessened as men contrasted them with this gloriously vital messenger of God. The Jewish leaders realized that, in proportion as Jesus went up in the estimation of the people, they must go down.

And Jesus also had repeated inner warnings of his coming sufferings, and our Lord's vision as he prayed on the mount, when Moses and Elias appeared to him and spake of his decease which he must accomplish at Jerusalem, was probably only one of repeated warnings of his coming suffering. When God is calling men to some stern and terrible self-sacrifice He always gives them inner premonitions of the suffering that awaits them. Peter was told by the risen Christ that men would put him to death (John 21:18-19); Paul was warned by the Holy Spirit of his coming martyrdom (Acts 21:11-13). And so it was with Jesus.

There is no aspect of Christian experience to which it is harder for mortals to be reconciled than the fact that we can only enter into the greatest power and influence by what at first sight seems failure. But on the other hand there is nothing to which all history bears more repeated witness. It is the fires that burn the martyrs that light up their faces as with a heavenly halo.

Moses and Elijah spake of his decease, but the voice from heaven said, This is my beloved son, hear ye him. All through the following centuries in a great many different ways the voice of Providence has been saying to mortals looking for light and leading, This is my beloved Soon, hear ye Him. After all the attempts of men to find the way of salvation it comes to sincere and honest souls over and over again that, after all, the way of Jesus the Crucified is the only way. Peter said when Moses and Elias appeared, Let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, one for Moses and one for Elijah; but the voice from heaven said, Every good thing that Moses and Elias have to say is also perfectly said by Jesus, and all you need for this world and the next will come to you if you only hear him.

As they went down the mountain Jesus said, Tell the vision to no man until the Son of Man is risen from the dead. Then it would not arouse false hopes, but would strengthen faith.

How say the scribes that Elijah must first come? asked the disciples. The vision of Elijah had made the apostles think of the prophecy of Malachi, Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Jehovah come (Malachi 4:5). Jesus answered them, If you are willing to receive it, Elijah has already come and they have done unto him whatsoever they would. John had said that he was not Elijah (John 1:21), meaning that he was not a reincarnation of Elijah; and our Lord knew that it was difficult for them to believe that John was Elijah because John had worked no astounding miracles like those ascribed to Elijah. Nevertheless John to a unique degree had done the work of an Elijah, and had certainly been as majestic a character as that great prophet of the past (Luke 7:28), and had also been glorified by martyrdom.

WORLD SERVICE IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL THE MACEDONIAN CRY

More than 80,000 adult classes with a membership of over 2,000,000 men and women are challenged to answer this cry for help by an offering to World Service on the fourth Sunday of each month. If the membership of adult classes contributed an average of ten cents per member each fourth Sunday, the offering would amount to $2,400,000. During 1948 the adult classes contributed a little over $1,000,000 to World Service on the fourth Sunday. But why think of this great challenge in such small terms? The 2,000,000 members could contribute an average of twenty-five cents per member per month. If this should happen, it would amount to $6,000,000 annually. It can be done. It should be done. The World Service program of the Methodist Church is the special for adult classes. Each member of each class should contribute to its support on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Some philosophers define conscience as the point where God touches the soul.—Author unknown.

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To most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumines only the track it has passed.—Coleridge.

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Man is an animal that makes bargains; no other animal does this—one dog does not change a bone with another.—Adam Smith.

In Memoriam

J. W. HOLLOWELL

CHARLOTTE.—Whereas, our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, did according to His divine wisdom, remove from our association here below, on February 28, 1949, His servant, and our beloved and faithful friend and brother, J. W. Hollowell, to his honors and rewards in the realms of life and light eternal, "An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for him," and

Whereas, we are assured that our temporary loss is his gain in that he has attained a more excellent state of glory, be it resolved, that the board of stewards of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church of Charlotte, N. C., of which Brother J. W. Hollowell was a highly respected and valued member, serving faithfully in his stewardship, declares by these resolutions that although we shall miss the presence and kindly fellowship of our departed friend and brother, we, nevertheless, bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and

Be it resolved further, that we shall cherish the memory of our departed brother, J. W. Hollowell, and do hereby record our appreciation of his services as a faithful member of the board of stewards of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, and his untiring efforts in promoting the program of Christian activities in his church affiliation and in his daily life, and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions shall be spread upon the minutes of the board of stewards of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church and that a copy be sent to the family of our departed brother, J. W. Hollowell, and that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—W. N. HARPER, C. H. GARMON, A. W. LAWING, Committee.

MRS. JOHN D. WINSTEAD

ROXBORO.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Concord Church, Roxboro, pay tribute to Mrs. John D. Winstead, Sr., whose death occurred February 18, 1949. Hers was a long and useful life—50 consecutive years of service in the missionary society. Though for several years unable to attend worship services, she never lost interest in any activities of the church. Mrs. Winstead was gentle and modest by nature, a faithful companion, a loving mother, and a good neighbor. We have lost a devoted member and we shall miss her unfailing interest.—MRS. S. J. DICKENS, MRS. S. C. TILLMAN, MRS. W. G. BRADSHER, Committee.

MARGARET ANN PERRY

CARTHAGE.—Margaret Ann Perry, formerly Kimball, passed to her reward on March 3, 1949, at the age of eighty-one. She had been a faithful member of Center Church, Sanford, Route one, nearly all her life. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom survive, with 33 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. Her son, Henry L. Perry, is chairman of the Center board of stewards.—JOHN CLINE.

MRS. W. T. CHRISTENBURY

MOORESVILLE.—When "Grandma Christenbury," as she was called by her many friends and loved ones, passed away on February 13, 1949, Broad Street Methodist Church, Mooresville, lost one of its oldest and best loved members. She was a charter member of the church and of the W. S. C. S. As long as she was physically able, she could always be found in her place, giving her time and service for the advancement of God's kingdom. Her greatest joy came by serving others, giving her help and time wherever needed. She held many offices in the church, serving as secretary of spiritual life until her illness. A life membership pin was presented her for her loyal service in the society.

The last eighteen months of her life were spent as a shut-in. When we visited her we came away with a feeling of being closer to God. Such was her spiritual influence. We miss her greatly and to her children we extend our sorrow.—MRS. O. L. DAVIS, MRS. R. L. POTTS, MRS. J. R. REESE.

MRS. J. H. FULTON

MOUNT AIRY.—The members of the W. S. C. S., Central Church, Mount Airy, wish to express their sorrow in the passing of Mrs. J. H. Fulton. At the age of 91, she was the oldest member of Central Church and had been a member of the W. S. C. S. for over 50 years. Though beset by many of the ills attendant on her advanced age, she never faltered in the graces of her truly Christian spirit. She had so ordered her life that she could say, "Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be, the last of life for which the first was made."—MRS. O. K. MERRITT, Secretary.

One of the most fascinating observations I have made in interviewing great creative personalities is that they all seem to have the spirit of Christian service in their souls. There is, for instance, Fritz Kreisler, the world's most famous violinist. Kreisler says that none of the money he earns through his music belongs to him, because his music is a gift of God, and he is only the steward of that music and that money. One day in Berlin, when I was lunching in his very humble home, he said to me, "I have never owned a home, because a home would stand between me and all the homeless of the world. I have never eaten a luxurious meal, if I could help it, because that meal would stand between me and the hungry of the world."—William L. Stidger, in "Human Adventures in Happy Living" (Revell).

Children's Storytime

ELLEN'S MEMORY BOOK

By GRACE HELEN DAVIS

Ellen and Marjorie were at Grandmother Mason's again for a visit, and now on this first evening they were gathered about her in the cozy sitting room, Marjorie on the arm of grandmother's big chair and Ellen seated at her feet.

"Doesn't this seem like old times?" said Marjorie reminiscently. "Do you remember last summer when Cousin Ruth was here, too, and we all went on a picnic?"

"Yes," put in Ellen, "and the cream was sour, and you got a bad case of poison-ivey, Marjorie."

Marjorie laughed merrily. "So I did," she said, "but it was a jolly picnic!'

Thoughts were stirring in grandmother's mind, too. "I remember so well when you three were little girls, all visiting me at once," she said. "You did enjoy yourselves then."

But Ellen was staring moodily at grandmother's bear rug. Whenever I think of Ruth when we were little girls I remember how she put mud in my doll's hair because I wouldn't play house with her one day," she said.

"Oh, Ellen!" cried Marjorie. "Why, I think what I remember oftenest is one time when I had a hurt ankle and had to lie all day in the swing, and Ruthie picked me a lot of strawberries. Her fingers were all stained red, and she was so sympathetic."

But Ellen went on, "And then I remember, too, when we were older and were going to a party, and grandmother said we could each wear a pretty pin or some beads of hers. Ruth chose just the pin I wanted to wear, and she said it looked better with her dress than with mine."

"Ellen, you would remember that!" chided Marjorie. "Ellen always remembers the unpleasant things, grandmother."

"But those things happened, too, just like the ones you think of!" defended Ellen.

Grandmother Mason was silent, a thoughtful look on her usually bright face. She was recalling now that she had at often times noticed this tendency of Ellen's to call to mind the less cheerful things. Now suddenly the grandmother's eyes sparkled, as a scheme popped into her head.

In the next two days brisk little Mrs. Mason was quite busy in assembling her materials, and then the completed project was ready. When the two sisters came into the sitting room that evening, Ellen spied a new photograph album lying on the small table.

"My Memory Book," she read off the title. "Oh, grandma, another photograph book? I do so enjoy looking through yours! Come, Marge."

Marjorie, with a twinkling glance at her grandmother, obeyed, and the two girls seated themselves on he sofa. Ellen opened the album eagerly, and then her look turned to dismay.

"Why, grandmother, this first photograph is only a negative! And—the second is so dull it can't be made out! Grandmother, they're all negatives or dull photographs and I don't see that it makes a nice memory book;" Ellen's face was comical in its puzzled bewilderment.

"Why doesn't it make a memory book?" warmly asked grandmother. "Those negatives and poor pictures were really taken!"

For a moment Ellen's face looked still more astonished and bewildered, and then slowly a red flush suffused her face. "I see!" she said. "That's just what I said the other day about remembering things," and suddenly Ellen sprang up and threw her arms around Mrs. Mason's neck. "Thanks for showing me, grandmother," she said. "Hereafter I'm going to put only positive and happy pictures in the memory books of my mind. I don't want a mind-album made up of negatives and gloomy things as this one is."—Junior World.

A Friend

" 'Tis a satisfactory feeling
Just to know that you're my friend
That no matter what's the trouble
That on you I can depend.

For the world is full of sorow,
And life's path is full of stones,
And a fellow's only comfort
Is the few real friends he owns.

You're so comforting and soothing
When my heart is full of aches;
And your way of sympathizing,
What a change in me it makes.

When I heard your little whisper,
Then my troubles start to mend;
And it's then I'm mighty thankful
That I claim you as my friend.

It takes more than words to tell it,
I can never make you know;
All the good that you have done me
When I've hoed my roughest row.

But I'll always keep a trying,
Keep a trying to the end;
For my life has been much sweeter
Since I've had you as a friend."

—Author Unknown.

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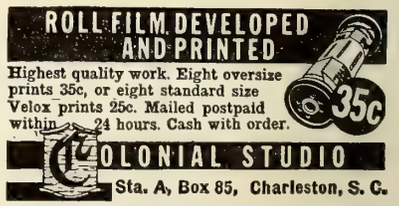
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CHARLOTTE AREA

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, First Methodist Church, Charlotte

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Edgar H. Nease, D.S., 1100 Queens Road, Charlotte 7, N. C. Telephone 4-7489

April

Mouzon, 11 3
Unionville, 3 3
Spencer Memorial, 7:30 3
Spencer Memorial, 11 10
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Paul, 3 10
Moore's Chapel, 7:30 10
St. Paul, 11 17
Monroe Circuit: Midway, 2:30 17
Morven: Pleasant Hill, 8 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: ANSONVILLE, 9:30 21
Duncan Memorial, 11 24
Weddington: Bond's Grove, 3 24
Waxhaw: Heath Memorial, 7 24

GASTONIA DISTRICT

W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

April

Lowesville, New Hope, 11 3
Asbury, Iron Station, 7 3
McAdenville, West Cramerton, 7 6
Belwood, Kadesh, 11 10
Sulphur Springs, Sulphur Springs, 3 10
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30 10
Shelby, Martin Street, 11 17
Cramerton, 7:30 17
Belmont, First, 11 24
Mt. Holly, 7:30 24

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

W. A. Lambeth, D.S., 320 E. Greenway, North, Greensboro

March

Lebanon, 7:30 31

April

Reidsville Ct., Salem, 11 (Sat.) 2
Stokesdale Ct., Mt. Zion, 11 3
Stokesdale Station, Glencoe, 3 3
Pleasant Garden, 7:30 3
Tabernacle-Julian, 7:30 5
Gibsonville, 7:30 7
West Market Street, 5:30 8
Bethel, 7:30 8
Hickory Grove, 7:30 (Sat.) 9
Stoneville, Centenary, 11 10
Spray, 3:30 10
Sandy Ridge, Sandy Ridge, 7 10
Grace, 7:30 11
Mount Pisgah, 7:30 14
Mount Pleasant Station, 7:30 15
Carraway Memorial, 7:30 (Saturday) 16

May

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Carraway Memorial 2-9 p.m. 1

MARION DISTRICT

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S., P.O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

March

Shady Grove, night 31

April

Snow Hill, night 1
Bethel (McDowell), 10 3
Trinity (McDowell), 11 3
Pinnacle (McDowell), 3 3
Hildebran (Revival), night 3
Bakersville, 11 10
Oak Grove (Bakersville), 3 10
Bethlehem (Bakersville), night 10
Penland, night 11
Altamont, night 12
Jonas Ridge, night 13
Concord, night 14
Kona, night 15
Oak Hill (Table Rock), 10 17
Mt. Grove (Table Rock), 10:45 17
Linville (Table Rock), 11:30 17
Calvary (Revival), night 17
Deyton Bend, 10 24
Red Hill, 11 24
Glen Ayre, 3 24
Tipton Hill, night 24
Fairview (Boone Circuit), night 25
Bethel (Boone Ct.), night 26
Friendship (Boone Ct.), night 27
Pleasant Valley, night 28

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, FIRST STREET, ALBEMARLE, SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2 O'CLOCK.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

George B. Clemmer, D.S., 11 Mock St., Thomasville, N. C. Telephone, 304

March

Richland, Browers, 11 27
Asheboro, First, 7:30 30

April

Cid: Clarksbury, 11 3
Archdale, 7:30 3
Thomasville, West End, 7:30 4
Asheboro Circuit: West Chapel, 7:30 5
Cooleemee, 7:30 6
Mocksville, First, 7:30 7
Asheboro, West Bend, 11 10
Liberty, First, 7:30 10
Welcome, Ebenezer, 7:30 11
Lexington, First, 7:30 12
North Davidson: Shady Grove, 7:30 13
Midway: New Mount Vernon, 11 17
Davie Circuit: Center, 7:30 17
Shiloh: Reeds, 7:30 20
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, FIRST, 9:15 22
RANDOLPH COUNTY EVANGELISTIC WORKSHOP, April 24-May 1
LEXINGTON AREA EVANGELISTIC WORKSHOP, April 24-May 1

May

Ramseur-Franklinville: Franklinville, 11 1
Asheboro, Central, 7:30 1
Trinity: Trinity, 7:30 3
Thomasville, First, 7:30 4
Thomasville, Trinity-Bethel, Bethel, 7:30 5
Pleasant Grove, 11 8
Unity-Fair Grove: Unity, 7:30 8
Fairfield, 7:30 10
Thomasville Circuit: Spring Hill, 7:30 17
Randolph-Gray's: Gray's, 7:30 13
Randleman, First, 11 15
Randleman Circuit: New Salem, 3 15
Farmington: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 16
Davidson: Centenary, 7:30 17
Denton Circuit: First, 7:30 18
South Davidson: Lineberry, 7:30 19
Thomasville, Memorial, 11 22
Advance: Bailey's Chapel, 7:30 22
Greer-Mount Carmel: Mount Carmel, 7:30 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 25
Mount Vernon: Mount Pleasant, 11 29
Old Union, 3 29

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

C. N. Clark, D.S., Waynesville, N. C.

April

Franklin Circuit, 11 3
West Macon, 3 3
Whittier, 11 10
Bethel, 11 24
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9:30, Clyde 30

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

H. G. Allen, D.S., 898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

April

Elkin Circuit, Ebenezer, 11 10
Elkin Circuit, Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 10
Shoals: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 4 10
Holy Week Services (Surry Project), Bishop Paul B. Kern 10-15
Salem: Salem, 11 17
Salem: Carter's Chapel, Church Dedication (Surry Project), 3 17
Oak Grove: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 5 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Pilot Mountain, 9:30 26

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Asheville—Abernethy Memorial, 9:30 a.m. ..... April 28
Charlotte—Ansonville, 9:30 a.m. ..... April 21
Gastonia—Cherryville, 9:30 a.m. ..... April 19
Greensboro—Carraway Memorial, 2:00 p.m. ..... May 1
Salisbury—Albemarle: First Street, 2:00 p.m. ..... April 3
Statesville—New Salem Church, Cool Springs Charge, 9:30 a.m. ..... April 29
Thomasville—Randleman, 9:15 a.m. ..... April 22
Waynesville—Clyde, 9:30 a.m. ..... April 30
Winston-Salem—Pilot Mountain, 9:30 a.m. ..... April 26

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

RICHMOND AREA

Bishop W. W. Peele, Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

DURHAM DISTRICT

E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts Street, Durham, N. C.

April

Andrews-Fletchers: Fletchers, 11 3
Maybrook-Masseys: Masseys, 7:30 3
Durham, Duke Memorial, 11 10
Butner: Butner, 7:30 10
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Phillips Chapel, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 21
Yanceyville: Locust Hill, 10 24
Milton: Purley, 7 24

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D. S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

April

Moyock: Sharon, 11 3
Wanchese, 7:30 3
Elizabeth City, City Road, 7:30 (Q. C.) 4
Pasquotank: Mount Hermon, 7:30 8
Williamston, 11 10
Windsor: Cashie, 3 10
Perquimans: Woodland, 11 & 1 23
Ahoskie, 11 24
Aulander: Lewiston, 7:30 24

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Walter C. Ball, D.S., 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.

March

St. John-Gibson: Gibson, 11 6
Ellerbe: Concord, 3 6
E. Rockingham, 7:30 6
Broadway: Broadway, 11 13
Glendon: Fair Promise, 3 13
Goldston: Goldston, 7:30 13
Fayetteville Circuit: Campground, 11 20
Eastover: Salem, 7:30 20
Siler City: Piney Grove, 11 27
Robbins Circuit: Pleasant Hill, 8 27
Aberdeen-Vass: Roseland, 7:45 27

April

Caledonia: Caledonia, 11 3
Mount Gilead Circuit: Melton's Grove, 3 3
Troy Circuit: Troy, 7:30 3
Raeford: Raeford (preaching), 11 10
Person Street-Calvary: Person Street, 7:30 10
EASTER SUNDAY (Open) 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT ROBBINS, 10 20
Sanford, Steele Street, 11 (preaching) 24
Sanford, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 24
Robbins (preaching), 7:30 24

May

Cordova: Cordova, 11 1
Rockingham, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 1
Roberdell: Green Lake, 7:30 1
St. Paul's: Barkers, 11 8
Hay Street, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 8
Wesley Heights: Gardners, 7:30 8
Biscoe: Star, 11 15
Pinebluff: Beaverdam, 3 15
Parkton: Hope Mills, 7:30 15
Laurinburg (preaching), 11 22
Laurel Hill: Tabernacle, 3 22
Rowland: Rowland, 7:30 22
Red Springs (preaching), 11 29
Stedman: Tabor, 3 or 7:30 (Time to be selected) 29

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

April

LaGrange, Trinity, 11 3
Mt. Olive: Calypso, 7: 30 3
Vanceboro: Lanes, 11 10
Pink Hill: Woodington, 7:30 10
Fremont: Yelverton, 11 17
Seven Springs: Zion, 7:30 17
Dover: Lanes, 11 24

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

A. J. Hobbs, D.S., 803 Sycamore St., Rocky Mount, N. C. Telephone 2804

April

Tarboro, 11 3
Elm City: Mount Zion, 3:30 3
Kenly: Buckhorn, 7:30 3
Spring Hope: Stanhope, 11 10
Nashville: Yorks, 3 10
Pinetops: Temperance Hall, 3 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: BETHEL, 9:30 19
Bethel, 11 24
Robersonville: Vernon, 3 24
Scotland Neck: Hobgood, 7:30 24
WASHINGTON, D. C., SEMINAR 26-28

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

C. D. BARCLIFT, D.S., 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

April

Lumberton, Chestnut Street, 7:30 1
Wilmington, Grace, 6:30 6
Scotts Hill: Sneads Ferry, 11 10
Elizabethtown: Wesleys, 7:30 10
Elizabethtown, preaching, 11 17
Pembroke: First Church, 7:30 17
Wilmington, Epworth-Seagate, 11 24
Wilmington, Sunset Park-Bethany, 2:30 24
Wilmington, Wesley Memorial, 7:30 24
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, SOUTHPORT, 9:30 26

May

Clinton, 11 1
Warsaw: Turkey, 7:30 1
Wilmington, Fifth Avenue, 8 2
Shallotte: Village Point, 11 7
Pembroke: Prospect, 11 8
Lumberton Circuit: East Lumberton, 7:30 8
Wilmington, Trinity, 8 9
Southport, 7:30 11
Roseboro: Andrews, 11 15
Faison: Keeners, 7:30 15
Wallace, 11 22
Burgaw: Jordans, 3 22
Rose Hill: Charity, 7:30 22
Pembroke: Fairview, 11 29
Pembroke, Bethel, 3 29
Pembroke: Pleasant Grove, 7:30 29

June

Chadbourn, 11 5
Hallsboro: Old Dock, 8 5
Pastors' School, Duke University 7-10
Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg College 11, 12
Jacksonville, 11 12
Richlands: Gum Branch, 8 12
Bladen: Windsor, 8 19
Clinton Circuit: Epworth, 11 26
Duplin: Unity, 3 26
Maysville, 8 26

July

Swansboro: Queens, 11 3
Town Creek: Bethel, 11 10
Whiteville, 8 10
Carolina Beach: Federal Point, 12 17
Garland: Salem, 8 17
Waccamaw: Bethesda, 11 24
Tabor City: Zion, 3 24
Fairmont, 8 24
Pembroke Circuit: Buies, 11 31

August

South Robeson: Bethesda, 11 7

Evangelists' Slates

ROY T. HOUTS, Approved Evangelist
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March 27 to April 10, Reynolds Memorial, Bristol, Va.
April 10-24—Chilhowie, Va.
April 24-May 1, Madison, N. C.

JOHN R. CHURCH, D.D., Route 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.

March 27-April 7—Grace Methodist, Salem, Ill.
April 10-22—Union meeting, Farmington, N. C.
April 24-May 5—First Methodist, Andrews, N. C.
May 15-26—Shiloh Methodist, Lexington, N. C.
May 29-June 19—City Wide Union, Springfield, Ill.

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Youth Work Calendar for 1949

APRIL

10-17 Holy Week

18-30 District Youth Rallies

22-24 Annual State Student Conference,
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Raleigh, North Carolina

MAY

1 Pay-up Sunday, Methodist Youth Fund
1- 8 National Family Week
8 Invite parents to MYF Meeting
10-11 Conference for DRE's, Durham, North Carolina
Prepare for Summer Activities
25 Deadline for Assembly Registrations. To be safe, get them in by May 15

Elect Local Church, Subdistrict, District Officers in the Spring

JUNE

INTERMEDIATE CAMPS

Two Weeks at Fisher's Landing, New Bern, N. C.
June 13-18 June 20-25
Raleigh, Rocky Mount, and Durham Districts
Rev. W. R. Stevens, Roanoke Rapids, Dean

Two Weeks at Fisher's Landing, New Bern, N. C.
July 11-16 July 18-23
Elizabeth City, New Bern, and Wilmington Districts
Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Washington, Dean

One Week at Camp Forest, Cheraw, N. C.
August 8-13 Fayetteville District
Rev. C. P. Morris, Troy, N. C., Dean

Other Dates in June

3- 5 Young Adult Assembly, Louisburg
4-11 Student Conference, Lake Junaluska
13-23 Caravan Training, Lake Junaluska
26-July 2 U. C. Y. M. Regional, Kings Mountain, N. C.

LOUISBURG ASSEMBLIES

13-18 Assembly for Older Youth (ages 17-23)
Rev. T. M. Vick, Dean
Dr. Mark Depp, Speaker

20-25 Assembly for Seniors and Older Youth (ages 15-23)
Rev. Kermit Wheeler, Dean
Dr. Raymond M. Veh, Speaker

27-July 2 Assembly for Seniors and Older Youth (ages 15-23)
Rev. C. S. Hubbard, Dean
Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Speaker

Methodist Youth Caravans Will Visit Local Churches: June 24-August 13

Plan a Youth Activities Week in Your Church. Fellowship Teams Are Available

JULY

19-29 Young People's Leadership Conference, Lake Junaluska

(For conference, district, and sub-district officers only.)

AUGUST

1- 4 District and Sub-district Directors Training Conference, Lake Junaluska
4-16 Adult Leadership School, Lake Junaluska
Week Full Council Training and Enrichment Conference—Camp Don-Lee. Dr. B. G. Childs, Speaker

Install Local Church, Subdistrict, District Officers in the Fall

IN THE FALL

Hold week-end retreat for local church councils, for sub-district councils, for district councils for fellowship together and map plans, projects, activities for year. Back to high schools and colleges.
Make special effort to increase church school enrollment and win others for Christ and His Church.

October: Pay-up, Methodist Youth Fund. (Send to address below)
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First Church, High Point, where the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service meets April 6-8.

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ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT WORLD SERVICE GIVING INCREASES; MINISTER PASSES; ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD SERVICE ACCEPTANCES NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Elizabeth City District

J. Herbert Miller, Superintendent

Total Acceptances	$18,298
Apportionment for the District	15,844
Acceptances exceed apportionment	2,454
Acceptances exceed 1947-43 Apportionment	36%
Acceptances exceed 1944-45 Apportionment	49%

This Year

All of the 32 charges in the District increased World Service acceptances over last year.

15 of the 32 charges increased pastors' salaries $4,275.

17 charges, or more than half, accepted PAR for World Service, or better. Charge and pastor are listed below:

Aulander, D. M. Lewis; Bath, W. C. Shaw; Belhaven, L. T. Singleton; Chowan, E. R. Meekins; Creswell, W. F. Meacham; Edenton, W. L. Freeman; Gatesville, T. A. Collins; Hatteras, J. T. Fisher; Kinnakeet, P. M. Porter; Mattamuskeet, J. C. Harmon; Murfreesboro, J. C. Chaffin; Pasquotank, Z. V. Cowan; Perquimans, E. B. Edwards; Roper, B. E. Bingham; South Mills, C. A. Johnson; Stumpy Point, W. B. Gregory; Wanchese, C. W. Guthrie.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE and FINANCE, M. J .Cowell, Secretary.

DR. J. M. CULBRETH PASSES

DR. J. Marvin Culbreth, who retired from active service in the North Carolina Conference last fall, died in Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., last week following an illness of several days. Since his retirement Dr. Culbreth had made his home at Brentwood, Tenn., Route 2.

Dr. Culbreth joined the North Carolina Conference in 1901, serving for several years in the pastorate. He joined the staff of the General Board of Education where he served a number of years. During his absence from North Carolina he served a Church in Missouri and was also engaged in interdenominational work. Later he returned to the North Carolina Conference and served the following appointments: Asbury, Durham; First Church, Henderson; Rocky Mount district superintendent; University Church, Chapel Hill; Louisburg, where he was completing his fourth year when he retired.

An able preacher, an outstanding scholar, Dr. Culbreth held a place of leadership in the Church for many years. His father was also a member of the North Carolina Conference.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Ada Trawick; two daughters, and two sons, one of whom, Rev. George Culbreth, is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference serving the Rockwood charge in the Waynesville district.

Dear Editor:

I've wondered why, on the special day of dedication, congregations should be cautioned not to let the offering "interfere with the World Service offering"?

If it was an honest and sincere dedication, it will and should greatly affect the World Service offering; in most instances double it; Too few of our people pay the tithe, therefore give no offering.

Margaret W. Willingham

NOTICE TO ALL PASTORS CHARLOTTE AREA

I am very grateful to all our Pastors for the co-operation in the Week of Dedication. As has been previously announced, the Week of Dedication offering is not credited on our regular World Service and Conference Benevolence Apportionment or on Advance Specials. It is reported in a separate column in the Annual Report.

Please see that your church treasurer sends your week of Dedication offering promptly to the Conference Treasurer, properly designated as the Week of Dedication Offering.

COSTEN J. HARRELL

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Asheville District Conference will convene at Abernethy church, West Asheville on Thursday, April 28, at 9:30 a.m. All of our brethren are cordially invited to visit the conference and represent the interests of the church. Other visitors will be warmly welcomed. The ladies of the new Abernethy church, whose membership now numbers nearly 150, will serve lunch. The church is locate on the Waynesvill highway, just at the edge of Asheville.

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**South China Grove has doubled its quota.

*denotes quota reached

**denotes quota doubled

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

How to pronounce "saith." The point is made here because many minister either do not know or else will not accept Webster's opinion of the correct pronunciation. One is not penalized if slight uncertainty or ignorance is reflected in pronouncing an unusual or rare word. But when a minister mispronounces a word so well known as "saith," it becomes quite conspicuous, especially when reading a passage where the word appears often. To make two prominent syllables of it, as: "Jesus **say-eth** unto her . . ." "Then **say-eth** the woman of Samaria unto him," diverts the attention of the hearer from the beauty of the passage to the error of the minister.

Webster thinks "saith" is one syllable, not two. He also thinks the vowel sound of "ai" in saith is the same as "ai" in said. It would seem, therefore, that Webster's opinion supported by a convincing analogy should have sufficient weight to establish the common usage of "seth" as the correct pronunciation.

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EDITORIAL

Is the Church Being Slowly Pushed Into a Corner?

Many people are greatly alarmed over what is happening to the church in certain countries overseas. They feel that enemies of the church are trying to push it into a corner either to destroy it completely or to reduce it to impotence. Others, fully aware of the threats abroad, are more disturbed about what is happening to the church in many communities closer home. They are afraid the church is in danger of being slowly swallowed up by secularism on the one hand and backed into a corner by relentless competition on the other hand. In no community do they see any organized effort against the church. Perhaps herein lies the danger.

In many phases of its program the church has been slowly giving ground. In many points it has been forced to compromise its position. In one field after another it has been gradually retreating. Consider, for example, the Sabbath. Once the Sabbath belonged exclusively to the church. On that day the church had a free hand. Today the church is just one of dozens of causes competing for people's time and patronage. As a result the church has an open field only an hour or two on Sunday morning. The rest of the day it faces the fiercest competition from all kinds of commercialized and secularized interests. In a survey conducted some time ago by the News Chronicle, London newspaper, only 15% of the persons questioned stated that they participated in some form of worship; 72% admitted that their chief activity was listening to the radio; while 42% claimed that their major interest was visiting and entertaining. Perhaps these figures would not apply to a typical American community. Nevertheless, they remind us forcibly that there is no longer a single day that belongs exclusively to the church.

So far as Sunday evening worship services are concerned, many churches are definitely being backed into a corner. In many communities there are more darkened churches on Sunday evening than there are lighted churches. It has also been retreating in its mid-week prayer service. Wednesday evening, so long set aside for the church, in many communities has lost its religious significance. The week of revival, once holding such an exalted place in the program of the church, in many places is having to fight for its very existence. Many churches find it increasingly more difficult to hold special services.

Other phases of the church's program are having a struggle to exist. None are openly opposed. They are merely being crowded out. Slowly, inch by inch, step by step, they are facing harder sledding.

Now, we are not pleading simply for these traditional services, such as the Sunday evening service, or the prayer service, or the revival. However, we feel that they still represent something vital in the life of the church. Moreover, we feel that the church has found no effective substitute for any of these services that have meant so much across the centuries. And that is serious. But we believe that what is happening to these services indicates a trend that is endangering the whole program of the church.

What can we do? We do not pretend to know the full answer. But we believe the answer does not lie in the direction of continued retreat and compromise and surrender. The more we retreat, the more we shall be expected to retreat. The church can keep on giving ground until there will be no more ground to give. The kingdom of God will never be established by a timid, vacillating, retreating church.

Again, the church can examine its program. Perhaps some things the church has been doing are not essential. There is no particular virtue in holding to forms and customs that have lost their usefulness. The church does not need to change its message. It may need to change its approach. Many churches may need to rethink their program, may need to plan a more vital and comprehensive program.

Finally, those of us who love the church perhaps need a deepened sense of its inherent worth. Sometimes we can become so involved in the details of a program that we lose sight of the bigness of the thing we are doing. Sometimes because others do not seem to take seriously what we are trying to do, we become discouraged and begin to question its value ourselves. No one needs to apologize for the work of the church. Perhaps we need to apologize for our inability and for our lack of consecration and faith. The church is engaged in the highest and most glorious work in the entire community. Other causes can better suffer than it. The very destiny of the human family is tremendously involved in what the church does.

These times call not for retreat, but for advance. These times demand that we enlarge the program of the church, not compromise. The hour calls for attack, not surrender. And we firmly believe that when the church announces that it is in business to go forward and advance along all lines, there will be enough people challenged and inspired by that sort of declaration to give it their full support. There is no better time to call a halt to this policy of slow retrenchment and begin a real advance than during these holy days we are now approaching.

The church does not belong in a corner, but in the center!

The Solemn and Glorious Days Just Ahead

Followers of Jesus are approaching the most significant week in the Christian year. Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Many churches will hold special services during the week. Every Christian will want to attend these services. Others who are denied this privilege will want to spend many hours in prayer and meditation and reading the Scriptures. All of us will want to join our Lord during the Week of His Passion—march with him down the streets of Jerusalem to crown him King; go with him to the temple to hear him teach; worship with him in the upper room; pray with him in Gethsemane; follow him to the Sanhedrin and to Pilate's palace for his trial; walk sadly with him to Calvary; stand wearily with his disciples during the hours of his suffering and anguish on the cross; mourn with them in the hour of his death; gather with his followers on Sunday morning before an empty tomb; witness his triumphant victory over sin and death. What a solemn and glorious experience awaits us during the sacred days just ahead.

Religion and Health No. 5 . . .

God and Suffering*

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MOST of us are not prepared for suffering when it overtakes us, whether that suffering be physical pain, business reverses, reverses in love, or loss of a loved one through death. Particularly, religious people think of themselves as privileged persons, so far as suffering is concerned. To be sure, such thought is found in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament. God will deliver, God will protect, is the theme of many of our hymns. When suffering overtakes us, then we think either that God is punishing us, or that He has forgotten us; or, after much suffering, we come to the conclusion, there is no God! That is the saddest of all conclusions. Marcus Aurelius is reported to have said, "It is pleasant to die, if there be Gods; and sad to live if there be none." During the time of suffering none of these conclusions are helpful.

Suffering has a place in life and living, and we should recognize it and prepare for it so that when it overtakes us we can turn it to creative ends. The purpose of this life, we believe, is to prepare us for greater life, for greater tasks, for greater creative responsibility as heirs and co-heirs with God. We are not only to struggle to turn back to God the souls entrusted to us as little tarnished by the experiences of this life as possible, as some seem to believe; we are creatures of infinite creature capacities, which God permits us to develop or to destroy. God is not a dictator. He does not force His Will or His Desire upon us. This attitude of Divine permissiveness and Infinite patience is hard to understand; and failure to arrive at it has led some who have limited imaginations to claim that God does not exist at all. Others say, "If God can prevent suffering and does not, then He is more to be despised than a dictator of the most cruel sort!"

The apostle Paul knew something about suffering. In his letter to the Philippians he writes: I am instructed both through joy and through suffering. "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." (Phil. 4:12.)

He makes no claim that he had learned only through suffering, If so we would have judged him mentally unbalanced. He speaks also of learning through joy, but he does claim that he had learned much through suffering. He knew whereof he spoke when he talked about this subject. These words were perhaps written from prison shortly before the apostle's death by public execution in Rome. Before that, Paul had been stoned and had been left beside the road for dead; he had been shipwrecked; he had been arrested and beaten; he had been in controversy with his friends, and he had suffered the soul-searing experience of changing his religious convictions. He had turned from a persecutor of the Christians and of Christ to become the foremost follower of the Nazarene. That change represented no small amount of suffering, perhaps the greatest, and yet near the end of his life he is saying to his followers, "I know how to be happy and I know how to be sad, but in all things, both in happiness and sorrow, I have learned lessons."

This is the kind of wisdom that is uttered only by one who has lived a full and hectic life, exposed to the cold wind of January and the stormy blasts of September. It is the kind of wisdom that comes from one who has reached December and has no yearning for the long past romances of June with its fancy and vigor. This attitude, which the Apostle Paul had gained, is one which we would do well to ponder. He is telling us that we may learn lessons from misfortune as well as good fortune; from suffering may come a depth of understanding, as well as feelings of well being which stem from good fortune.

Suffering has a place in life and we should prepare for it so we may turn it into creative ends. God through Christ helps us do just that, enabling us to use suffering and find life's deepest purpose.

A sixteen year old boy once told me of a trip to the healing shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec. At the time we talked the boy could not walk a step because of an early injury, and the physicians held no hope of his ever being able to walk. Of his trip to the Shrine he said, "I was greatly blessed. It was the grandest experience of my life. I would not have missed it for anything in the world. Oh, it didn't improve my legs any. I still cannot walk, but spiritually I am better! My outlook is different." He was saying he had overcome his handicap. He could not walk but that was no longer a problem. Not only was his spirit as good as it was before he became ill, it was far better. "I know how to be abased . . . in all things I am instructed."

One of the common questions we ask in time of adversity, or suffering, is, "Why has this happened to me? There are millions of people in the world and I am the one who falls ill." "Why am I one of the few of all people I know who cannot walk: why?" "Out of the twelve millions men in the military service my son, my sweetheart, my husband, is one of the comparatively few who was killed. Why?"

There is an old saying, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." I do not believe this. There is another belief commonly held to the effect that only those who can endure suffering are sent suffering. I do not believe this either. While one of the most commonly held beliefs is that one dies when his time comes. This above all else I do not believe. Because I do not believe God decides when each of us should die nor does he manipulate the specific circumstances under which we die. I do not pray, "Thy will be done" when I stand beside sick people. After such a prayer, if death should follow, the family may blame God for it. They say to themselves. "Yes, God killed him and the minister said it was all right for Him to do so." On the other hand if the sick person recovers the family is apt to believe that somehow, in some way, God and the preacher got cheated out of a soul. If a loved one dies we blame God for it, but if he recovers the doctor was responsible for the recovery. It seldom occurs to us that God was trying as hard as the doctor to bring about the recovery.

The late Bishop Lawrence of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts once said that he had had thousands of parishoners lost at sea. When asked what he meant he replied that in many years as pastor of Trinity Church, Boston, he had had thousands of people request his prayers for a safe journey at sea but only two ever returned to ask that he offer a prayer of thanksgiving upon their safe return from such a journey. He therefore assumed that all the others had drowned.

That is our attitude toward misfortune. We blame God for suffering, while we claim whatever credit there is ourselves for having escaped suffering. Actually God probably is little interested in whether we suffer or not. My mother and father both died when I was quite young. As a result of their deaths I was thrown into intimate association with people who were interested in the church, and became a minister. Yet not for a moment do I believe that God had to kill my mother and father to get me

*A radio sermon sponsored by the Durham Methodist Society.

to be a minister. At a later time I went through a long and painful illness. As a result I became a hospital chaplain. Yet I don't believe God caused me to become ill to interest me in the spiritual needs that arise in sickness. What a cruel, miserable, hard-boiled, self-centered God it would be who would play such tricks upon us to teach us lessons and to get us to follow His desires for us.

The proper attitude toward life comes from Paul. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." To St. Paul Christ was God. Orthodox Christians everywhere believe that also. Jew and Christian alike, irrespective of their conception of Christ, believe we can do all things when we are strengthened by God, come joy, come suffering; in all things we are instructed. We learn of life. We learn how to live, which is the reason we are here as human beings. That is the purpose of life.

THE SECOND MILE A MINIMUM

By W. ARTHUR KALE*

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."—Matt. 5:41

To the earnest Christian the second mile is a minimum, bringing surprise and glorious adventure. The real Christian asks not how little he can give, but how much. And in going the second mile he becomes God-intoxicated.

JOHN DOE is asking a straightforward question, "I have learned how not to live; can anyone tell me how to live?" He adds, "What I have learned is a bitter lesson; what I want to learn must be a better lesson."

If the Christians now living are alert they will not wait for others to answer Mr. Doe's inquiry. If the Christians have any ability to recognize an opportunity they will undertake to answer the question—and quickly. If the Christians are wise they will not limit their answers to quotations from Dale Carnegie, Joshua Liebman, Norman Vincent Peale and other helpful writers of this day. This is a good time for Christians to help John Doe get better acquainted with the Sermon on the Mount. Because the question is a sincere one, the answer must be the best Christians know. It would be an extreme blunder for Christians to keep silent in these days about the principle of the "second mile."

The way to live according to this principle, is not on the level of bare equity, carefully measuring out what is one's relationship to his fellowman, giving "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," deciding the course of one's action and conduct on the basis of tit for tat. The way of resentment and hatred has been tried by many people in many places and for a long time. The law of retaliation has been tried, too. It does not add dignity or radiance to life. It promotes evil. It stimulates strife.

Doubtless Jesus had friends in whose lives he had observed the effects of giving tit for tat. His proclamation to them is clear-cut. He says, "whosoever shall compel thee" is worth more than your hatred. Do not hate him. Do not curse him. Add the extra mile. This is not quite the way to put it. The word *extra* does not belong. Jesus did not present his plan as an over-plus which a man might add to shame his enemy. The second mile is a minimum rather than an extra. If a man would live well he goes the second mile without hesitation and without calculation. He does not haggle over details, calculating what duty is and inquiring what necessities are upon him. He willingly travels through the second mile.

By this principle life becomes an adventure—an adventure in friendship, in sacred relationship. How important it is to be adventurous! Whether one is trying to climb Mt. Everest or explore one of the Poles or split the atom, how important it is to be adventurous. The adventure in the physical world is not the only one for which our generation hungers. Men need to become more adventurous in self-denial. If Mr. Doe would live well, he must learn to go beyond the duty which is demanded.

What happens in the second mile? If a man is led to try the principle Jesus exalted, can we give him any hint concerning what he may expect? Christians must speak up. There are others who readily say the Sermon on the Mount will not work. It looks fine as an ideal. It is a noble thing, but it simply will not work. Christians boldly say, this alone will work! We have tried other ways in every century since Jesus preached this sermon. We are convinced concerning them. This is the critical moment when men want to know what will work.

What will happen to the man who travels beyond duty? He will find a surprise. He will discover his spirit will not be broken and he will not be humiliated! It is unbelievable to some, but a change takes place in the heart of every Roman for whom any Jew carries a pack beyond the required limits of the law. The Jew is not humiliated in the eyes of the Roman. Rather he assumes a new dignity.

According to this principle, a man can never learn to live until he lifts his minimum to the highest possible point.

A little girl asked her father at the breakfast table, "Why don't we say grace just once a week and save time?" Some older friend might put it another way, "Why don't we arrange a more practical method? It is a waste of time to do this thing every day. Why don't we pack it into an efficiency capsule and save time and effort?" The father gave the right answer as he replied, "Do we want stale bread on our table?" Stale characters are abundant among twentieth century humanity. We have grown stale as we have calculatingly and coolly estimated the least we should do to promote the humanities and to develop the spiritual vigor of life.

What happens when a man becomes saturated with love or intoxicated with God's spirit? The minimum is not placed by an efficiency calculation. He is not content with fractional service for others and his God. He goes the second mile. This is the message the Christians must be prepared to announce to every inquiring and spiritually hungry John Doe. This is what the Methodists must say through the Advance For Christ and His Church.

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Palm Sunday

With wild acclaim they met Him on that day
When Jesus entered old Jerusalem;
And with palm branches carpeted the way
He was to pass, Who went to die for them .
But Christ came quietly—in peace He came—
A dedicated altar lamb . . . His face,
An altar lamp uplifted, whose clear flame
Revealed the vaulted majesty of Grace.
So have men ever hailed Thee, King of Kings—
But to betray; and yet, with sure increase,
Thy Kingdom comes, and sweeter, clearer, sings
The chorus of good will—the Choir of Peace;
Until at length, in earth's remotest parts,
Palm branches shall be lifted in men's hearts!

Mitchell's Grove Church —R. M. LAUGHLIN

The Cross in Creation

By DR. GILBERT T. ROWE*

The cross was inevitable in creation — inevitable in the life of God and in the life of man. Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the God-given Saviour of the world. Sacrificial love is the way for both the Saviour and the saved.

TWO of the symbols in early Christian art are the fish and the cross. The former came through the coincidence that the first letters of the words, Jesus, Christ, Son of God, Saviour spell ichthus—fish; the latter because of the action through which God reconciled the world unto himself.

The symbol of the fish has long since been forgotten, but the cross is now found everywhere and is destined to be the symbol of redeeming love as long as the world endures. Though men naturally do not like it and would escape from it, they cannot lose sight of the appalling fact that the best man that ever lived died an agonizing death for their salvation. It is therefore necessary to realize that we are reconciled through the cross and also to become reconciled to it.

Two obvious aspects of reality are incessant activity and the eternal reality which precedes and underlies all action. God is the eternally existent and perpetually creative Reality. Something eternally is, and something is continually coming into being. Creation in its earlier stages is solely the work of God and is carried on without cooperation or resistance. "He spake and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast."

But in the creation of man God was confronted with another and far more difficult problem. How could the creature be brought over from the non-moral status of a child of nature to the moral status of a conscious child of God? Certainly no such transition could be brought about by the exercise of sheer power. Physical results can be produced by physical means, but moral and spiritual results only by moral and spiritual means. Persuasive grace must take the place of irresistible power.

When God said, "Let us make man in our image," the tragedy of the cross was embedded in those words. Such an undertaking entailed the risk of pain, loss, and failure. God knew what he was doing when he gave such terrifying freedom to man, but he evidently thought that the outcome would justify the cost.

The cross, therefore, was not an afterthought, or a mere incident, or an accident. It was inevitably involved in man's creation. The Lamb of God is "slain from the foundation of the world." Man's creation and redemption are all of one piece. "The creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope." God himself could not escape the cross.

If the cross is inevitable in the life of God, must it not also be so in the life of man? God is the creator of creators, and man is doing in a secondary way and under God what the creator is doing primarily. Man is given the freedom and power to create moral and spiritual values and to cooperate with God in bringing many sons and daughters into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.

There are joys of parenthood that only those who have the actual experience can know, and man is more like God in his creativity when he brings into existence an unending life. But such joy is sobered by the enormous risk involved, for no parent can ever be sure that the goal will be reached or know how devious and dangerous may be the path leading toward that goal. And yet parents over and over think that the undertaking is worth the risk, though it will mean heartache and sometimes heartbreak.

God and man continue to take such risks because redeeming love acknowledges no final defeat. Such love will not fail or be discouraged till justice is established in the earth. It is the kind of love that "believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things"—the kind of love that never fails. Such love, though long flouted, must triumph in the end. "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied."

Such creative work is costly business. It means the cross for God and man. There is no substitute. If there were some easier or better way, it would have been found long ago. "Jesus Christ is crucified to the world's end"—as long as such creative activity goes on.

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the God-given Saviour of the world. "He shunned not the bitter cross," and sacrificial love is the way of both the Saviour and the saved. Jesus Christ saves men by drawing them into fellowship with himself in supreme devotion to the kingdom and righteousness—the creative purpose and action—of God.

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From Sorrow to Song

A child, with finger badly burned,
Stopped crying when she upward turned
Her eyes, as if her pains were through;
For when she saw that mother, too,
Was weeping, she could plainly see
That mother suffered, same as she;
And, soothed so much by mother's care,
The burning was not hard to bear.

Since then I've never suffered long
Till all my grief was turned to song;
For, like that child, I've raised my eyes
To see the hills and bright blue skies,
And then to see much higher yet,
Till deepest sorrows I'd forget,
While finding that a God somewhere
Looked down on me with tender care.

Raleigh, N. .C —ERNEST C. DURHAM

De Profundus

One arm pointed eastward,
The other pointed west,
Between the two a bleeding heart
Beat within His breast.

On his left a doomed man mocking,
On His right a repentant thief,
Between the two the Master's head
Bowed low with bitter grief.

Thorns pierced the troubled forehead,
His side, the thrust of spear,
Upon His feet were Mary's tears,
His lips, and anguished prayer.

He saw no mob that mocked Him
With wagging head and sneer,
Nor saw He those who pierced His hands
Nor guardsmen standing near.

He did not see a rabble
Nor thieves hung by His side
He only saw His brothers,
And for them prayed—and died.

Franklin, N. C. GILMER A. JONES.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

THE VANCE SUB-DISTRICT held its regular meeting recently at Plank Chapel Church on the Tar River Circuit.

EDWIN L. JONES of Charlotte, was the speaker in a city-wide Methodist rally recently at First Church, High Point.

REV. AND MRS. N. C. WILLIAMS, JR., and son, Neil Carson, III, were hosts at an open house reception in the new Epworth parsonage at 105 Cedar St., Concord, Saturday evening, March 26.

REV. D. D. HOLT, pastor of Trinity church, Durham, is the visiting preacher in special services being held each evening this week at First Church, Morganton.

GLEN ALPINE Methodists heard Dr. C. M. Waggoner, president of Pfeiffer College, on Laymen's Day, and Miss Ruth Taylor of First Church, Marion, on the Day of Dedication.

REV. J. D. A. AUTRY, pastor, led in special Dedication services on the LaGrange charge during March. In addition to numerous rededications by the members, 18 young people and adults were received into the Church.

FIRST CHURCH, Henderson, has broadened its scope of activities by organizing and sponsoring two troops of Brownie Scouts, a Cub pack consisting of four dens, and a Boy Scout troop. An excellent Girl Scout troop is already active.

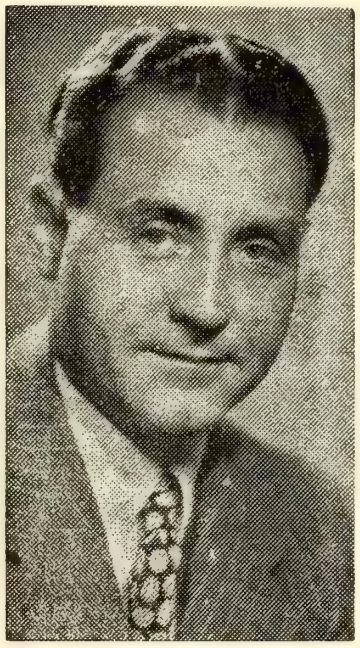
"BUILD THE CHURCH" is the campaign slogan at Memorial Church, Thomasville, as the congregation launches a program to raise $300,000 in pledges between April 3-13. Tom A. Finch is general chairman and Robert C. Rapp is chairman of the special sub-committee.

REV. KEY TAYLOR of Walstonburg is preaching this week in a series of Lenten evangelistic services at the Knotts Island Methodist Church in Currituck County, North Carolina. This church in on the South Princess Anne charge of the Virginia Conference, and Rev. J. W. Reynolds, Jr. is pastor.

REV. H. G. CUTHRELL, pastor of St. Paul church, Maxton, was in charge of a special Masonic service in his church recently which was attended by Masons from Fayetteville, Lumber Bridge, Laurinburg, and McColl, S. C. Mr. Cuthrell is the assistant class lecturer of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the New Bern Consistory.

REV. JOSEPH BROOKSHIRE, an approved evangelist of the Methodist Church and member of the Kentucky Conference, will conduct a two weeks evengelistic mission at the Spray Methodist Church, June 5-19. Mr. Brookshire will be glad to communicate with other pastors in this area about holding missions from June 21-July 3 or July 5-17. He may be reached at 116 Forest Ave., Lexington, Ky.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Commission on Town and Country Work held its first meeting at Wilson March 2nd and its second meeting at Daniel's Memorial in Goldsboro March 15. Items of business under consideration and projects claiming the attention of the committee were: (1) the promotion of the J. M. Ormond Fund; (2) church extension; (3) adequate support of the ministry; (4) displaced persons; (5) rural research; (6) stewardship methods such as Harvest Day and the Lord's Acre plans, and (7) interdenominational cooperation.



Dr. Bosley

Dr. Harold A. Bosley, dean of the Duke Divinity School, is the speaker at Central Church, Asheville this week. He is also speaking each day at noon in the Imperial theatre downtown.

REV. W. B. A. CULP, pastor of the Glen Alpine church, was a chapel speaker recently at Lenoir-Rhyne College during "World Government Week."

DR. H. G. ALLEN, superintendent of the Winston-Salem district, is the preacher in revival services at Shady Grove Church, North Davidson charge, beginning Sunday.

COL. EARL LOWRY, son of Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Lowry of Pembroke and member of the Army medical corps, will be the speaker for the second series of lectures on the Citizenship institute to be held at Pembroke State College April 12.

MISS CYNTHIA B. LOWRY, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Lowry of Pembroke, was recently selected as the most popular student at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she is a senior.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS of the Nursery and Kindergarten children of First Church, Henderson, held their first Parent-Teachers meeting recently at the church. An informal program was conducted, including group discussion on the importance of the home and Church School working together in the development of the child's religious experience. Mrs. J. Glenn Satterwhite, superintendent of the Children's Division, presided at the meeting.

REV. J. T. GREENE of Battleboro has recently conducted marriage and family institutes at Wilson, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck and Whitakers. At Wilson he had 100 adults and 150 teen-agers for separate sessions through a six-week period. At Rocky Mount there were 40 young adults in six weekly session. In a five night institute at Scotland Neck there were 35 young adults. At Whitakers 30 young married women attended a three-night institute. Mr. Greene is attending the Groves annual conference on marriage and the family being held at Chapel Hill this week.

FIRST CHURCH, Lexington, is beginning the construction of a three-story educational building which will cost $77,244.

DR. M. O. FLETCHER of Washington, N. C. was the guests speaker Monday evening at the annual banquet of the Kinston Girl Scout Council.

REVIVAL SERVICES are in progress this week at Trinity Church, Lexington, with Rev. M. W. Edwards, pastor, in charge.

BETHEL CHURCH, Midland, is beginning a program of remodeling the ground floor to make more attractive and enlarge the facilities for the children. Rev. J. L. Trollinger is pastor.

REV. PAUL HARDIN, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, made the principal speech at the sixth annual employer-employee banquet given last week by Senior High School, Greensboro.

HENDERSON METHODIST PASTORS are sponsoring a new Sunday School in the fair grounds section of the city. Backing the movement are Rev. R. E. L. Moser, Rev. W. S. Potter, Rev. Herman Winberry and Rev. T. H. House.

THE MOORE COUNTY sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship held its spring rally Tuesday at Carthage, with Rev. Linwood Blackburn, on furlough from missionary duties in Africa, and Rev. C. P. Morris of Troy, district director of youth work, as speakers.

REV. S. A. STEWART, missionary to Japan from 1906-1941, and retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, is pastor of Okuda Memorial Methodist Church, Mesa, Arizona. He writes that he and Mrs. Stewart are well and hope to visit North Carolina next year.

CARILLONIC BELLS, given by the J. W. Jenkins family in memory of their son, Captain Norwood Thomas Jenkins who died of a tropical fever in the South Pacific during the war, were dedicated at First Church, Henderson, Sunday morning. Rev. C. D. Barclift, former pastor, preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. W. Stanley Potter, pastor was in charge of the service.

DR. H. C. SMITH, pastor of Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, was the speaker in ground-breaking ceremonies for the Westover church, Raleigh, last Sunday afternoon. Located on the Cary highway just beyond the State Fairgrounds, the church was organized in October, 1945 under the leadership of Rev. H. M. McLamb of Ahoskie, who at the time was pastor of Fairmont Church, Raleigh. Pastors who have served the church include Rev. Herman Winberry, Rev. Walter McDonald and Rev. Hollis Huston.

THE CHRISTIAN CONVOCATION, to be held at Duke University June 7-10 announces a list of outstanding speakers. Included are Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, Dr. Robert J. McCracken, Dr. Calvin Hoover, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Dr. John F. Fairbank, Dean Harold A. Bosley, Dr. Edgar S. Brightman, Dr. Thomas A. Tripp, Dr. H. E. Spence, Mr. Arthur Krock, Dr. Walter Towner, Dr. Russell Dicks, Bishop W. W. Peele, Dr. A. J. Walton, Dr. J. W. Sells Mrs. W. R. Reed, Rev. O. V. Caudill and Rev. G. H. Ehlhardt. The Convocation is sponsored by the Duke Divinity School, the North Carolina Pastors' School, The North Carolina Rural Church Institute and the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Salisbury District Showing Gains; Toronto Pastor to Visit State; Advance Group Meets at Rocky Mount

BISHOP HARRELL FEATURED SPEAKER AT SALISBURY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

"WE are inheritors of a great power and a great program," declared Bishop Costen J. Harrell to a large audience of laymen and preachers attending the Salisbury District Conference last Sunday at First Street Church, Albemarle. In a meeting that began at 2 p.m. with a business session and was climaxed with a stirring missionary message emphasizing the Advance by Bishop Harrell at the evening worship service, the representatives of the 47 charges of the district heard several speakers on various causes of the church and heard reports on the different phases of the church's program. Rev. W. B. West, superintendent, presided at the afternoon session and Rev. Karl Koestline, pastor-host, was in charge of the evening worship service. Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the host church served supper, and special music was brought by the choir of Pfeiffer College.

Bishop Harrell based his text on the words of Jesus used just before his ascension: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." He stated that we are inheritors of a re-creating and redeeming and conquering power. Christianity, he continued, is a world-wide program. "We cannot float Christianity in our little heart or in our little parishes. It is a world-wide movement and it takes a world to float it. Christianity is the religion of the open road."

The speaker traced the expansion of Christianity from Jerusalem to Rome and into the Anglo-Saxon world and America. "All that we have," he emphasized, "we owe to the religion that has changed us. No race of people is so indebted to Christianity as the Anglo-Saxon race. The missionaries have made America what it is. The old circuit riders did more to make this country great than all those who wrote the Constitution. What we are we owe to the grace of God rather than to the blood of our ancestors."

Concluding, he declared: "We are in a stream of the gospel borne down to us by men and women who loved our souls more than they loved comforts, and if we do not pass it on, we shall lose it. This is the imperial commission."

The reports of the preachers revealed that 680 persons have been received into the churches of the district since Annual Conference; $3,855 was contributed during the Week of Dedication; 94.3% of the apportionment for the Children's Home for the year has been paid; 49.4% of World Service acceptances for the year has been paid; 49.8% of pastors' salaries for the year has been paid; and 48.6% of other ministerial support for the year has been paid.

In the report of the committee on Christian education, read by Rev. Julian Holmes and spoken to by Rev. Carl H. King, stress was placed on the observance of Church School Day with an offering for the youth camp, the continued increase in church school enrollment, vacation church schools and the summer youth program. The committee on Evangelism announced a retreat for ministers to be held at Pfeiffer College, Tuesday, April 26, and urged that continued emphasis be placed on evangelism. Rev. Ralph Taylor spoke to the report.



Dr. David A. MacLennan
Toronto, Canada

O. L. Swaringen, district lay leader, in reporting on lay activities, stated that laymen were used in almost every pulpit during Laymen's Day and the Week of Dedication. The report of the committee suggested that laymen are willing to serve by conducting services in rural churches, supporting county mission societies and cooperating in the Advance program.

Rev. Cecil Hefner, in speaking to the report of missions, urged every church to take a mission special, to use missionary boxes and to cooperate with county boards of missions and church extension. In a most forceful way, Rev. W. B. West, who recently attended a meeting of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, urged the churches to support generously the quadrennial missionary program.

Rev. J. H. Carper read the report of the committee on temperance, which called for making the homes cells for the teaching and practice of temperance and abstinence, using the quarterly temperance lessons in the church schools, support of public school in teaching the evil effects of alcohol, and voting for public officials who oppose use and sale of alcoholic beverages. It was announced that in the district 3,511 cards were signed on Commitment Day. Rev. R. M. Hauss, director of the Allied Church League, also spoke to the report.

Two young men, Daniel E. Bailey and Neil V. McGlamery, by action of the Conference will be recommended to the forthcoming Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Others appearing on the program included L. R. Akers, C. M. Pickens, O. V. Woosley, C. M. Waggoner, E. J. Coltrane, Mrs. C. M. Waggoner, C. O. Kennerly, and C. W. Robbins.

CONCORD CHURCH PLANS PREACHING MISSION

DR. DAVID A. MacLENNAN, pastor of Timothy-Eaton Memorial church, Toronto, Canada, will be the guest preacher for the Houston Mission Week at Central church, Concord, April 24-29, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. Herman F. Duncan.

Dr. MacLennan, of Scottish-Canadian background, is an outstanding preacher, writer and lecturer. Born at Boston, Mass., he has served several Presbyterian churches in the United States and Canada. In his present church in eleven years, he received 1596 new communicant members. He has held several places of leadership in the United Church of Canada. His writings include "No Coward Soul," "The Healing of His Seamless Dress," and "A Week's Rations." He is also contributor to several religious periodicals.

The annual preaching mission at Central church has been made possible through the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Houston, who have established a trust fund, the income from which will be used to provide a series of special services in the church.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ADVANCE PROGRAM GOES FORWARD

THE North Carolina Conference has made excellent progress in the Advance program so far this year, according to reports submitted recently at a meeting of the executive committee of the Advance, Bishop Peele, the district superintendents and the district missionary secretaries. The meeting, held at First church, Rocky Mount, Monday, March 28, was presided over by Rev. W. L. Clegg, conference chairman of the Advance Committee.

A report on World Service acceptances by the district superintendents revealed that on a total apportionment of $164,327, representing a 33⅓% increase over the 1944-1948 apportionment, the charges have accepted $177,768, or $13,441 more than the askings. Report of the district superintendents also reveal that the Week of Dedication was widely observed, and that the spiritual results were good.

Marvin J. Cowell, who served as treasurer of overseas relief funds, stated that 161 charges had forwarded to him $8,950 in special offerings taken in February for overseas relief. It is fully expected that the quota of $10,000 will be reached when the other charges make their reports.

Church treasurers are asked to send Week of Dedication offerings to Thomas B. Lugg, Treas., 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill.

Bishop Peele reported that mission special booklets should be ready by the time of the district conferences. The group voted that the district superintendent and the district missionary secretary would work out a plan in each district for presenting the mission specials. Local churches are requested to divide mission special money, with 60% going to Dr. Albert E. Beebe, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y., as a foreign special, and 30% going to Marvin J. Cowell, 1417 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, as a home special.

Bishop Peele announced that Bishops Kern and Oxnam would be among the speakers at an Advance rally to be held in this area during the fall.

METHODIST INSTITUTIONS GET DUKE AID

Four North Carolina Methodist institutions shared in Duke Endowment funds granted last week to 110 hospitals and 40 orphanages in North Carolina and in South Carolina. Duke Hospital received $38,409; Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, got $2,647. The Children's Home in Winston-Salem was given $13,561.49; while the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh received $9,051.46.

In North Carolina 74 hospitals and 26 orphanages received aid. A total of $761,590. 85 was granted in both states.

Surry Churchmen Hold Rural Conference and Banquet Meeting; New Abernethy Church Has Special Service

SURRY COUNTY CHURCHMEN HEAR LUNDY ON RURAL CHURCH

More than 100 laymen and preachers from 13 charges in Surry County heard Dr. C. E. Lundy, executive secretary of the Holston Conference Interboard Council, in a message on the rural church Friday evening, March 25, at the Pilot Mountain Church. In a banquet meeting at which members of the Pilot Mountain church were hosts, Robert Smith, member of Central church, Mount Airy, presided in the absence of Hale Yokley, president of the Surry Board of Missions and Church Extension.

In his address, Mr. Lundy stated that it is time the city churches began to pay back some of the investment the rural churches have been making in them through the years. Members, potential leaders, and ministers have been going from rural areas to the towns for several generations in large numbers. Now the town and city churches should seek to strengthen Methodism in the rural areas—still the seed bed of our population.

Methodism can aid its rural churches by sharing its best ministers with the rural charges and recognizing that a hard job well done in the country is as praiseworthy and valuable as if done in town or city. The church should increasingly give an equitable salary to its servants in the rural areas. It should do more in helping to provide adequate facilities for struggling yet potentially growing rural churches. And the church at large should help provide adequate parsonages when local resources are limited. Thus, Mr. Lundy indicated, Methodism can strengthen its whole ministry to all its people.

The large group of laymen from the town and country churches of the Surry Project felt challenged by this address to improve their cooperative efforts to make Methodism serve the needs of all the people in this area. Rev. Ross Francisco, pastor of the Surry Circuit, introduced the speaker.

NEW ASHEVILLE CHURCH FORMALLY OPENED

THE formal opening of the new Abernethy church, Asheville, took place Sunday afternoon, March 20, with more than 400 members and friends joining in the ceremonies. Rev. W. J. Huneycutt, pastor of the West Asheville church, brought the message, using as his theme "The Most Urgent Need of the Church." Rev. T. A. Groce, pastor, was in charge, and the choir of the West Asheville church assisted with the musical program.

Also appearing on the program were Dr. R. Dwight Ware, superintendent of the Asheville District; Rev. Lee F. Tuttle pastor of Central church, Asheville; Rev. Clifford Peace, pastor of Hillside-Merrimon church, Asheville; and Rev. A. C. Kennedy, pastor of Asbury Memorial church, Asheville, Greetings were extended the new congregation also by representatives of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches. E. D. Chandler, chairman of the board of stewards, read the report.

The Abernethy church, named in honor of Dr. L. B. Abernethy, missionary secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference for 28 years, was begun in March, 1946, by the Asheville City Mission Society. Located in a fast growing section of West Asheville, it is the first Methodist church to be built in the city in 25 years. The present membership stands at 132, with additional members to be received during Easter.



The new Abernethy Church, Asheville, organized in March, 1946, was completed and formally opened Sunday afternoon, March 20.

RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE HELD AT DOBSON

By Robert C. Carter

UNDER the leadership of an excellent group of speakers, over 100 ministers and laymen of the Surry County section meeting at Dobson, Friday, March 25, were inspired to make their church work more effective for Christ. Dr. Samuel Levering, a Quaker, a successful apple grower and a leader in the World Federalist Movement, challenged the group with a vivid picture of how men may cooperate with God in nature and human relationships. He pointed out that when men learn God's laws in nature and obey them He gives abundant harvest. "Scientific farming" is religious farming—following God's will in relation to seed, soil, and climate. Dr. Levering also pointed out that unless we learn God's laws and follow them in human relationships all of our science and its application in industry and agriculture will be destroyed. Those who are called by Christ's name must lead the world into the living of Christian Brotherhood.

Mrs. Corine Grimsley of the family relationships department of the home demonstration service spoke next on the things that make for a happy, Christian home. The importance of sharing and cooperation in planning and carrying on the affairs of the home was pointed out. The value of appreciation and praise within the family group was indicated as one of the main means of having a happy home. The eternal value of family worship, the saying of the blessing before meals, of the family worshipping together at church, was stressed. Persons are never their best, said Mrs. Grimsley, unless they are members of Christian families.

"We must go further with Christ," said Rev. R. Stewart Grizzard of the Orange Baptist Church, Orange, Va. Too often, he pointed out, we try to set the limits of Christ's activity in our lives. Thus far and no further we say we will go in brotherhood. Thus far and no further in the support of our church. Using the story of the disciples restraining Christ when they reached Emmaeus even "though he would have gone further" Mr. Grizzard brought home clearly and forcefully our need of more complete dedication to Christ.

Following lunch, Dr. A. J. Walton acted as chairman of a panel discussion on which Mr. Grizzard and Mr. O. V. Caudill also served. Dr. Walton pointed out that Christ wanted every individual to reach the highest possible state of development his natural endowments would allow. It is the duty of the church to make possible this maximum development. In the discussion it was brought out that the church must have a vital interest in health, soil, world peace and many other things if it is to help persons to reach their highest.

Rev. James Sells, extension secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, was the final speaker. He ably summarized the proceedings of the day and challenged the group again to broaden the vision of the church and intensify its zeal to bring individuals to Christ.

The Conference was sponsored by the Town and Country Commission of the Western North Carolina Conference, the Surry Board of Missions and Church Extension and the Surry County Baptist Association. Full cooperation was given by the Surry County Health Department, the County Home Demonstration Agent, and the County agent. Reverend James Sells was instrumental in setting up the conference and in outlining the program. Churches or groups desiring to hold similar meetings may contact Rev. Garland R. Stafford, president, or Rev. Robert C. Carter, secretary.

Camp Fund Offerings Received; More Schools Being Planned; Salisbury District Youth Have Banquet

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CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Sunday, April 3, was designated Church School Day for our conference. Although a specific Sunday is named, it is suggested that each church select the Sunday that is most convenient. Programs have been mailed to all ministers and directors of Christian education with the request that additional copies be requested as needed. It is hoped that either April 3, 10, or May 1 will be selected for this observance in order that contributions for the Youth Camp Fund may be made available as soon as possible.

Church School Day Returns

Several churches have responded as of April 1 or earlier. Mrs. F. H. Price and Mrs. P. T. Moore, Granite Falls, representing the Willing Workers and a group of Intermediates sent $16 as soon as purchase of the camp was announced. J. W. Braxton and the Forest City Church School sent $100 for the second year in succession. Mr. J. R. Dellinger, Treasurer of Main Street, Gastonia, has remitted $150 from his group. Other contributions have been received as follows: Shiloh, Statesville District, $5; Abernethy Memorial, Newton, $10; Trinity, Lexington, $5; Morven, $20; and Midway, Greensboro, $3.75. All Church School Day offerings will be applied to the camp fund. We need $12,000 to finish paying for the camp and to make certain adjustments for use this summer. Every group should equal or surpass the amount given last year when approximately $10,000 was realized from this source. All Church School Day offerings should be designated for the Camp Fund and should be sent to Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C.

Youth Groups Respond

At the annual council meeting held at Sunny Acres in January, plans were initiated whereby youth groups in the conference would make a contribution to the camp fund. These plans are materializing now and contributions have been received by Miss Leona Morgan to date as follows: Groomtown, $15; Clover Hill, $24; Pleasant Gap, $5; Bethel, Rural Hall, $5; Gibsonville, $15; A Lincoln County Church, $5.10; Spruce Pine, $10; Thomasville District Rally, $16.94; and Park Street, Belmont, $22.56. Further contributions from youth groups should be designated for the camp fund and should be sent to Miss Leona Morgan, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C.

TRAINING SCHOOLS

The majority of our training schools are held between Christmas and Easter. The schedule this year has been very successful. Excellent teachers have been available, the weather has been fine, and the people have attended in unusually large numbers. Schools have been held in Belmont, Mt. Airy, Jamestown, Lexington, and Mooresville in the last two weeks. Reports received to date indicate the same fine results that have characterized most of the schools held during the present conference year.

North Wilkesboro School

Three courses will be offered in this school beginning at First church, North Wilkesboro, on Sunday night, April 24, and continuing through Thursday of that week. These classes are: Bible Manners and Customs, by Mrs. J. C. Goode; Youth and Worship, by Mrs. E. H. Saville; and Christian Home-making, by Walter Thompson. Pastors of the participating charges are: Gilbert R. Combs, C. J. Winslow, R. G. Tuttle, O. D. Smith, J. E. Green, J. R. Short, and F. A. Wright.

Reidsville Epworth Training Conference

Sponsored by the Rockingham County Subdistrict with Main Street, Reidsville, as host church, the young people and their adult leaders of this area will meet for four evenings, April 24-27, for study, worship and fellowship in their annual training conference. Courses will be taught as follows: Youth and Worship, by W. G. Winton, Emporia, Va.; Choosing a Vocation, by Miles McLean, Troutman; and The Life of Jesus, by Walter Lee Lanier, Leaksville. A. C. Waggoner, host pastor, is also counselor for and director of this Epworth Training Conference working with the officers of the Youth Council.

Hendersonville Area School

With First Church, Hendersonville, as host church, the Methodist charges of Henderson and Transylvania Counties will cooperate in their annual training school scheduled for May 1-5. The following courses will be given: The Vacation Church School, by Mrs. J. A. Gray, Atlanta; Youth and Worship, by Mrs. E. H. Saville, Roanoke, and Christian Beliefs, by Dr. G. T. Rowe, Durham. Pastors of the participating charges are: L. B. Hayes, W. C. Clark, Everett Freeman, J. D. Pyatt, W. G. McFarland, W. E. Rufty, J. G. Allred, Bernard Fitzgerald, John C. Vernon, and E. C. Price.

McDowell County School

With James B. McLarty as host pastor and director, the Methodist Churches of the county will unite in the annual school scheduled for May 8-13. Three courses will be taught: The Vacation Church School by Mrs. J. A. Gray; Youth and Worship, by Mrs. E. H. Saville; and Parents Understanding Their Children, by Mrs. E. H. Ould. Pastors of participating charges are: J. B. McLarty, P. L. Smith, T. G. Smith, H. M. Wellman, H. D. Jessup, H. R. Cornelius, N. S. Ogburn, J. R. Bowman, and J. W. Fowler, Jr.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

National Family Week, the interdenominational emphasis established for the first week in May, will this year fall on the dates May 1-8, introduced by Childhood Sunday, May 1, and concluded with Mother's Day, May 8. The theme for the week is "Home Builders Are World Builders," and many things in Methodist literature aid in observance of the special time.

In Church School:

"Observe National Family Week," by Edward D. Staples, (April).

"Parents' Study Groups," Staples. (How Parent Can Help) (April).

"Home Builders Are World Builders," Helen S. Brown (May).

"Childhood Sunday," by Mary Skinner (April), interpreting the emphases of this day.

In Bible Lessons for Adults Teachers' Quarterly:

"Childhood Sunday," Mary Skinner.

"The Superintendent and the Family," by Staples.

In Child Guidance:

"Let's Look at the Family," Staples (April).

"Meditation," "The Christian Family" (May).

In Christian Home:

Article, "The World Is Built at Home," by Rebecca Caudill.

"Now Is the Appropriate Time," by Ruth and Dempster Yinger.

Home Worship Service on National Family Week (May), Edith Kent Battle.

Also Home Dedication Service.

SALISBURY DISTRICT YOUTH BANQUET

Approximately 500 young people and adult leaders of youth attended a banquet held in the Concord Armory Thursday evening, March 24. Gene Phillips, Trinity, Kannapolis, was toastmaster for the occasion. N. C. Williams, Jr., gave the invocation, and E. H. Nease, Jr., led the group singing. Presidents and delegations were recognized by subdistrict groups. The Stanly County Fellowship furnished music and China Grove gave a skit. The main feature of the evening was a message on "Friendship With God," by C. C. Herbert, Jr. Plans for the occasion were under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Yountz and representatives from the youth subdistrict councils of the Salisbury District. David Larioso, Hawaiian student, attended from Catawba College.

ADVANCE IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Methodist church school membership increased 18% during the Crusade for Christ (1944-1948). For every 100 members we had in 1944 we now have 118. General Conference wants us to increase 25% in the four years 1948-1952. For every 100 church school members we had in 1948 we are asked to have 125 in 1952. To be safe, that means about 7% increase each year.

Is that reasonable. Consider this: Take a class which had 15 members in 1948. If it will increase one member each year for four years, its increase will be a little more than 25%.That would mean 16 members in 1949, 17 in 1950, 18 in 1951, and 19 in 1952. Is it asking too much of 15 persons to increase just one member in a whole year's time? It is silly to call that hard work—or even work at all.

PRE-EASTER EVANGELISM

You have done a great job in winning pupils to Christ and church membership. But General Conference asked us to do even better during the Advance. This is why we again encourage you to do a superb job of pre-Easter evangelism in your church school. The Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, can still supply the free materials listed in the January and February Newsletters. Your pre-Easter evangelism is For Christ and His Church.

—Church School Superintendents Letter

SERIES ON HYMN WRITERS

Many may wish to clip and file the excellent series of one-page articles on Great Hymn Writers, which begins in **Classmate** April 3 and continues weekly for about twenty weeks. Each article is accompanied by a good illustration, and each is written by Albert E. Bailey, well-known in the field of Religious art and literature—author of such books as "Arts and Religion," and "Christ and His Gospel in Recent Art." —Forecast

Durham District Has Four and Wilmington District Has Two New Societies; Life Memberships Given

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TWO NEW W. S. C. S. ON BURLINGTON CIRCUIT

Burlington circuit is completely organized since Rev. Robert L. Nicks, pastor, organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service at Mt. Vernon church. This group is working toward 100% membership and has almost attained this goal. They boast that they had a study class at their first meeting. The officers of this society are: president, Mrs. Fred Blanchard; vice-president, Mrs. Edd Boswell; recording and promotion secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Dolph Cantwell.

Secretaries of the various departments are: spiritual life, Mrs. Sammie Sadler; missionary education, Mrs. Pete Garrison; Christian social relations, Mrs. Harry Sadler; student, youth and children, Mrs. James Jefferies; supply work and literature and publications, Mrs. Dolph Cantwell. All addresses are Route 2, Burlington

This is the second Woman's Society of Christian Service that Mr. Nicks has organized since he has been pastor of this charge. Shiloh was the other church and it was organized last year. The officers are: president, Mrs. R. L. Nicks; vice-president, Mrs. S. F. Nicks, Jr.; promotion secretary, Mrs. Everett Lewis; recording secretary, Mrs. James Brannock; and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Jones.

Secretaries elected: spiritual life, Mrs. L. G. Matkins; missionary education, Mrs. L. G. Matkins; Christian social relations, Mrs. John Reid; student, youth and children, Mrs. Erwin Lewis. All addresses are Route 1, Burlington, except Mrs. J. A. Jones and Mrs. Everett Lewis, whose addresses are Route 2.

The four societies of the Burlington Circuit, Bethel, Camp Springs, Mt. Vernon and Shiloh, are planning a supper meeting. The meeting will be at Camp Springs, a new and very beautiful church which has just been completed under the direction of the pastor. Mrs. E. L. Hillman will be the guest speaker. Other guests will be Mrs. John R. Poe, Alamance zone leader, and Mrs. G. B. Robbins, Durham district president.

TWO MORE SOCIETIES IN THE DURHAM DISTRICT

The Butner church was established last year, and soon after the church was activated, a Woman's Society was organized. The officers are: president, Mrs. I. F. Latham, Butner; vice-president, Miss Ann Stoddart, Butner; recording and promotion secretary, Mrs. J. S. McCartt, Duke Station, Durham; treasurer, Mrs. Virgil Lindsey, Piedmont Village, Creedmoor; missionary education, Mrs. Robert Broderson, Creedmoor; Christian social relations, Mrs. R. H. Brady, Creedmoor; spiritual life, Miss Kay Stoddart, Butner; student, youth, and children, Mrs. Robert Broderson, Creedmoor.

Mrs. A. K. Umstead, Durham zone leader, and Mrs. A. H. Borland, editor of the Woman's Page, have visited this society.

Maybrook is also a new church in the Durham zone. It was organized by the Durham Methodist Society. The officers of this society are: president, Mrs. O. D. Riggsbee, Ellis Rd., Durham; vice-president, Mrs. Victor Cross, Cook Rd.; promotion and recording secretary, Mrs. W. K. Starrs, Flora St.; treasurer, Mrs. R. T. Green, Route 4; Christian social relations, Mrs. R. L. Downey, Route 3; spiritual life, Mrs. R. L. May, Route 4; and supply work, Mrs. Dahlia Hurst, Route 4. Mrs. A. H. Borland conducted the officers' training for this group.

100% ATTENDANCE AT GOLDSBORO

Mrs. Fred L. Johnson reports 100% attendance of the district secretaries of literature and publications at the conference officers' training day at Goldsboro on March 16.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS PRESENTED TO WHITEVILLE WOMEN

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Whiteville church in the Wilmington district presented four life memberships at the regular church service on Sunday morning, Feb. 6. They were given to Mrs. J. A. Maultsby, Mrs. C. M. Braxton, Mrs. R. E. Hill and Mrs. W. P. Marlowe.

WEYMAN'S CHAPEL, CARVER'S CREEK CIRCUIT

A Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized by Mrs. L. Baggett, Columbus zone leader, March 13, at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Moore, for Weyman's Chapel, Carver's Creek Circuit, Acme. Sixteen members were enrolled with the following officers elected: president, Mrs. Gordon Bollinger; vice-president, Mrs. Lawrence Moore; recording secretary, Miss Winona Bollinger; treasurer, Mrs. T. T. Trondsen; student and youth work, Miss Mary Nell Bollinger; children's work, Miss Lila Hinyard; Christian social relations, Mrs. Irene Wehrhahn; missionary education, Mrs. Prudie Bollinger; literature and publications, Mrs. J. H. Hinyard; spiritual life, Mrs. Virginia Lane; supplies, Mrs. Lena Heath; promotion, Mrs. A. D. Carroll; and status of women, Mrs. M. D. Edwards. All addresses are Acme, N. C.

BEULAH CHURCH, CLINTON CIRCUIT

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary of the Wilmington district, organized the Beulah W. S. C. S. on the Clinton circuit, with the help of the pastor, Rev. F. F. Warren. Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Harvey Spell; vice-president, Mrs. Earnie Warren; recording and promotion secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Hardie Barefoot. Secretaries are: missionary education, Mrs. Jack Matthews; Christian social relations, Mrs. Russell Jones; supplies, Mrs. Russell Jones; spiritual life, Mrs. William Warren; literature and publications, Mrs. Bertie Holland; children's work, Mrs. Elmer Tew; youth, Mrs. Charlie Spell; student, Mrs. Ethel Warren; and status of women, Mrs. Harvey Spell. All addresses are Roseboro, Route 2, except Mrs. Charlie Spell, whose address is Salemburg.

OBJECTIVES FOR CHILDREN'S WORK

Objectives for the children's work in the quadrennial advance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were adopted by the Standing Committee on Children's Work of the Woman's Division in session at Columbus, Ohio, and are now passed on to the district and local secretaries by the conference secretary, Mrs. M. W. Warren.

1. The Child in the Home. To promote Christian family life so that the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children may be more adequately met.

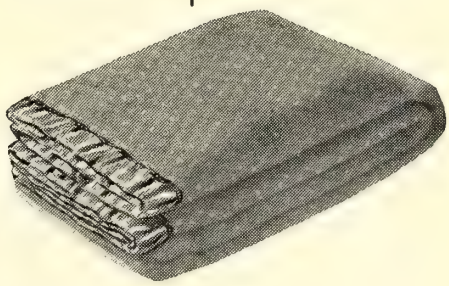
2. The Child in the Church. To work with all the agencies of the church in whose jurisdiction the well-being of children may be planned, in order that children may grow in Christian nurture through the program of the church for children, including missionary education.

3. The Child in the Community. To help improve conditions in the local community affecting child welfare; to guide children so that they may participate in community life; to help children and adults respond to the needs of the children in the world community.

4. A Worker to help meet the objectives. To secure a secretary of children's work in each local Woman's Society of Christian Service who is a worker in the children's division of the church school, and who will earnestly strive to work toward these objectives to help children grow in Christian nurture at home, at church, and in the community, which now extends from the child's home to every country in the world.

"The fact that there are still 130 societies in our conference," says Mrs. Warren, "that have not yet elected a secretary of children's work, shows we need to reaffirm and call attention to the needs in our midst. There is much to do in promoting our Advance Program and may we resolve to really advance in the work. Remember," continues Mrs. Warren, " that what we do for children must be done today, for children do not wait, and Christ is counting on us to bring them into the Kingdom."

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By O. V. Woosley

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APRIL SHOWERS

April showers are here. They come frequently, lightly, and then go away. Their visits, coupled with interspersed sunshine, have brought greeness to our lawns, flowers to our shrubs and bursting buds to our trees. Each day the landscape grows greener. At this writing the redbuds and crab apples are in their prime, following the passing of the rain stained Japanese cherry blossoms. In a short while our dogwood campus will be dressed out in a white garb. Spring and April showers spread beautiful blossoms all about us.

FULL OF LIFE

With the enlivening of nature after the dead of winter has come the enlivening of our youngsters. Heavy garments have been discarded and the youngsters are free to be outdoors with balls and bats, marbles and kites. The campus is full of humanity's life and humanity's joy. Our enlarged playground facilities are being used to the fullest extent. The afternoon's envigorating ball playing, following a day of school and a day of work assignments, make the day complete with envigorating liveliness. "When can we go barefooted?" is the next feature to be enjoyed.

FAREWELL CHICKEN POX

We have had a seige of baby cottage chicken pox. It seems that practically every little youngster in that building has had an infirmary experience. Since most of our other children have had chicken pox, and since they live apart from the baby cottage children, this annoying contagion has not spread very far in our family. Information received today is that the infirmary is cleared of chicken pox and the little youngsters have gone home to play out in the open air. Measles is in the neighborhood but it has not crossed over our fense yet.

THE CHURCH JOINERS

For four Sunday afternoons 45 of our boys and girls have met with Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, our associate pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, in discussion groups for learning what it means to be a Christian and what is involved in joining the church. We cannot see what's going on in the inside of these little youngsters except as expressional attitudes indicate, but we are having a lot of opportunity to know what is necessary to be put on the outside of youngsters. Each church joining girl has a new dress and each church joining boy has a new outfit. The little youngsters have gone to the fitting room where they have patiently waited their turn to be fitted by those who seem never to grow weary in their fitting of garments on children.

WILBURN C. CLARY

At the semiannual meeting of our board of trustees held here on March 24, Wilburn C. Clary, for twelve years connected with our school and athletic departments, being principal of the school for nine of these twelve years, was elected assistant superintendent of The Children's Home. Mr. and Mrs. Clary and their three children will move into the new home recently completed for the assistant superintendent's residence. Beginning June 1, Mr. Clary will assume his new duties. He will continue as athletic director until such time as another arrangement may be made. Mr. Clary is greatly beloved by our entire family. He is thoroughly competent, dependable and constructive.



Friends, Friends, Friends, She Has Some

THEIR LITTLE GIRL

The picture this week is that of Gail Beasley, six years old and doing well in the first grade. She is sponsored by the Alice Holmes Bible Class of Central Terrace, Winston-Salem, Mrs. E. W. Moser being the correspondent. These good women are very attentive to the needs of little Gail and she revels in their friendship.

FINANCIAL LIFE SAVERS

It is remarkable how well sponsoring groups of children are doing in the forwarding of their payments for the spring clothing of our children. But for these payments we would have dropped much further behind with our bank account. Late February and March have not brought us a great deal of apportionment payments but the contributions from the clothing sponsors of children have come along with much helpfulness. We purchase the clothing for the sponsored children with the money forwarded. In fact, the clothing is purchased before the money arrives. All the children must have clothing at a given time so that violence is not done their emotions and the seasonal requirements may be supplied.

JOY BELL RINGERS

The superintendent of a large child caring institution in a neighboring State recently wrote to know what promotional material we get our for securing financial help for our enterprise. Our reply was that we challenge our people through normal processes to raise the money while through normal processes we raise our children. Come to think about it, we do not get out a great deal of promotional material. But we do like to celebrate over the good work our financial friends do for us. This celebration is usually attended by the ringing of the joy bell. Those congregations and pastors having paid since last report all, or at least the basic part of their Children's Home askings for the present conference year, are herewith listed. Note them and join us in grateful thanks:

Jamestown, P. T. Dixon.

Highland-Fairgrove, Hickory, J. B. Tabor, Jr.

Bethel, New Hope-Bethel, J. A. Sharpe.

Cramer Memorial, Cramerton, Fletcher E. Howard.

Asbury, Iron Station and Laboratory, Asbury circuit, John C. Kendrick.

Concord and Jonas Ridge, Linville Falls circuit, H. D. Jessup.

Upward, East Flat Rock circuit,

Giles Chapel, Richland circuit, Paul Bruton.

Friendship and Mount Harmony, Connelly Springs circuit, J. W. Parker.

Mt. Pleasant-Pleasant Union, C. W. Bates.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASES

One Sunday afternoon last summer Rev. C. C. Herbert and a fine group of his young people from First Church, Lincolnton, where he was located at that time, visited The Children's Home and joined with our young people in their Youth Fellowship worship service. Following this service our Lincolnton friends had a lovely picnic supper out on the Alspaugh field in which a number of our youngsters participated. Several of the men who acted as chauffeurs of the young people, members of their Men's Bible Class, went home and reported some of the values of the Youth Fellowship, causing those men to forward a cash outlay to be allocated to five of our youngsters who were most helpful in their religious emphasis leadership. Recently these cash awards were delivered to Olin Hall, Aubrey Kirby, Peggy Shields, Marie Stepp and Lorece Russell.

CHILDREN'S WELFARE

We recently had a letter from a good woman, a sister of the deceased mother of a group of children we have here, urging that these children be retained at The Children's Home even though the father was reported to have remarried. The good woman reminded us that the father of the children neglected them terribly during the life of their devoted mother and that the prospect for a renewal of this neglect was very alarming. We have numbers of communications of similar import. To all of them we reply that we can only act as an adviser, that the children do not belong to us and that the only recourse we have is through persuasion. Friends may intervene through welfare departments, placing the custody away from incompetent parentage, and thus enable The Children's Home, a voluntary agency, to continue its welfare work.

BETTER FACILITIES

Satisfactory progress is being made in the construction of the addition to our school buliding. By the beginning of another school term we will have more and better room. For the past several years our children have been scatered around in improvised buildings on the campus. It will be most satisfactory and most helpful when all of our educational processes, including library facilities, can be housed in one building.

Sunday School Lesson for APRIL 10

Jesus' Perean Ministry

Mark 10:13-16, 35-40, 46-52

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Jesus was supremely anxious that his disciples should outgrow their childishness, and yet retain the simple faith of a child. That indeed is the problem of life, how never to be childish, and yet even down to old age to remain childlike.

A vast deal of childishness is exhibited by adults. Married men and women get on one another's nerves and act the baby, and a divorce follows. Jesus would say, Settle down to the conviction that this marriage is to be for life; say to yourselves, We must make the best of it; and by God's grace you will be given such Christian love for one another as will overcome your animosities. One reason why Jesus was so strenuously against divorce was because of his love for the children. The effects of divorce on the children proclaim in fiery letters, Divorce is of hell.

Some mothers instinctively felt that the touch of Jesus would bless their children. So they brought their little ones to him to have him lay his hands upon them, just as mothers today instinctively feel an urge to bring their babes to the church to have Christ's minister lay his hands upon them in baptism. We should all have more faith in the power of prayer to bring grace upon our children.

But the disciples thought it was beneath the dignity of our Lord to caress babies. So they forbade the mothers to bring them But Jesus was sore displeased, and suggested that instead of ignoring these babies it would be good for the disciples to learn the childlike faith of little children the way to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

The next incident in the chapter is a delightful picture of youthful enthusiasm. A rich young ruler comes running to Jesus and, in spite of his fine clothes, he kneels before him and says, Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life? He had the boyish idea that a man gets distinction in the kingdom of God by some exploit, just as a school boy gets the right to wear the sign that he is a member of the athletic team by some performance on the athletic field.

Jesus said, Why callest thou me good? as though I had earned goodness by an exploit? The only goodness men have is when by humility and faith they reflect the face of God as in a mirror. To enter into life we need simply to keep the commandments. And the young man could look Jesus in the face and say, I have kept the commandments from my youth up. No wonder Jesus looked upon him and loved him, and offered him the supreme privilege of entering into his immediate circle. But that meant giving his wealth to the poor, and his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful. Do you see the look of pain in the Saviour's face as this young man turned back to a selfish life?

Peter said, Lo, we have left all and followed thee; what shall we have? And Jesus answered, A hundred fold more now in this time with persecution. He must be honest with them and warn them of coming persecution. Nevertheless they were to have a supernatural ability to enjoy this life because they would overflow with love for God and man, and in the world to come they would have life eternal.

But, says Jesus, it is not always the person who makes the most dramatic sacrifice who is ranked the highest. It is often those who in obscure ways and places lead a life of uncomplaining love.

And now follows another illustration of boyishness. James and John ask for seats on the right hand and on the left in his kingdom; and when the other disciples hear of it they are childishly indignant. But Jesus calls them together and explains that the high places come to those who get under the burdens of the largest number of people, just as he came not to be ministered unto but to minister and give his life a ransom for many. The dignity is in lifting rather than in being carried.

And now comes the story of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar who cried so loud, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy upon me, that the crowd bade him hush, but he only cried the louder. And Jesus stopped and bade them call him, and restored his sight. He got what he wanted just as we often did when we were in our cradles, by crying louder and louder. Heaven help us to learn from the blind beggar invincible persistence in our supplication that the Lord will open our eyes that we may behold his face and see plainly the pathway whither he would lead us!

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.—Lowell.

Think twice before you speak, my son; and it will do no harm if you keep on thinking while you speak.—Author unknown.

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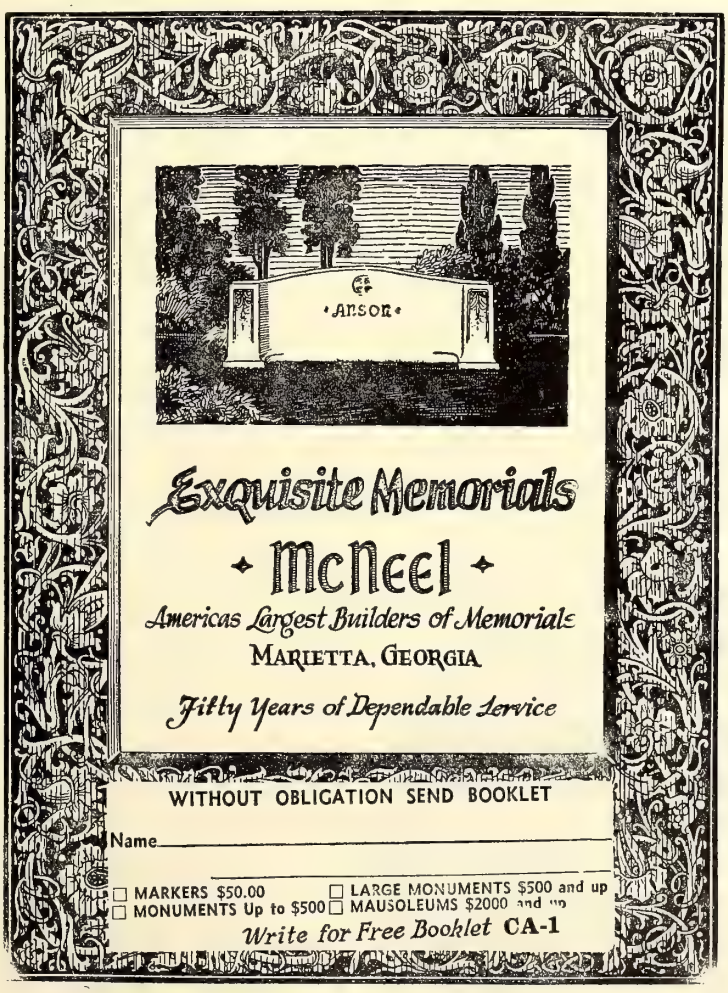
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Children's Storytime

The Little Red Rain Suit

"Ted,' said Ruth Ann to her big brother one day, "just think! It won't be long before school will be out, and I haven't missed once so far. I hope I will get one of the prizes that Miss Morrison has promised this year," she added.

"Nancy is trying for one, too, isn't she?" remarked Ted, looking up from his book.

"Yes, and I just know she doesn't want me to win," said Ruth Ann with a frown.

"Why, what makes you think that?" asked her brother.

"Oh, I just know she doesn't," said Ruth Ann, "and I don't think it's very nice of her, either."

The next day was Ruth Ann's birthday. Her mother had told her she might invite Nancy over after school, and they would have ice cream and cake.

But, what do you think? Ruth Ann woke up on her birthday to hear the pitter-patter-pitter-patter of rain on the roof. She hurried downstairs and ate her breakfast. When she was through she said, "I'd better get ready for school now."

Her mother shook her head doubtfully. "No, I don't think you'd better go today," she said. "It's quite a walk, you know, and you haven't a raincoat or umbrella—I'm afraid you'd catch cold and get sick."

Then, oh, dear, there were clouds inside as well as out. Ruth Ann turned an angry face from the window, saying, "But I must go today—I mustn't miss."

Just then Ted called, "Here comes Nancy."

"Yes, and I know why she's coming," said Ruth Ann crossly. "She knows she has a nice raincoat, and she's just coming here to laugh at me." Ruth Ann flounced out of the door, ran to her bedroom, laid her head on the arm of the chair and started to cry.

The next thing she knew somebody called, "Surprise!" Ruth Ann, wondering what it was all about, looked up to find Nancy standing there with a big box in her hand.

"This is for your birthday," she said, placing it on Ruth Ann's lap. "Quick—quick—open it—I want to see if you'll like it."

Ruth Ann, fumbling at the string, finally got it untied, lifted the cover, and what do you suppose was inside? Why, a cunning little red raincoat with cap to match—yes—and an umbrella!

"Oh—oh—oh," cried Ruth Ann, jumping up and hugging Nancy, "now I can go to school!"

"That's what Mother said," Nancy cried gleefully. "You see, I didn't mean to bring it till this afternoon, but we thought you would like to use it this morning."

The two little girls, clad in raincoats, with Ruth Ann's new umbrella proudly held aloft to protect them, started off for school. "I was so afraid you'd have to stay away today," said Nancy. "You know I'd feel awfully sorry if you didn't get a prize."

Just then Ruth Ann cried, "Here comes the sun. Just look at that lovely rainbow! Oh, dear, I'm so happy."

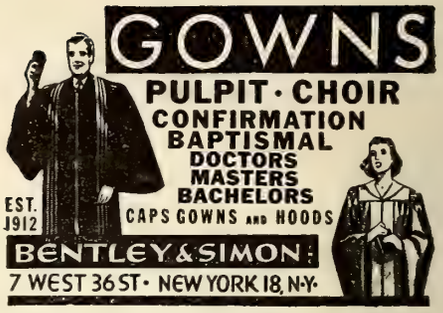
"You didn't seem very happy this morning," laughed Nancy.

"I know, but I am now," said Ruth Ann. "I'm happy because it's my birthday, and I have this nice rain set—and—because—I can go to school today. But, do you know why I am the happiest of all, Nancy?"

"No, please tell me," said her friend.

"Well—I'm happiest because I have such a dear friend," answered Ruth Ann with an earnest look in her brown eyes. "After this I hope my thoughts about you will be lovely—like—well, like that rainbow in the sky."

"Then I know they'll be lovely," said Nancy softly, and the two little girls looked into each other's eyes and smiled. —Juniors' Pleasure.



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April

Spencer Memorial, 11 ... 10
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Paul, 3 ... 10
Moore's Chapel, 7:30 ... 10
St. Paul, 11 ... 17
Monroe Circuit: Midway, 2:30 ... 17
Morven: Pleasant Hill, 8 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: ANSONVILLE, 9:30 ... 21
Duncan Memorial, 11 ... 24
Weddington: Bond's Grove, 3 ... 24
Waxhaw: Heath Memorial, 7 ... 24

GASTONIA DISTRICT

W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

April

Belwood, Kadesh, 11 ... 10
Sulphur Springs, Sulphur Springs, 3 ... 10
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30 ... 10
Shelby, Martin Street, 11 ... 17
Cramerton, 7:30 ... 17
Belmont, First, 11 ... 24
Mt. Holly, 7:30 ... 24

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

W. A. Lambeth, D.S., 320 E. Greenway, North, Greensboro

April

Gibsonville, 7:30 ... 7
West Market Street, 5:30 ... 8
Bethel, 7:30 ... 8
Hickory Grove, 7:30 (Sat.) ... 9
Stoneville, Centenary, 11 ... 10
Spray, 3:30 ... 10
Sandy Ridge, Sandy Ridge, 7 ... 10
Grace, 7:30 ... 11
Mount Pisgah, 7:30 ... 14
Mount Pleasant Station, 7:30 ... 15
Carraway Memorial, 7:30 (Saturday) ... 16
Ruffin, 3:30 ... 17
Pelham-Hickory Grove; Hickory Grove 7, ... 17
Wesley Memorial, 7:30 ... 18
First, High Point, 7:30 ... 19
Main Street, Reidsville, 7:30 ... 20
Centenary, 7:30 ... 21
College Place, 7:30 ... 22
Main Street, High Point, 7:30 (Sat.) ... 23
Mt. Pleasant Circuit; Pleasant Union, 11 ... 24
Calvary, Greensboro, 3:30 ... 24
Guilford Circuit; Burnett's 7 ... 24
Leaksville, 7:30 ... 25
Summerfield; Center, 7:30 ... 26
Moriah, 7:30 ... 27
Mt. Pleasant Station, 7:30 ... 28

May

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Carraway Memorial 2-9 p.m. 1

MARION DISTRICT

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S., P.O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

April

Bakersville, 11 ... 10
Oak Grove (Bakersville), 3 ... 10
Bethlehem (Bakersville), night ... 10
Penland, night ... 11
Altamont, night ... 12
Jonas Ridge, night ... 13
Concord, night ... 14
Kona, night ... 15
Oak Hill (Table Rock), 10 ... 17
Mt. Grove (Table Rock), 10:45 ... 17
Linville (Table Rock), 11:30 ... 17
Calvary (Revival), night ... 17
Deyton Bend, 10 ... 24
Red Hill, 11 ... 24
Glen Ayre, 3 ... 24
Tipton Hill, night ... 24
Fairview (Boone Circuit), night ... 25
Bethel (Boone Ct.), night ... 26
Friendship (Boone Ct.), night ... 27
Pleasant Valley, night ... 28

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

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April

Mocksville, First, 7:30 ... 7
Asheboro, West Bend, 11 ... 10
Liberty, First, 7:30 ... 10
Welcome, Ebenezer, 7:30 ... 11
Lexington, First, 7:30 ... 12
North Davidson: Shady Grove, 7:30 ... 13
Midway: New Mount Vernon, 11 ... 17
Davie Circuit: Center, 7:30 ... 17
Shiloh: Reeds, 7:30 ... 20
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, RANDLEMAN, FIRST, 9:15 ... 22
RANDOLPH COUNTY EVANGELISTIC WORKSHOP, April 24-May 1
LEXINGTON AREA EVANGELISTIC WORKSHOP, April 24-May 1

May

Ramseur-Franklinville: Franklinville, 11 ... 1
Asheboro, Central, 7:30 ... 1
Trinity: Trinity, 7:30 ... 3
Thomasville, First, 7:30 ... 4
Thomasville, Trinity-Bethel, Bethel, 7:30 ... 5
Pleasant Grove, 11 ... 8
Unity-Fair Grove: Unity, 7:30 ... 8
Fairfield, 7:30 ... 10
Thomasville Circuit: Spring Hill, 7:30 ... 11
Randolph-Gray's: Gray's, 7:30 ... 13
Randleman, First, 11 ... 15
Randleman Circuit: New Salem, 3 ... 15
Farmington: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 ... 16
Davidson: Centenary, 7:30 ... 17
Denton Circuit: First, 7:30 ... 18
South Davidson: Lineberry, 7:30 ... 19
Thomasville, Memorial, 11 ... 22
Advance: Bailey's Chapel, 7:30 ... 22
Greer-Mount Carmel: Mount Carmel, 7:30 ... 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 ... 25
Mount Vernon: Mount Pleasant, 11 ... 29
Old Union, 3 ... 29

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

C. N. Clark, D.S., Waynesville, N. C.

April

Whittier, 11 ... 10
Bethel, 11 ... 24
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9:30, Clyde ... 30

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

H. G. Allen, D.S., 898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

April

Elkin Circuit, Ebenezer, 11 ... 10
Elkin Circuit, Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 ... 10
Shoals: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 4 ... 10
Holy Week Services (Surry Project), Bishop Paul B. Kern 10-15
Salem: Salem, 11 ... 17
Salem: Carter's Chapel, Church Dedication (Surry Project), 3 ... 17
Oak Grove: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 5 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Pilot Mountain, 9:30 ... 26

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Asheville—Abernethy Memorial, 9:30 a.m.	April 28
Charlotte—Ansonville, 9:30 a.m.	April 21
Gastonia—Cherryville, 9:30 a.m.	April 19
Greensboro—Carraway Memorial, 2:00 p.m.	May 1
Statesville—New Salem Church, Cool Springs Charge, 9:30 a.m.	April 29
Thomasville—Randleman, 9:15 a.m.	April 22
Waynesville—Clyde, 9:30 a.m.	April 30
Winston-Salem—Pilot Mountain, 9:30 a.m.	April 26

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

RICHMOND AREA

Bishop W. W. Peele, Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

DURHAM DISTRICT

E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts Street, Durham, N. C.

April

Durham, Duke Memorial, 11 ... 10
Butner: Butner, 7:30 ... 10
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Phillips Chapel, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ... 21
Yanceyville: Locust Hill, 10 ... 24
Milton: Purley, 7 ... 24

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D. S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

April

Elizabeth City, City Road, 7:30 (Q. C.) ... 4
Pasquotank: Mount Hermon, 7:30 ... 8
Williamston, 11 ... 10
Windsor: Cashie, 3 ... 10
Perquimans: Woodland, 11 & 1 ... 23
Ahoskie, 11 ... 24
Aulander: Lewiston, 7:30 ... 24

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Walter C. Ball, D.S., 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.

April

Raeford: Raeford (preaching), 11 ... 10
Person Street-Calvary: Person Street, 7:30 ... 10
EASTER SUNDAY (Open) ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT ROBBINS, 10 ... 20
Sanford, Steele Street, 11 (preaching) ... 24
Sanford, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 ... 24
Robbins (preaching), 7:30 ... 24

May

Cordova: Cordova, 11 ... 1
Rockingham, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 ... 1
Roberdell: Green Lake, 7:30 ... 1
St. Paul's: Barkers, 11 ... 8
Hay Street, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 ... 8
Wesley Heights: Gardners, 7:30 ... 8
Biscoe: Star, 11 ... 15
Pineblufff: Beaverdam, 3 ... 15
Parkton: Hope Mills, 7:30 ... 15
Laurinburg (preaching), 11 ... 22

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

April

Vanceboro: Lanes, 11 ... 10
Pink Hill: Woodington, 7:30 ... 10
Fremont: Yelverton, 11 ... 17
Seven Springs: Zion, 7:30 ... 17
Dover: Lanes, 11 ... 24

RALEIGH DISTRICT

H. B. Porter, D.S., 1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh

April

Benson, 11 ... 10
Apex: Holly Springs, 7:30 ... 10
Garner: Hollands, 11 ... 17
Bailey: Pleasant Grove, 3 ... 17
Mount Pleasant: Middlesex, 7:30 ... 17
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Union Chapel, Granville Charge, 10 ... 22
Tar River: Trinity, 11 ... 24
Creedmoor: Bullocks, 7:30 ... 24

May

Raleigh: Hayes Barton, 11 ... 1
Franklinton: Wesley's, 3 ... 1
City Road-White Memorial: City Road, 7:30 ... 1
Granville: Rehobeth, 11 ... 15
Stem: Gray Rock, 3 ... 15
Millbrook: Wake Forest, 8 ... 15
Mamers: Spring Hill, 11 ... 22
Newton Grove: Hopewell, 7:30 ... 22
Princeton: Fellowship, 11 (Dedication) ... 29
Salem, 8 ... 29

June

Four Oaks: Sanders, 11 ... 5
Lillington: Pleasant Plains, 3 ... 5
Kipling: Angier, 8 ... 5
LAYMEN'S RETREAT, Louisburg College, ... 11-12
Cary, 8 ... 12
Fuquay Springs, 11 ... 19
Moncure: Buckhorn, 8 ... 19
Vance: Gillburg, 11 (Dedication) ... 26
Clayton, 8 ... 26

July

Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 11 ... 3
Louisburg Circuit: Shiloh, 11 ... 10
Raleigh, Trinity, 8 ... 10
Raleigh, Edenton St., 11 ... 17
Dunn, 8 ... 17

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

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April

Spring Hope: Stanhope, 11 ... 10
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Methodists Play Large Role in World Council Meeting at Evanston

By Henry Koestline

EVANSTON, ILL.—Methodist leaders played a large role in the first conference of the USA member churches, World Council of Churches here, March 21-22. It was the first meeting of the delegates since they gathered at Amsterdam last August.

Leading Methodist was Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the New York area, who, as one of the presidents of the World Council, is chairman of the American section. He spoke at the opening meeting to a capacity audience in First Methodist church, and presided over all the business sessions.

In his address, Bishop Oxnam reviewed the steps taken at Amsterdam to form the World Council and spoke of its significant task in the world today. He also emphasized the right of religious liberty for all people. "This means freedom for Catholics in Hungary and freedom for Protestants in Spain," he declared. At the present time many Protestant churches in Spain are being forced to close by the Catholic-controlled government, according to recent reports in the daily press.

A number of Methodist clergymen and leading laymen of the denomination were in the processional. One of the main speakers of the sessions was Charles C. Parlin, Methodist lawyer of New York, who presented plans for promoting the World Council in the United States. Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle was host pastor.

Seven foreign students, now studying at Garrett Biblical Institute, Methodism's largest theological seminary, located in Evanston, were on the opening program. They represented India, Germany, China, the Philippine Islands, Japan, Norway, and Korea.

Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati lawyer and former president of the Federal Council, delivered an address on "Communism, Capitalism, and the Christian Churches." Explaining the stand at Amsterdam against the ideologies of both communism and laissez-faire capitalism, Mr. Taft stated, "What Amsterdam was really concerned about were two problems, present in all systems today, the corruption and possible incompetence of power, and on the other hand the frustration of the little man in the big organization who has no control over his destiny and cannot find any sense of Christian vocation. Some critics have interpreted the Amsterdam statement as supporting socialism, but such was not in the minds of the delegates. I don't know how they felt about socialism, because it wasn't discussed."

An Episcopalian, Mr. Taft is the son of the late President William Howard Taft and brother of Senator Robert Taft.

The conference was made up of the 29 member churches of the United States who are in the World Council of Churches. Approximately 60 official delegates from 24 states and Canada were present, representing more than 30 million Protestants and Orthodox believers.

The group also discussed increased emphasis on layman's work, evangelization of the laboring class, and the Church's part in international affairs. Its chief job, however, was to set up the organization to work in these fields rather than to make resolutions or pronouncements at this time.

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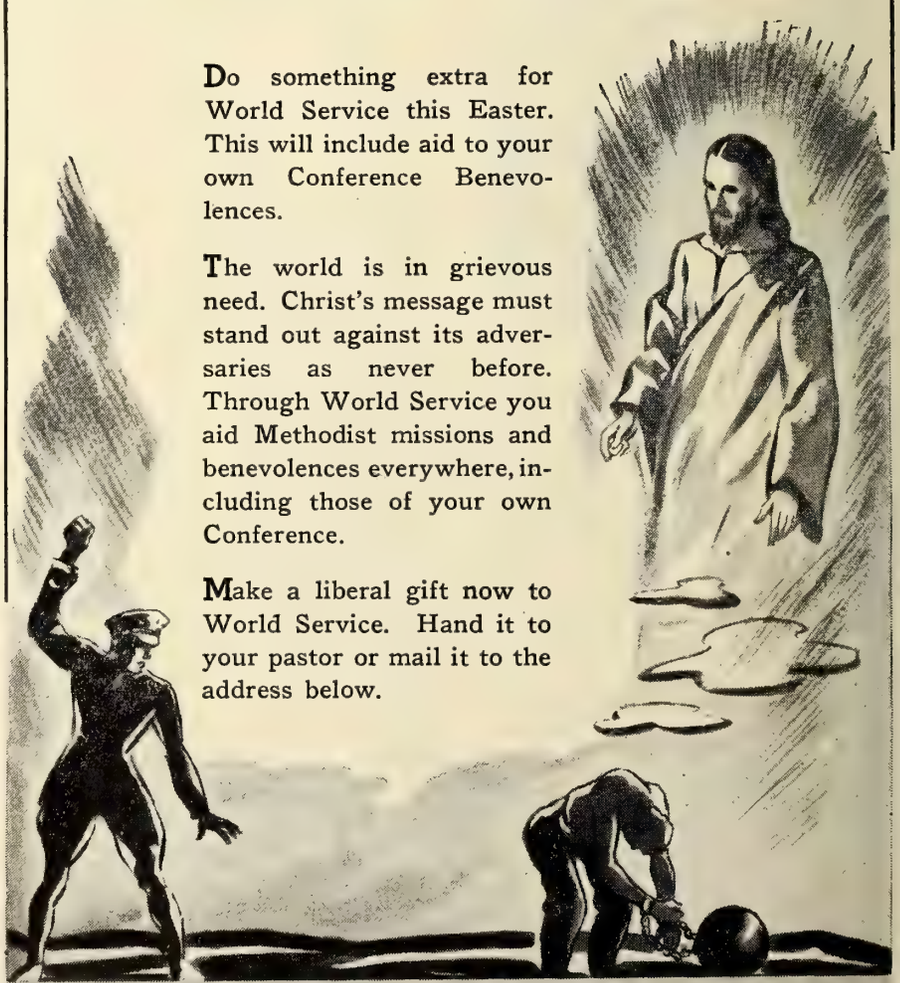
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By Ewing Galloway

District Conference Announcements; Joyce Goes to Glen Raven; Ormond Discusses Worship

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEWS

In order to give more space to Easter this week it has been necessary to omit the page of District Appointments. District Conferences, however, are listed below, and quarterly conferences for two Districts, which came in since the last issue, are found on page 14. The District Appointments page will appear again next week.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Durham—Phillips Chapel, 9a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	April 21
Elizabeth City—Williamston, 9:30	May 4
Fayetteville—Robbins, 10:00	April 20
New Bern—Epworth, Vanceboro Charge	May 5
Raleigh—Union Chapel, Granville Charge, 10	April 22
Rocky Mount—Bethel, 9:30	April 19
Wilmington—Southport, 9:30	April 26

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DURHAM DISTRICT Conference will be held at Phillips Chapel located just south of Highway 54, 18 miles west of Chapel Hill and 8 miles east of Graham. Delegates coming from the Durham area can come by Chapel Hill and Carrboro continuing west on 54 until the church sign is located. Those attending from the Roxboro and Yanceyville area might find coming by Mebane the nearest route. Continue south from Mebane to Alexander Wilson School, and turn left there, go for two miles and church sign will be seen. Those coming from the Burlington area will take the Chapel Hill road east until they reach the church sign.

J. R. POE, pastor

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THE FAYETTEVILLE District Conference will convene at Robbins Methodist Church in Robbins at 10 o'clock Wednesday, April 20.

The brethren of our Church will be most welcome at this conference and are expected to present the different interests of our conference.—WALTER C. BALL.

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THE WILMINGTON District Conference will meet in Southport, April 26, 9:30 a.m. All connectional representatives are cordially invited and the presentation of their causes will be gladly heard.—C. D. BARCLIFT.

WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE

Asheville—Abernethy Memorial, 9:30 a.m.	April 28
Charlotte—Ansonville, 9:30 a.m.	April 21
Gastonia—Cherryville, 9:30 a.m.	April 19
Greensboro—Carraway Memorial, 2:00 p.m.	May 1
Statesville—New Salem Church, Cool Springs Charge, 9:30 a.m.	April 29
Thomasville—Randleman, 9:15 a.m.	April 22
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Winston-Salem—Pilot Mountain, 9:30 a.m.	April 26

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THE STATESVILLE District Conference will occur April 29, at New Salem Church, Cool Springs charge. The church is situated on the Winston-Salem road, seven miles from Statesville. Beginning hour is 9:30 a.m. The pastors are requested to notify their delegates.

The Advance for Christ and His Church will be the theme of the conference. Dr. L. B. Abernethy will bring the principal address. Richard Armbrust Reavis of Statesville, the youngest person to assume a Mission Special, will also speak. Every cause in the program of the church will be represented. Six young men are coming up for local license.

A Ketterman organ will be used for the worship services with a guest organist from Richmond playing. A book counter with the latest books will be on display. A. R. White of the Richmond publishing house will be in charge.—J. H. ARMBRUST.

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THE THOMASVILLE DISTRICT Conference will convene in First Church, Randleman, Friday, April 22, at 9:15 a.m. Special features of the program will be an address by Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University at Noon, and an inspirational message by Dr. C. Excell Rozzelle of Winston-Salem in the afternoon. Visitors representing various church interests are cordially welcome. GBC.

JOYCE APPOINTED TO GLEN RAVEN

Bishop W. W. Peele has authorized the appointment of Rev. J. L. Joyce to the Glen Raven Charge, Burlington, effective as of April 15. He succeeds the Rev. E. G. Purcell, Jr., who has been ordered by his doctor to give up the work there for a time.—E. L. HILLMAN.

To the Advocate:

I am announcing to the churches I have served, and to my many friends in the Western North Carolina Conference, that I am not expecting to stay here very much longer and when you hear that I am gone, and you are minded to send flowers for my funeral, don't do it. I love flowers but, I hate extravagance and waste. I have lived a simple life, preached the simple gospel to the common people, and God gave me in my 47 years as pastor six thousand conversions besides those I had before joining the Conference and since I retired. My work has been in the country and small stations among the common people, and I want a simple, plain funeral service, with only a vase of flowers from the garden of some friend.

So instead of sending flowers just send a check for the amount you are minded to spend for flowers to the treasurer or the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lenoir, with your name and address, and the amount will be sent with the names of the persons to the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin as a memorial of me.

How much more good that will do than a pile of flowers withering and decaying on my grave. This hospital kept me six weeks after a successful operation for an appendix that had been ruptured ten days. That fine surgeon, Dr. Haywood, and splendid nurses endeared themselves to me so much. There was no charge.

May God's richest blessings be upon the hospital and all those who send offerings.

EBENEZER MYERS

Lenoir, N. C.

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REV. F. R. DAIL of Kipling was the visiting preacher in evangelistic services recently at Four Oaks.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That the highest privilege of the parish ministry is that of leading his people into the experience of worship. Worship is the essential motivation capable of keeping the membership active in Christian fellowship and service. A human body cannot live without breath; neither can a Christian live without worship. The measure of spiritual vitality in a Christian church is the measure of its experience of worship.

Every good minister knows that much thought is required to construct an effective program of worship. To throw the materials together in a hurried, haphazard fashion is trifling with a most sacred responsibility. The minister should have a wide knowledge of suitable materials. The music, scripture readings, sermon, and prayers should be carefully woven into a strong, warm unit of spiritual power capable of ushering the congregation into the actual presence of God.

Inasmuch as worship is the most important experience for the Christian, not only is it necessary that much thought be given to the construction of the program, but it is equally essential that expert skill be used in conducting the service of worship. If the minister himself is in a spiritual mood to worship and will lead the congregation through the service by reading correctly, speaking distinctly, and interpreting the materials accurately, he has opened the door of unmeasured privilege and blessing to the entire congregation.

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E D I T O R I A L

An Easter Message from Our Two Chief Shepherds

We are proud to present to our readers this week Easter messages from our two bishops—Bishop W. W. Peele of the North Carolina Conference and Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Western North Carolina Conference. Both are well known and highly respected throughout the church. Their influence is being felt all over Methodism. It is in North Carolina, however, their native State, where they are held in highest esteem and where their influence is felt most. Bishop Peele has served pastorates in both Conferences. His entire episcopal assignment has been in North Carolina and in Virginia. Genuine, broadminded, understanding and brotherly, he has won for himself a permanent place in the hearts of the Methodists of North Carolina and Virginia. Bishop Harrell's outstanding gifts have been claimed by influential pulpits beyond the borders of our State. And for four years following his elevation to the episcopacy he was the presiding bishop of the two Alabama Conferences. Great preacher and wise administrator, he is rapidly winning the full confidence and the complete support of all the Methodists of the Charlotte Area.

It is particularly appropriate at Easter that our people have a message of hope and assurance from our two chief shepherds.

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Many People Have Helped Me To Believe in Immortality



My belief in immortality has been immeasurably strengthened by the contagious example of many people I have served as pastor. The quiet serenity, the steadfast faith and the calm courage with which they faced death or gave up a loved one have helped to clear up many bewildering questions about the life beyond. After all, one good example is more convincing than a dozen abstract theories.

Illustrations from every parish come vividly to mind. Space permits the mentioning of only a few.

There is the woman who lost her husband the winter of my first year in the ministry. She and her children not only faced loneliness, but poverty and debt and uncertainty. Yet she did not waver for a moment. With remarkable courage she carried on—preparing the land, planting the seed, cultivating the crops. That fall, due to drought, the land yielded a meager harvest. Low prices made it impossible even to satisfy the creditors. One day she sent for her pastor. She was in the field picking cotton. "I wanted you to come," she explained, "because I knew you would soon be going to Conference. We have always put the church first. But this year the whole crop must go to the people we owe. I can't save back anything for the church—or my family. The Lord has been mighty good to me this year. He alone has kept me going. I can't let his church go lacking. I have six hens. I want to give them to the Lord."

That woman strengthened my belief in immortality.

Then there is the woman who was coming swiftly to the end of her earthly pilgrimage. For months she had fought a stubborn, relentless, painful disease. She knew she was losing the battle. "I want to talk with you about plans for my funeral," she anounced calmly one day. Apparently I showed surprise and embarrassment. Sensing my confusion, she continued: "It's all right. I'm going soon. I am grieved to leave my loved ones and my friends. But I'm just waiting for God to call me." Then quietly, confidenlty, she outlined the plans for her funeral. She was a far greater blessing to me than I was to her.

This woman helped me to believe in eternal life.

Late on Saturday night a little girl rang our door bell. "Mother and Daddy want you to come at once," she told us between sobs, "brother has been killed in an automobile accident." "We just wanted you to be with us and to pray with us in this dark hour," the grief-stricken parents told us when we arrived. We were with them and we prayed with them. But they were sustained by a power greater than any human power. Their long years of faithfulness to the church, their simple trust in a risen Christ, gave them confidence in the hour of trial. They did not believe their son lost to them forever. He had just put on immortality.

These devout Christians made eternal life more meaningful to me.

Death struck suddenly, unexpectedly one day to claim the husband in one of the most beautiful Christian homes in the community. What would the wife do? They had been so devoted, so loving, so inseparable. Soon we found out what she would do. She turned to the God who had made her home happy. And she found continued strength and joy. On the following Sunday she was in her customary place at church. The months of adjustment and loneliness were made so much easier because she continued to work in the church, continued to do good, and to help other people.

Her radiant example helped me to believe.

Two retired Methodist preachers have lived in communities I have served. What they have given me from their long years of rich experience and deep faith and full consecration! They never argued immortality. They just took it for granted. They never tried to prove it. They just lived it. I never talked with either of them without feeling closer to God, without a deeper awareness of eternal values. They face the setting sun with serenity and certainty.

Both have strengthened my belief in the life everlasting.

I thank God for all these, and for many more, who have helped to make my faith stronger, and who have helped to give added meaning to a hope that has stirred within my soul. Their contagious example will help me to guide others as they face life's last mile and to face that last mile myself with greater courage and confidence.

Continuing Life

By COSTEN J. HARRELL*



"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory."
I Cor. 15:57

PAUL ends his great chapter on immortality with a shout of triumph! Earlier in the chapter, the matchless preacher of the first century says, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Death waits like a heartless monster at the end of every man's career, and each must meet him soon or late. No matter what may have been one's achievements during his years on earth, he would be in the end a defeated person unless he could overcome this last dread enemy. From a temporal point of view, death strikes life's glory dead—its work, its achievements, its hopes, its loves, even life itself. Then what a boon to mortal man is the Christian teaching that "death is swallowed up in victory."

On Calvary the Saviour of the world was challenged by sin at its worst, and he overcame. In Joseph's garden he threw off the shackles of death. What a week of triumph is this! Since then the good news has been proclaimed in every part of the world that Christ has overcome our two most dreaded enemies, sin and death, and that in him, we, too, may be more than conquerors. On Easter Day we become strangely and sweetly conscious of our immortality, and our hearts break forth into singing, "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory." At such a time we are accustomed to think again of the reason for the faith that is in us, and we are always reassured that the Christian's belief in immortality rests on solid foundations.

Our Intuitions Whisper It

Man's intuition is a strange but real faculty. A little girl nestles a doll to her bosom: it is the intuition of mother love. Man knows by an inward light that shines in the heart of all that right is better than wrong. An intuition is an insight which God gives us to guide us on our earthly way, as he gives instinct to a bird to guide him to warm southern climates before winter comes. Our intuitions are sometimes more trustworthy than our logic.

The intuition for immortality, in one form or another, is almost universal. Man refuses to believe that he was made to die. Something within him whispers that life continues. Belief in continuing life is at the root of all religions, whether Christian or pagan. The untaught Indians dreamed of a happy hunting ground beyond the horizons of time. The Mohammedans believe in a future Paradise of pleasure, and the Hebrews in a New Jerusalem. Can the universal expectation of man be wrong? Because the needles on all compasses in the world point north and south, I believe in a magnetic system. Because of the hope that shines in human hearts at all times and places, I believe that "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

*Presiding bishop, Charlotte Area.

Reason Requires It

As we look out upon the world in which we live we are impressed every day by its order in every detail, and by the provisions the Creator has made for our well-being. The crown and climax of creation is man. "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor." It is unreasonable to imagine for an instant that a wise and provident God would permit the soul of man, who is able to think God's thoughts with him and enter into divine fellowships, to come to nothing as a candle extinguished at midnight. It does not make sense, and we refuse to believe in a senseless universe: If there is no immortality, the life of a libertine and murderer and the life of St. Paul are only two ways of arriving —nowhere. This cannot be! Life is not so meaningless and purposeless.

On Easter Day we become strangely and sweetly conscious of our immortality, and our hearts break forth into singing; for at such a time we think again of the reasons why we believe, and are always re-assured that the Christian's belief in the continuing life rests on solid foundations. Here are some of those reasons.

A good man has just begun to learn how to live and work when his years on earth are ended. Shall all his achievements of mind and soul end in six feet of earth? If that were true, life would be only a mockery, and the game not worth the candle. In his old age Victor Hugo said, "I feel that I am the tadpole of an archangel." Life had just begun with him. He looked forward to other and larger fields in which to grow and exercise his genius. As we ripen in years our loves become sweeter and more tender—a father's love for his son, the love that binds two hearts in the bonds of matrimony, our affection for old friends. Are all these to be snapped in an instant when death comes? To believe that all our noblest achievements and graces come to nothing in an ordered and reasonable universe is too unreasonable to think.

Justice Demands It

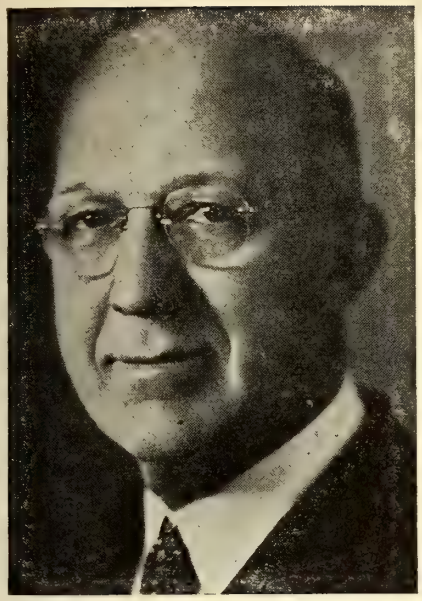
When we think of the inequalities of earth, our sense of justice demands another world in which all this may be set straight. Some are born with handicaps they cannot overcome. Many die young —when life is in the bloom—and are denied the opportunity here to prove their worth and enrich their souls. Millions have lived and died under the oppressor's crushing heel, and no one was able to deliver them. When I was a chaplain in the state prison in Raleigh, a poor woman was prisoner there, convicted of murdering her husband fifty years before. Her supposed accomplice had been hanged at the time she was given a life sentence. A few years later, when I was living elsewhere, an aged man on his death bed confessed that he was the murderer. The condemned woman, after more than half a century of imprisonment, was pardoned. She returned to her old community, and no one there remembered her. At life's eveningtime she was friendless and alone. She returned to the prison and asked if she might live there for her remaining years. She died behind its bars. Was that the end of a life broken by the miscarriage of man's justice?

The character of God is involved. Because I believe in his infinite goodness and justice, I must believe that he will in other spheres straighten out the injustices of earth.

Christ Confirms It

But most of all our faith in immortality rests on the affirmations of Jesus

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DEATH--

A Lift to Life

By W. W. PEELE*

IT IS impossible to arrive at Easter except by way of the empty tomb. Our meditations in the presence of this symbol of life and death give rise to thoughts that are depressing, hopeless, and desperate; yet, on the other hand, to thoughts that are inspiring, radiant, and god-like. In man at his best are signs of nobility. He is endowed with faith, hope, love. He has visions of deeds which are noble. He has within him the spark of the divine. He is the "uplooking one." If Christ be not risen, these signs of nobility are only instruments of torture; his visions are without lift; his faith, without satisfaction; and the motive for courageous living vanishes.

Everything protests such a picture. All nature cries aloud against it. Every lily of the field, every swelling bud, the return of each season of the year, the dawn of each new day is a fulfillment of her promise. All that we dream, or hope for, shall come to pass. The unfinished task shall find completion. The faith that is strong will have its reward. Love that is unfailing will attain perfection. Effort that is unselfish will never fail. Man's essential nature demands that this be true. The deepest hunger of man cannot be satisfied with earthly food; the tomb cannot furnish an abiding resting place for an immortal spirit; the eternal longings of life cannot be satisfied by material attainment.

The empty tomb is the divine reassurance to the souls of men. The journey does not end at the grave. Life does not have a dead-end. Death is not the end or the opposite of life. It only gives a lift to life. It gives to life freedom from earthly limitations. It hastens life on to its goal. This may have been in the mind of Paul when he wrote: "For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality." (I Cor. 15:53.)

You will please note the imperative "must." This is not an imperative that is extraneous to life, something that is imposed from without. It is an imperative inherent in the very structure of life itself. Life, being what it is, it just must go on in the direction of its highest destiny. Death gives it a lift in this direction. After death has fulfilled its mission, it passes out. "Death is swallowed up in victory." It is not life that passes out, but death. It has no sting; it has no victory; it has no further mission. It vanishes away!

The great concern of Jesus was for life. He never looked upon death as a thing of major importance. It was to him a sleep. To the sorrowing ones standing around the body of the little girl, he said, "She is not dead but sleepeth." Of Lazarus, who had already been placed in the tomb, he said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." To Jesus, death had to do with the material, the physical, the transient. It was only the body of Jesus that was housed in the sepulchre. His spirit had been committed to the care of the Father.

Life does not taper to an end in the grave, but opens out to the promise of God. What appears to be death is in reality a lift—the progressive movement of man's soul out of the imperfect into the perfect; the new birth of the living.

Dr. J. J. Rives tells of a layman who was called upon unexpectedly to conduct a funeral. Never having done such a thing, he said he went to the New Testament to see how Jesus conducted funerals. He found that Jesus never conducted any funerals, he conducted only resurrections. He was interested in life.

To Jesus, there is no break in the journey. Life does not taper to an end in the grave—it opens out to the promises of God. When Lazarus died, Jesus explained to Martha the meaning of death. Martha said, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus replied, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." To Martha, death was a terminal point. There was a break in the journey of life. To her, Lazarus had entered into a state of oblivion and at some far distant date, life would be restored. At the last, he would live again.

To Jesus, the situation was entirely different. To him there was no terminal point at death; there was no break. In fact, there was no death to anyone who "Liveth and believeth in me." Death was a leap upward and onward. It was a going on to a new stage of life; the progressive movement of man's soul out of the imperfect into the perfect; the new birth of the living.

Shelley was right, "Die if thou wouldst be with that which thou dost seek." Thomas Browne caught the idea of Jesus when he wrote, "Where the soul has the full measure and complement of happiness; where the boundless appetite of that spirit remainst completely satisfied, that it can neither desire addition nor alteration; that, I think, is truely heaven."

So, in the true sense there is no death. We are rooted and grounded in the very nature of God himself. What we are we derive from him, and this can mean only that the essence of our being is immortality. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." (John 1:4.)

It was Stanley Jones who said, "I do not know what the future holds, but I do know who holds the future."

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Easter Morn

Sweet and clear the bells are ringing
On Easter morn;
Hark! I hear the angels singing
At Easter dawn:
And the message which they bring
Tells us of the risen King.

Birds are happy in their singing,
And have no fear;
Chimes the message sweet are bringing
For all to hear:
Trees and flowers are blooming out
Taking from us every doubt.

Everywhere do the signs of life
Show us the way,
How the Saviour bore the strife
And did obey;
Now He's risen from the tomb
And has cast away all gloom.

Hope and joy are here to stay
Forevermore.
At the tomb where Jesus lay
An angel bore
Glad good tidings of the Word;
"He is risen, Christ the Lord."

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The Man Who Was Not Afraid to Die *

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For many people today death is taboo, a subject to be avoided as a plague. But for one man it held no terror. Prepared to die, he began to live. His heroic example, and the matchless life and glorious resurrection of our Lord, offer us courage and confidence.

ONE day I was called to the home of a man who was very sick and who said, "I want to tell you a story. I know that you are interested in the way people handle difficult experiences and perhaps you can tell this story to other people so that it may help them."

When I entered the room I had felt the quietness and ease with which the man sat in his chair. No part of him was strained, every muscle seemed to be relaxed. He talked quietly, never raising his voice. When anyone came into the room he paused rather than lift his voice above the disturbance of the person's movements.

He said, "I have an incurable disease which I am told will soon end my days here. I have been happy the past few years, the happiest I have ever been in my entire life, which has been one of activity and responsibility. Until a few years ago I had the usual fears and worries of the average business executive. I had the same urges to build up a large firm, and to accumulate money and influence. I had many friends, a fine family, and I belonged to the best clubs. Then as business reverses began to come, as they come to all during the depression, I worried more and more. I knew I was moving toward the ragged edge; my wife urged me to see a physician, but I could not bring myself to it, for I knew he would advise me to give up my business and stop worrying, and I could do neither.

"And then one day I could go on no longer. I canceled my appointments and struck out for our summer home alone and without telling anyone where I was going. The next thing I remember I was in a hospital. Several physicians and nurses were there as were my wife and a friend. They told me I was ill and that I must lie quietly and relax. I actually did not know what the word meant, I who was a college graduate and a business executive. I said to them, 'Am I going to die?' And they said, 'You will be all right if you lie quietly and do not worry.' But I knew I was going to die. I wanted to die because I did not want to go back. I felt tired and I wanted to rest. I said to myself, 'I will die and forget it all.'" He paused and then continued, "I think I would have died then had I been left alone, but a light seemed to stand before me and a voice said, 'You would like to die, and you can if you want to but before you do, listen! If you die now you will be false to your wife whom you love and who loves you and to the children she bore you. It is easy to die, and you will in due time, but you need not now."

"And as I remember I said to the voice, 'I can't go back, it's too hard.'

"The voice replied, 'It is hard, but you can go back. I will show you death which few are permitted to see before they come to stay, and then you must decide whether you will stay now or whether you will go back and complete your work. If you go back from time to time there will come people whom you will recognize who will help you greatly.'

"I asked, 'How will I know them?' And the voice replied, 'You will know them.'

"And then I was taken to a great field which I seem not to remember in detail, but which I do remember was very attractive to me.

"I said, 'Is this death?' And the voice replied, 'This is death.' 'Why, it's beautiful! It's the most beautiful field I have ever seen.' The voice answered, 'Yes, it is beautiful.' 'I want to go in.' The voice replied, 'You can if you insist but you need not yet. Do not forget the things of which I spoke.'

"There was a deep urge within me to enter that field, but I thought of my wife and children. It was with a great effort that I turned back.

"That was the only time the voice spoke to me. Through the weeks I slowly gained back my health as the doctors taught me to relax, and encouraged me to rest and eat until one day I was told I was well enough to return to work. That day as we left the hospital my wife stood beside me, and I knew that she was one of those I had been told would help me.

"I returned to my business and my friends and despite unfavorable conditions our business was good and my firm prospered. But I did not think of building it into a strong organization and of gaining influence, but rather of establishing it upon a firm foundation that it might benefit my wife and family and my employees. If I may say so, we were unusually successful.

"Then two years ago I was taken to the hospital with pain in my side. After careful examination I was told that I must have an operation. One of the best surgeons available operated upon me, but he only opened and closed my abdomen. I was told I had only a short time to live. I thought, 'Now I can go in peace.' My wife and I had long talks together and she understood my feelings entirely and was quite happy for me.

"Then we saw the notice of an European specialist who was working in a hospital in New York, and who had developed a new technique for operating upon the kind of trouble I had. I said to my wife, 'We must go to New York and try it.' She said, 'But why should you suffer any more for what may only be a few added months?' I said, 'We must try everything. We wish it could be otherwise, but we are obligated to try everything.'

"Before going to New York I called my minister, and we had a long talk together. In New York the specialist agreed to operate on me. It was a long, hard operation, but it was successful. At least it was up to a point. I was able to go back to work and later we had a happy summer in the country. A few months ago my old trouble came back in another place. Again it was removed but soon after it broke out in several places so that we know it is final this time. So now you see, I am going soon and I am happy. The children are too young to understand but my wife does and she is happy for me. What greater love could one have for a beautiful and loving mate than to have that one rejoice at giving the other up?" what he said seemed to be true. His wife, who had admitted me to the house, did seem to be happy in that quiet sort of way one sees in people occasionally.

"And what of those who were to help you from time to time? Have they appeared when you needed them?" I asked.

"In every instance," he replied, "they have appeared. In fact, when I heard of you I felt sure that you were one of them."

"And how can I help you?"

"By making this story available to people who are worried, selfish, concerned about themselves, and to those who face death. Tell them that one who has glimpsed it and who now faces it says that it is not something to fear but to welcome, but no one should move on to it until his work here is finished. Tell them I said that, and tell them of the conditions of my saying it, and you will have helped."

He had talked a long time and reached

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the end of his story. I rose, shook his hand and left, burdened with his story until it should be passed on. I wondered concerning the vision he reported, realizing that he was a sick man at the time. But whatever brought it about and regardless of his condition at the time, it had borne him up through two trying operations and untold physical suffering, it had contributed to his happiness and to his wife's happiness. What more could one ask?

A few weeks after I saw him he died, to enter that field he had glimpsed and for which he had waited so patiently.

It does not matter greatly to me how you interpret this story. I have reported it as it was told to me. I knew nothing about this man before he called me although I did know his minister. Later in talking with him he verified the story although he did not know it in quite as complete detail as it had been reported to me.

The man's vision of the field he called "death," and the voice that spoke to him are readily identified as hallucinatory. That's a fancy way of saying that they were the imaginings of a sick mind, which desired to commit suicide. But the interesting thing about this story, and the thing that makes it deserve serious consideration, is what happened to the man after the vision. Slowly he fought his way back to health and returned to work. In spite of the depression his brokerage firm prospered. When he no longer worried about making money, he made it easily. But even more important is the way he handled his painful and weakening disease, going through a series of surgical operations. The most courageous person would have shrunk back from them. He moved into them with quiet confidence, and was not greatly concerned about their outcome. When I saw him the struggle and the uncertainty were past. Now he was quiet ly waiting for death.

I saw him again two weeks after he told me this story but he had little more to say. He expressed appreciation that I had come, seemed relieved that his story had been passed on, and that was about all. Again, I was impressed with the atmosphere of quietness and confidence that permeated his person, his room, in fact the entire house. His wife seemed to share his attitude. She, too, was relaxed, courageous without seeming to be so, determined without giving the impression of being under a strain. Both their attitudes seemed to be that of accepting what was happening. They were not carrying life; life was carrying them.

Since that time I have often thought: it is one thing to die with quiet courage and hopefulness, looking forward with confidence; it is quite another to prepare our loved ones to accept our going.

As a hospital chaplain, serving a total of twelve years in three great medical centers, I have ministered to several hundred persons who were facing death. I always go into the room of a seriously ill person with a deep feeling of humility, wishing that I knew how to be more helpful. When I began my hospital ministry I felt considerable skepticism about immortality, but dying people taught me to believe in life beyond this life. Death as a total ending cannot be real, not when you have stood beside the beds of dying people as I have been privileged to do. I cannot tell you why I believe that way, exactly. The man whose story I told you, the man who was not afraid to die, plus a hundred others, are the reasons.

Death for our generation has been called a taboo subject. We do not admit it exists. We are embarrassed by a discussion of it. We lock it away in a back closet of our minds and refuse to admit that it is a fact in every person's life. And then when it appears before us for ourselves or our loved ones we are unprepared for it. We rush hither and yon, filling our minds with nonsense and our bodies with activities, refusing to permit a serious thought to enter our minds, and unable to thrust a spiritual root deep into the soil of reality. When the hot sun of life's crises strikes us we are like plants without rootage. Our mental hospitals are filled to overflowing and our general hospitals struggle to accommodate those who seek help, large numbers of whom are sick because their emotions threaten to destroy them. It is highly possible that one of the terrors from which we are fleeing, perhaps the major terror, is the haunting dread of death and dying.

There is another reason that the mocking fact of death has lost its terror for many people, and that is the life of a Galilean Carpenter, one Jesus by name, who lived 2000 years ago. He was a simple kind of person and yet His life stands out in bold relief. He died in such a way that a foreign soldier who had helped execute him said as he stood at the foot of the cross, watching Him die, "Surely this man was a son of God."

We have difficulty accounting for that life and death, but we can join our prayers with His. The prayer He seemed most fond of praying was, "Not my will but Thine be done." Put simply: "Oh God, fill my spirit with Thy spirit."

CONTINUING LIFE

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Christ our risen Lord. He is the crown and climax of our hope. He confirms the heart's deep longing. He inspires in us an unshaken confidence, and puts a song on our lips. The words of Paul become our own: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Our Lord did not argue concerning man's continuing life beyond the event of death. Everywhere he recognizes man as an immortal. For this reason he honored the humblest and ministered to them. The Christian doctrine of man's immortality is the root out of which has grown our modern insistence on the dignity and worth of personality. It has inspired democratic movements. We believe in justice to every man, because he is an immortal and what happens to him is of eternal consequence. For this reason, our Lord said that should any one deal unjustly with one of the humblest of those who believe in him "it were better for him that a millstone were hanged around his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

Jesus spoke plain words of assurance to us who yearn for certitude concerning the unmeasured future. The page in most of our Bibles first to show the signs of wear is the page on which the fourteenth of John appears: "Let not your heart be troubled . . . in my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you . . . I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Because I believe in Jesus Christ I must believe in his words, so plainly spoken. I know that he would not deceive us. "If it were not so, I would have told you." He puts the force and strength of his character behind his promise. I accept his assurance and rest my soul in it.

But more eloquent than our Lord's assuring words is a fact—his glorious resurrection. By the event in Joseph's garden he demonstrated immortality. For that men's hearts have yearned "as shipwrecked seamen yearn for morning light." We behold his triumph. He breaks the shackles of death. He demonstrates that death is not a stone wall at the end of blind alley, but an open gate into larger spaces and more abundant living.

The fact of our Lord's resurrection drove despair from the hearts of his disciples. Men who on Good Friday witnessed their hopes shattered when their Master died, on Easter Day shouted, "He is risen!" In the light of that morning the Church has traveled these nineteen centuries. In the light of it our hearts are assured and glad. There is a rainbow in our tears. We labor on with a song in our souls. We know that the good and lovely things of life are not lost in endless night. Because he lives we shall live also. We pilgrims travel with steady tread, and our faces are toward the sunrise. We know that love and character do not die; that the incompleted tasks of earth will be continued elsewhere in fellowship with them whom we have loved long since, and in the joy of Easter Day we sing,

"Soar we now where Christ has led
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies."

Too Busy to Die!

By H. H. SMITH*

SEVERAL years ago a prominent minister and distinguished author, who had passed well beyond his three-score years and ten, thought it advisable to have a check-up on his physical condition. When the doctor completed the examination and hinted that the minister might be nearing the close of his life, the dauntless man said: "Why, doctor, I can't die now; I've got three more books to write."

The most important work in the world has been done by men and women who were so absorbed with their tasks that, even in old age, they were too busy to think of death. It has been so from the most ancient times. There is the old Greek mathematician, Archimedes, who lived during the third century Before Christ. Syracuse, the city in which he lived, was under siege and about to fall to the enemy; but the old man (he was 74) was too busily employed with his mathematical studies to realize his peril. A Roman soldier rushed into his room and thrust him through with the sword, as the persistent thinker begged that his life be spared until he had finished the problem before him.

Let us note three men who have left their mark upon the world: John Wesley: Church Founder; David Livingstone: Missionary-Explorer; William Booth: Evangelist and Social Worker. Old age found these great servants of God with unfinished tasks, and too busy to die.

John Wesley was a hard worker all his life—and loved it. At 83 he traveled 76 miles in one day and preached three times. At 85 he was still traveling, preaching, and writing sermons. At 87 says his biographer, Dr. Fitchett, he complained of feeling the infirmities of age, but he continued preaching and writing, "if with slower step and hand, yet with a spirit as brave, and a face as bright, as in his prime." As old age slackened his labors, he would repeat, with a smile: "'Tis time to live, if I grow old." Almost with his last breath he gave orders that a sermon which he had preached on "The Love of God to Fallen Man," should be scattered abroad and given to everyone. He passed his 88th year, with many "fields white unto harvest" still calling him, and on his death-bed he bore witness to the saving power of the Gospel he had proclaimed to untold thousands.

David Livingstone has been an inspiration to all Christendom. The one aim of his life was to do the will of God and to help others do likewise. Early in his life he adopted the motto: "Fear God and work hard." What a volume of sacrificial labors his Journals record! Within six months time he had 27 attacks of fever, but plodding on, he said: "Fever or no fever, I'm determined to work for Christ's Kingdom." Obstacles of the most formidable sort only made him cry out: "Death alone will put a stop to my efforts." Henry M. Stanley, who spent several months with him in Africa, said: "His is the Spartan heroism, the inflexibility of the Roman, the enduring resolution of the Anglo-Saxon, never to relinquish his work, though his heart yearns for home, never to surrender his obligations, until he can write FINIS to his work."

It is impressive as well as pathetic to read portions of his Journal. Stricken with fever, he cries out to God: "Wilt Thou not permit me to plead for Africa? Africa is not opened up if I die now!" Stanley begged the old hero to leave his work, go home to his family, whom he had not seen for several years, rest up and return to finish his work. Though weakened by disease, he would not leave his post, and about a year later the end came. In an African hut, in Ilala, kneeling in prayer, he breathed his last; perhaps with the prayer on his lips which he had offered a short time before: "All I can say in my solitude is, may Heaven's richest blessing come down on everyone—American, English, Turk, — who will help heal this open sore of the world."

The important work of the world has been done by people too busy to die—among them John Wesley, David Livingstone and William Booth. Yet facing the end of their earthly pilgrimage, they were not afraid, for they had wrought well, and they had the assurance of life eternal.

William Booth, everybody's friend and benefactor, spent his long life in behalf of humanity. His biographer pictures him at eighty, a patriarchal-looking man, with his long white beard; and there he sits at his desk, "where he has spent so many hundred of hours writing for his Master." He is on the road to blindness, but he continues his labors for the cause to which he has given his long life. Though old and infirm, he is planning greater things for the needy ones of the world. Before he leaves this life, he wants to secure a promise from his son, Bramwell, that he will open up work in China, one of the few countries where the Army had not taken up work. The promise is made, and they shake hands on it.

†Harold Begbie, Booth's biographer, says: "During his last visit to America, his daughter Eva persuaded him one afternoon in Chicago, to lie down on the sofa, and extracted from him a promise that he would not move till she came to call him with a cup of tea. 'Now, you won't move, will you, darling?' she pleaded at the door. And the old man said, 'No, I won't move; I promise you.' But a very short time after leaving him she heard movements in the room. She opened the door and found him walking to and fro, his eyes and cheeks wet with tears. 'Darling,' she exclaimed reproachfully, 'you faithfully promised me that you wouldn't move.' 'Oh, I know, I know,' he broke out; 'but I've been thinking of all the sufferings of little children, the children of the great cities, and I can't rest, I can't rest.'"

After the operation on his eyes was known to fail to restore his sight, and his son, Bramwell, told him, as gently as he could of the sad fact, he said: "God must know best!" and after another pause, "Bramwell, I have done what I could for God and the people with my eyes. Now I shall do what I can for God and for the people without my eyes."

Too busy to die! But we have to pass on, and even though our lives be prolonged to the most advanced age, we are unable to accomplish all the work we set our hearts upon. Was it not Victor Hugo who said, when advanced in age: "I haven't uttered a thousandth part of what is within me?" If this life ends all, then is not man overendowed? Do we find here a hint of immortality? Just as we seem to be making some progress in grace, in the development of our talents, in a fuller dedication of ourselves to God, in a more efficient service for the Kingdom, just then, death calls us and we must go. Surely there must be life beyond this world,—and surely there is for those who follow Christ, who has said: "Because I live, ye shall live also."

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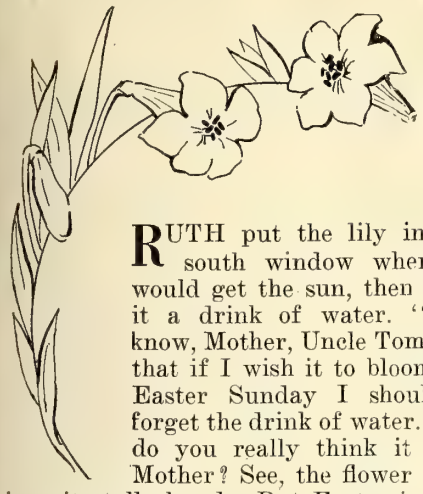
Easter Morning at the Tomb

(*Mary Magdalene*)

This morning I went to the tomb
To find the Christ.
In the dull light of the burial room
I sought the sacrificed.
Among the shadowy forms
Of morning I went
Like one who warms
His hands by dead fires. A sacrament
Of death I found, in the tomb.

This morning I humbly bowed
Before the dead.
But a voice outside called aloud:
Why seek the living among the dead?
He walks the road to Galilee
Breathing the perfume of early flowers.
He walks again beside the sea.
Follow Him now, in life; the hours
Of death alone are laid in the tomb.

—RAYMOND KRESENSKY
in *Presbyterian Tribune.*



The Lily's Mission

By SARAH MAY BURKHARDT

RUTH put the lily in the south window where it would get the sun, then gave it a drink of water. "You know, Mother, Uncle Tom said that if I wish it to bloom for Easter Sunday I shouldn't forget the drink of water. And do you really think it will, Mother? See, the flower stalk is quite tall already. But Easter is only two weeks from Sunday."

"I feel sure, dear, it will be in bloom by that time. It may surprise you by unfolding its marvelous whiteness and beauty before Easter. And I am sure you will never regret the time spent in caring for it," said her mother.

"It's a really, truly living thing, and I wish I could see it unfold; but it might be nicer to be surprised," replied Ruth. Ruth.

Every day the lily was moved from window to window, so it would get the sun. And every day it drank the water as if it were thirsty. And every day the flower stalk grew taller and the buds larger.

At last the day of fulfillment came. It was the Saturday before Easter. The night before Ruth had placed the lily pot in the east window. "So the first sun's rays will kiss it and whisper, 'Tomorrow is Easter.' "

"Come, little daughter, the sun is up. Wake up now. Mother wants you to take a basket of fruit to Mr. Tracey. He'll not be well enough to come out to church Easter Sunday morning, so we'll remember him today."

"Oh, Mother, did the sun kiss it? I mean the lily." And Ruth lightly jumped out of bed.

"I don't know, dear, I want you to look first this morning."

"Wait, Mother, I want to tell you my dream while I dress. I saw two angels with bright gold hair and silver wings. And my lily, Mother, was in full bloom —all white and beautiful. They took it, one on either side, and pushed it on a sunbeam that led like a golden path straight to a doorway on Grimes Street. I saw them knock, and when the door opened, the room looked so dark; then the sunbeam seemed to go right in with the lily on it. It made the room so bright and pretty. And everyone had the happiest smile on their faces. It was Easter morning, Mother."

"It was a very sweet dream, Ruth," said her mother as she kissed her. "Run and see if your lily is in full bloom."

Like a flash Ruth ran downstairs. And then a shout of joy. "It has, it has! The sun has kissed it. Come, Mother, and see."

When Ruth knocked at Mr. Tracey's door, Betsy, the housekeeper, opened the door, and with a beaming face, bade Ruth enter.

"I am sorry Mr. Tracey is taking his nap, Fairy Good Spirit. He's all put out this morning," continued Betsy. "You know, Miss Ruth, since his daughter went away out west somewhere he's never been quite the same. At first she sent him a lily for Easter. But now— Some say flowers can't talk, but I never could agree with them. Law me, when that lily would come, its very fragrance told of her love. And he would smile and say, 'It's like Mary, so sweet and pure.' "

Ruth was only a little girl, but she went home very thoughtful. On Easter Sunday morning she surprised her mother by saying, "May I start early to church, Mother?"

"You may, dear, but why do you wish to go so early, Ruth?"

"Mother, I want to make Mr. Tracey happy. I want to give him my Easter lily."

"I thought you had planned taking it to church," spoke up Nancy. "You could give it after."

Ruth looked at her mother with pleading eyes. "Please, Mother, I want to give it to him before church. Then when he hears the church bells ringing he won't be so lonely."

"You are a dear child, Ruth. Do just as your heart tells you to do."

In a short time Ruth, in coat, cap and furs, with the Easter lily hugged tight, was on her way to Mr. Tracey's. She went to the front door and knocked.

"Law me, it's Miss Ruth," said Betsy as she opened the door. Ruth walked straight to where Mr. Tracey was sitting by the window, and placed the lily in his hands.

"It bloomed for you, Mr. Tracey," she said.

"But, Ruth, I cannot take it. I must not take it."

"Won't it make you happy?" asked Ruth in surprise.

"Yes, dear child, it makes me happier than I can tell, but you have spent so much time caring for it, I must not take it from you."

"Please do," pleaded Ruth. "I am sure it bloomed for you, Mr. Tracey."

Then in her childish way she told him of her dream.

Mr. Tracey, with moist eyes and a happy smile, told her she was the Sunbeam in the dream, and the "Fairy Good Spirit your mother always calls you."

—Arkansas Methodist

Waiting to Grow

Little white snowdrop, just waking up,
Violet, daisy, and sweet buttercup!
Think of the flowers that are under the snow
Waiting to grow!

And think what a number of queer little seeds
Of flowers and mosses, of ferns and of weeds,
Are under the leaves and under the snow
Waiting to grow!

Think of the roots getting ready to sprout,
Reaching their slender, brown fingers about,
Under the ice and the leaves and the snow
Waiting to grow!

No seed is so small, or hidden so well
That God cannot find it; and soon he will tell
His sun where to shine and his rain where to go,
Waiting to grow!

—HOLMES THIRD READER

Susie Makes Her Easter Plans

Little Susie had just moved to a distant state and it was her first Sunday at her new Sunday school. At the church from which Susie had came the little folks had a department to themselves and someone to look after them and entertain them while their papas and mamas attended church. But at this new church, where grandpa and grandma went, the children also stayed for the church service.

This was a new experience for Susie and she appeared to like it very much; but it was when the preacher read his announcements that Susie's eyes really sparkled.

"There will be an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds Easter Sunday afternoon," read the pastor. "The eggs are to be brought to the parsonage Saturday." Susie was so excited she could hardly wait until the service was over, and just as soon as the benediction was said, she went straight to the pastor and assurred him with a great deal of earnestness that she expected to be on hand for the egg hunt. And she will be, too. Susie and her new Sunday school are going to get along all right.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

Dr. S. B. Turrentine of Greensboro died at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock. Funeral services will be held at West Market St. Methodist Church, Greensboro, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BILTMORE METHODISTS have recently installed a new electric organ in their sanctuary.

SHILOH CHURCH of Gaston, N. C. recently presented their pastor, Rev. John T. Maides a lovely wrist watch, billfold and key case.

DR. C. E. HIX, JR., professor of Bible in Central College, Fayette, Mo. and member of the North Carolina Conference, was in the State last week visiting relatives and friends.

DR. R. D. WELLONS, president of Pembroke State College, is attending a meeting of the department of higher education of the National Education Association at Chicago this week.

REV. FRED PASCHALL, pastor of First Church, Laurinburg, will preach in evangelistic services to be conducted at Franklin Memorial Church, Morehead City April 17-22.

REV. C. E. VALE, pastor at Hookerton, will assist the pastor, Rev. W. D. Caviness, in revival services at the Camp Glenn Church near Morehead City, during the week of May 1.

DR. JOHN R. CHURCH of Winston-Salem, approved evangelist of the Methodist Church, will be the preacher in union evangelistic services April 10-22 sponsored by Macedonia Moravian Church and Bethlehem Methodist Church on the Farmington charge. Rev. J. G. Bruner and Rev. John Oakley are the cooperating pastors.

MOUNT GROVE CHURCH on the St. Paul Charge, Winston-Salem district, will have homecoming on Sunday, April 17, with Sunday School at 10 a.m., preaching at 11 a.m., and lunch at 12:30 p.m. The annual revival also begins on that day. All former pastors, friends and the public are invited, according to Rev. F. A. Wright, pastor.

REV. AND MRS. E. G. COWAN, SR., of Roberdell, recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. Many tokens of love and appreciation from the members of their church and other friends were received. A new electric range and water heater have been installed in the parsonage kitchen, and funds are being raised for a new church.

THE VANCE M. Y. F. sub-district met April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in a supper meeting with the Oxford sub-district at First Church, Oxford. The worship program was conducted by Miss Elizabeth Adams of Henderson. Ed Jones of Durham was the guest speaker for the evening. Miss Janie Flinten is president of the Oxford sub-district, and Miss Juanita Smith is president of the Vance group.

THE RICHMOND COUNTY Sub-district MYF held its March meeting at East Rockingham Church, with 155 present. The attendance banner was won by the Green Lake MYF. Rev. Troy Barrett was guest speaker and leader of the recreation. Another guest was Mr. Harry Davis, soloist, who sang, "The Holy City" during the worship program and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" at the close.



(Robards photo.)

Gets Scholarship

Mary Howland Dawson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Dawson of Sanford, has been awarded one of the six regional scholarships the Angier B. Duke Scholarship Fund offers at Duke University. The award totals $750 a year.

A FELLOWSHIP TEAM from the Wesley Foundation at Chapel Hill made a week-end visit to Randleman recently where they participated in many church activities with the local MYF. In the visiting group were Rev. Brooks Patten, director; J. D. Foust, Snow Camp; Harold Day, Spruce Pine; Bob Bunch, Statesville; and Ray Mills, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

YOUNG PEOPLE of Midway Church, Kannapolis, enjoyed a retreat at Sunny Acres, April 2-3. "Making Jesus Our Way —In Personal Dedication" was the theme. Adults accompanying the group included Miss Pearle Fink, director of religious education; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stribling, Co-counsellors; and Mrs. Essie White, teacher. On the trip the group visited Centenary church and the Children's Home, both in Winston-Salem.

LENOIR CIRCUIT, R. L. Forbis, pastor, has received 29 new members during this Conference year. One half of all claims for the year are paid and the South Lenoir Church has purchased a new organ. Gamewell and Littlejohn are planning to become a two point charge next year and are at work on plans for a new parsonage. Revival services were held last week at South Lenoir, with Rev. Fred Price of Granite Falls doing the preaching.

RANDOLPH COUNTY Methodist Churches have announced a workshop of Evangelism, April 24 to May 1. This effort is being promoted by Rev. George B. Clemmer, superintendent of the Thomasville district, aided by a committee of pastors. About 51 churches will be participating in the visitation campaign with revival services held each evening in the churches. There will be visiting pastor-evangelists preaching in the pulpits and assisting the local pastor in evangelistic visitation. The ministerial workers will meet each morning at one of the churches for inspiration and guidance. After lunch they will move upon each church community "two by two" seeking to win people for Christ.

DR. S. A. MAXWELL recently conducted a program of pastoral evangelism in First Church, Oxford, that added 40 new members to the church.

BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL will preach at Littleton Easter Sunday morning and at Calvary Church on Sunday evening. Rev. M. Y. Self is pastor.

REV. C. C. BENTON, associate pastor of First Church, Charlotte, is the guest preacher for revival services at Brevard Street Church, Charlotte, April 17-22.

DR. C. E. ROZZELLE of Winston-Salem effectively led Valdese Methodists in revival services which have just closed. A capacity attendance was present at all services.

THE McDOWELL COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT launched its first banquet, Friday night, April 1, at the Community Building in Marion, with 80 young people present. Jim Haney of Glenwood, is president of the Sub-District.

SELMA CHURCHES are holding union pre-Easter services this week at Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church. The series will be climaxed with a sunrise service Easter Sunday.

DR. JAMES T. CLELAND of the Duke Divinity School was the first speaker in Holy Week services sponsored by the Churches of Dunn. Rev. B. D. Critcher of Durham is included in the last of visiting preachers.

REV. PAUL R. RAYLE, approved Conference evangelist, will be the preacher in union evangelistic services April 20-May 1 at Hot Springs, N. C. sponsored by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

REV. FLETCHER E. HOWARD, pastor, is preaching in evangelistic services at Cramer Memorial Church, Cramerton, this week. Eugene Davis of Charlotte is leading the singing.

RUFFIN METHODISTS will join in a sunrise service Easter Sunday in the churchyard where they will hear Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle of Winston-Salem and the Ruffin High School Chorus. The Church Choir rendered an Easter Cantata, "The Thorn Crowned King," last Sunday evening. The spring revival will begin Sunday evening, April 24, with Rev. W. J. Miller of Charlotte as guest minister.

MINISTERS' WIVES of the North Carolina Conference held their spring luncheon in Burlington on April 6. Mrs. Belle Jurney was the honored guest for the luncheon. At a short business session the following officers were elected for the ensuing years. President, Mrs. O. L. Hardwick; vice president, Mrs. J. Kern Ormond; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Marvin Vick.

THE VANCE CHARGE has made many improvements in the past year. Spring Valley, Harris Chapel and Flat Rock Churches have installed memorial windows and have made other improvements. Gillburg has added a new Sunday school department and these rooms have been beautifully furnished. A dedication service will be held on June 26, the opening of the revival. Gillburg reports Sunday school attendance has doubled in the past year. The parsonage, located in Henderson, has a new electric water heater, and other conveniences have been added. Rev. R. E. L. Moser is serving his fourth year of pastorate there.

Western Conference Women Hold Successful Meeting; Many Being Trained for Church School Work

MORE THAN 700 ATTEND WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT HIGH POINT

By Mrs. E. L. Ballard

FROM the enthusiastic singing of the first hymn Wednesday afternoon to the pronouncing of the benediction at 12:30 Friday a capacity attendance was maintained at the Ninth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service which met last week at First Church, High Point. The largest audiences were there Thursday when ministers' wives joined the group for their semi-annual luncheon, and members of the Wesleyan Service Guild gathered for their conference and dinner meeting and came in time to enjoy and benefit by the reports and addresses. An estimated 700 delegates and visitors attended.

Beginning with Bishop Costen J. Harrell's timely message on the subject "We Look Out On This World," the spirit of his address was carried throughout the entire session. Bishop Harrell based his remarks on the familiar story of the Good Samaritan and told his audience that "This parable contains basic truth, and stands alone for its insight of the human race—its sorrows, hopes and aims. It teaches one lesson—compassion and human service. It is like a diamond with many facets, and yet becomes the basis of what we say as to genuine neighborliness, the meeting of human needs any where." Bishop Harrell's continuing interest in and devotion to the missionary work of the women of the Methodist Church, which he says is a reflection of his mother's consecrated activity, was rewarded in a measure when Mrs. J. W. Payne, president, presented him with an honorary Life Membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Honorary Life Patron certificates and pins were presented two officers in the Conference who have been elected officers in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, secretary of Supply Work, and Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., recording secretary. Both of these women have given long years of faithful service in the Western North Carolina Conference.

At the impressive communion service Wednesday evening $2,461.00 was laid on the altar for homeless and suffering children in Europe. Practically every society in the Conference had a part in this expression of love and good will.

Led by Mrs. David D. Smiley, Conference treasurer, the ten district presidents pledged $130,650.00 for the year 1949-1950, the new year beginning June 1.

Districts making the greatest progress in study classes during a four year period was given by Mrs. C. A. York, secretary of missionary education, and the Marion District stood first in having the largest increase, 41 classes. Charlotte District came second with an increase of 18. Asheville stood third with an increase of 8 and Winston-Salem fourth with 7. The Gastonia District led in efficiency classes, with Marion second and Statesville third.

Mrs. C. M. Waggoner, retiring president of the Salisbury District, was chosen by the executive board to succeed Mrs. Mabel Baughman as secretary of Status of Women and her election was confirmed. Miss Lottie Duncan, former Greensboro district president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was chosen to succeed Mrs. R. I. Corbett. Both Mrs. Baughman and Mrs. Corbett resigned because of ill health.

Mrs. David D. Smiley was elected delegate to the Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in April, 1950, and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., alternate.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver and Mrs. R. G. Smith, whose terms of office had expired as trustees of the Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem, were reelected.

The Conference was greatly uplifted and benefitted by the messages of Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, and Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever of the N. Y. office, Miss Leila Epps, missionary to Brazil, and Miss Mollie Townsend, missionary to China, as they shared their experiences in the far-flung areas of the world.

The 1950 Conference will be held the last of June at Lake Junaluska.

NEWS FROM THE THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

By J. E. Pritchard

Material improvements are going on at so many churches in this district that it is hard to keep up with all of them. One of the outstanding things about the situation is that so many of these churches are rural. Bethany church on the Randolph-Gray's Chapel charge, Rev. Y. D. Poole, pastor, has been completely reconditioned on the inside at a cost of about $2,000.00. Bethel Church on the same charge has also been reconditioned with new pews and a new entrance at a cost of $2,500.00. At a recent service Shiloh church on the same charge received fourteen new members on profession of faith.

At the Flag Spring church on the South Randolph charge, Rev. R. F. Hilliard, pastor, $3,500.00 has been raised toward building a new church.

A new church has been built by the congregation of the Lineberry church on the South Davidson charge, Rev. I. J. Terrell, pastor, replacing the old one. This plant consists of a new auditorium and four class rooms with furnace heat. The cost is $14,000.00.

The Seagrove church, Rev. H. A. Forrester, pastor, has bought land for a cemetery and a new lot for a new parsonage.

On the Richland circuit, Rev. Paul Bruton, pastor, improvements are being made at several churches. Brower's Chapel church has raised $8,000.00 toward a new building. New Union church has built and paid for four new class rooms. Giles' Chapel church has been brick veneered and plastered inside and has a new entrance. A driveway has been graded all around the large cemetery. This church is one of the old organizations in this community, having been organized the fourth Sunday in May, 1833. Before Methodist Union in 1939 this church belonged to the Methodist Protestant denomination. This church also has furnished several men for the ministry, two of them becoming presidents of the N. C. Annual Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. George B. Clemmer are now occupying the new district parsonage which was completed several weeks ago.

This week Memorial Church, Thomasville, Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor, has on a drive for $300,000.00 for a new church building. This congregation already has in hand something over $150,000.00. The plant is estimated to cost $500,000.00.

Practically every charge in this district has accepted the increase asked for World Service.

In Davidson and Randolph Counties practically all of the pastors and charges will be engaged in a campaign of evangelism from April 24-May 1. In each county the ministers will meet each morning during the week for an address and reports to be followed by a luncheon and the afternoons will be spent visiting in the homes and the services will be held in the churches at the evening hour.

WORLD SERVICE ACCEPTANCES NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Wilmington District

C. D. Barclift, Superintendent

Total acceptances	$21,876
Apportionment for the District	20,724
Acceptances exceed apportionment	1,152
Acceptances exceed 1947-48 apportionment	20%
Acceptances exceed 1944-45 apportionment	28%

This Year

39 of the 43 charges increased their acceptances over last year.

18 charges increased pastor's salary.

8 charges accepted PAR for World Service, or better. The charges and pastors are listed below:

Clinton Circuit, F. F. Warren; Duplin Circuit, Murrell K. Glover; Faison, J. D. Cranford; Pembroke, First Church, Linwood Blackburn; Prospect, D. F. Lowry; Scotts Hill, J. M. Carroll; Town Creek, R. H. Caudill; Epworth, Wilmington, Christian White.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE and FINANCE, M. J. Cowell, Secretary.

MANY ENROLLED IN TRAINING PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, TENN.—More Methodists than ever before are preparing themselves to teach Sunday school classes and to serve as leaders in other capacities in the church school, according to statistics compiled for 1948 by the Department of Leadership Education of the General Board of Education, of which the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham is director.

During 1948 enrollments in leadership classes totaled 104,429 in 1642 enterprises. This represents a gain of 36,763 over the number taking training in 1944, according to Mr. Cunningham, and is by far the best record since unification in 1939 of the three major branches of Methodism. The Southeastern Jurisdiction, with 49,515 enrollments, led all other Jurisdictions.

MINISTERS' WIVES HOLD SPRING LUNCHEON

THE Ministers' Wives of the Western North Carolina Conference held their annual spring luncheon at the Emerywood Country Club, High Point, on April 7, with Mrs. Clifford H. Peace, presiding. The group was entertained by Miss Betty Holt and Mr. Harlan H. Creech, Jr., who sang 'The Easter Parade,' accompanied at the piano by Miss Doris Walters.

Mrs. Harold Groce was elected recording secretary and Mrs. Teague Hipps corresponding sceretary. A telegram of greetings was sent to Mrs. Costen J. Harrell who was unable to be present because of illness, and cards were sent to the other members who were ill. A special committee composed of Mrs. Lee F. Tuttle, Chm., Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., and Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., was appointed to make recommendations for the next spring luncheon.

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.—Franklin.

The best friend is a clean conscience.—Welsh.

Twenty Children Join Church; Alumni to Hold Reunion; Writer Praises Home; Children See Play

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

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EASTER GREETINGS

This week marks the threshold of another Easter. It is Holy Week and should be for every Christian a happy week. New life appears in our natural world. The children here at the Orphanage express each day their delight at the beauty of the fields, the flowers and the trees.

When we open our hearts to the Spirit of the Risen Saviour we experience new joy and new life within. Our children live in the strength and the glory of the living Christ. They are learning of him "Whom to know means Life Everlasting."

On behalf of our happy family I am wishing for all of our readers an Easter season filled with hope and divine assurance.

EASTER OFFERING

A number of our pastors have expressed their purpose of presenting the cause of our Orphanage on Easter Sunday. For this personal interest and the generous support, we are deeply and sincerely grateful.

CHILDREN UNITE WITH THE CHURCH

Palm Sunday night will long be remembered by the superintendent and many of our boys and girls. Twenty of these fine children knelt at the altar to receive the rite of baptism and make the commitment of their lives to Christ and his Church.

Dr. Powell and his co-workers have been giving this class personal training during the last six weeks. The ages of the children run from ten to thirteen years. They have taken deep interest in these training periods. There was no high pressure method employed at any time. Each child was given an opportunity to express his faith in Christ and his loyalty to the Church.

The service was meaningful to the young people and a great inspiration to those who serve with these boys and girls. It was my happy privilege to assist Dr. Powell in the baptism of these children and in their reception into the Church.

THE ALUMNI REUNION

The Easter season is always a happy occasion for our older brothers and sisters. From 250 to 300 of our Alumni will return this week-end to see their old friends and enjoy the activities here on the campus.

Saturday night the program will open with a social in the gymnasium. Sunday morning, Easter worship service in the auditorium. Special music will be rendered by the high school chorus, and message by the superintendent. Monday is the day for a ball game between the Alumni and our Orphanage team. The closing feature will be an egg hunt for the younger children of our home, furnished by our visiting friends.

A SENIOR SENDS HER LOVE

Dear Friend:

When I was a small girl of five, I came to a new home, a wonderful home, the Methodist Orphanage. I didn't realize then the many advantages I would receive during my stay here. But now, as a senior ready to go out into the world, I am truly grateful for the many friends who have made it possible for me to receive such wonderful training. I know I could have never received the proper training and education, if I had not come to this beloved home.

To the friends of the Methodist Church in Pinetops, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for providing me with new clothes, twice each year. Your kindness will long be remembered.

I want to thank Mr. Larkin, our new dad, for being such a swell dad. During your short stay at the Orphanage, you have been very kind and understanding.

To Mr. Barnes, who has left the home, I would like to say "Thank you," for being a chum and a pal through the years. You never turned us down when we came to you for advice and understanding.

Recently, I found a new friend, Mrs. L. B. Garris of Greenville. She is making it possible for me to attend E. C. T. C. and receive college training. She has made my future bright with hope.

Again I wish to thank each and every friend of this home for every kind and thoughtful thing they have done for me during my stay here. I shall always remember you with love and gratitude.

Sara Britt.

A WRITER PRAISES OUR HOME

Recently an editor of the Raleigh Times picked up a college boy and brought him to the Capitol City. This boy, had spent 14 years in the Methodist Orphanage. The next day the driver of the car wrote an editorial for the evening paper. I would like to give you three paragraphs from the editorial:

"The young man modestly spoke of the fact that the Orphanage was his home. His father had died at 31 and had left eight children in the care of their mother. She had lent her four oldest children to the Orphanage while she was taking care of the youngest four. During that time, according to this young man, he and his brothers and sisters were brought up "in the family" of the orphanage. He referred to the Methodist Orphanage as his Home and said, quietly, that he was returning to the Orphanage for a week-end from a local university.

"If this young man is an example of the men which the Methodist Orphanage releases into the world, it has our good wishes and our acclaim. During the recent Christmas it was our privilege to participate in the festivities at the Baby Cottage, and our impression of those two dozen, two to six year old happy children there was that some one was achieving a perfectly wonderful job.

"In brief, putting together what evidence we have been able to gather, we would like to tip our hat to the 50-year-old Methodist Orphanage for doing a superb job of, not only training boys and girls to the workaday world, but also for instilling into them a knowledge and a feeling that the Orphanage is their home as long as they want it to be."

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

The people of Raleigh show their love for our youngsters in many ways. On April 2nd our entire family were privileged to see the presentation of "Tom Sawyer." This play was given by children selected from the schools of this city. The costumes were excellent, and the acting was superb.

The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs sponsored an afternoon performance for the Orphanage children. The story of "Tom Sawyer" is filled with exciting scenes and experiences. Our children enjoyed this play and we are grateful for those who provided the entertainment.



ALUMNI MEETS
At a recent meeting of the Wake County Methodist Orphanage Alumni the Camera caught this group in happy mood: Frank Peacock, Bob Lee, Felton Tilley, Mrs. Clayton Newsome, and L. C. Larkin.

Clemmons Guild Formed; Mrs. White Honored; Gastonia District Has Caravan; Pfeiffer Program

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NEW GUILD ORGANIZED—WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

The young ladies of Clemmons Church met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Powers, March 18, to organize a Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. W. C. Miller and Mrs. L. S. Hire of Bethel Church presided over the meeting.

Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Ralph Powers; vice president, Mrs. Paul Gearren; recording secretary, Miss Frances Cook; treasurer, Mrs. William A. Hunter, Jr.; promotion secretary, Miss Lula Fay Cook; chairman of spiritual life, Mrs. Leo Foster; chairman of life membership committee, Mrs. Alfred Drane.

This new Guild is most heartily welcomed into the Conference. Miss Georgia Barnes is the efficient secretary of this District.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED—STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Coming as a complete surprise to Mrs. J. W. White, president of the Wilkesboro Woman's Society of Christian Service, was the presentation of a life membership pin and certificate from the members of the Society as a token of their appreciation for her many years of loyalty, interest and work in the Society. The certificate was presented by Mrs. J. B. Henderson and the pin was pinned on by Mrs. White's daughter, Mrs. Julius C. Hubbard.

Human values in labor was the theme for a very interesting program preceding the awarding of the life membership. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. R. Gray, Sr. Mrs. Julius C. Hubbard had charge of the program, assisted by Miss Ghita Tuttle and Mrs. Stacey Alexander.

"THE BIBLE AND HUMAN RIGHTS" STUDY—GREENSBORO DISTRICT

More than 150 women representing some fifteen Methodist Churches in and around Greensboro attended the all-day study class held by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of College Place Church, Greensboro, Thursday, March 10. Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, Conference secretary of Christian Social Relations, taught the book, The Bible and Human Rights. Her excellent presentation of this subject brought new insight and inspiration to those hearing her. Mrs. E. C. Woodward, local secretary of Christian Social Relations, was in charge of the day's activities.

This information comes to us from Miss Evelyn Fields, director of Christian Education at College Place Church.

GASTONIA DISTRICT CARAVANS

The Gastonia District held three subdistrict Caravan meetings on March 23, 24 and 25. Cleveland County met at Lafayette Street Church, Shelby, and Lincoln County at First Church. Lincolnton, each having about one hundred present. The Gaston County meeting was held at Lowell with approximately two hundred in attendance.

The inspiring worship services, led by Mrs. W. G. Boyd, district president, included the playing of the recording of the address of Mrs. F. G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division, and solos by Mrs. Karl Downs, widow of the noted Negro educator.

The following Conference officers presented the goals for the quadrennium: Mrs. J. W. Payne, president; Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., promotion secretary; Miss Lilian Walker, secretary of missionary service; and Mrs. J. W. Harbison, secretary of supply work in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Mrs. R. M. Hauss, conference recording secretary, substituted for Mrs. Hoyle on Thursday.

—Mrs. R. C. Nimon

NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Sponsored jointly by the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service, a School of Missions and Christian Service will be held again this year at Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, June 12-17. This is acclaimed the most successful venture these two Conferences have undertaken and it is hoped that the attendance this year will be even greater than that of the past two years.

Dr. Margaret Applegarth will teach the course, "We, the People of the Ecumenical Church," and it seems sufficient just to say Miss Applegarth will be there. Miss Katherine Johnson, associate professor of English at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., will teach the course on "Japan." Miss Johnson taught for eighteen years in the Hiroshima Girls School in Japan and is the writer of the guide for the study of Japan.

Two other credit courses will be offered and the instructors will be announced later. Departmental clinics and workshops will be held daily.

Registration fee is $2.00, board and room $12.00. A Spiritual Life Retreat will be held from 6:00 p. m. Friday, June 10, through Sunday, June 12. The registration fee for the Retreat only is $1.00—room and board $5.00.

The Wesleyan Service Guild Institute will be held Friday afternoon, June 17, through Sunday noon, June 19. The registration fee for the Institute is $2.00—room and board $5.00.

Mrs. Sallie Masten, is the registrar and her address is Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

CHILDREN'S WORK AND THE PROGRAM OF ADVANCE

The secretary of Children's Work of the local Woman's Society will play a vital part in the movement for Advance if she will do the following things:

1. Enter actively week by week into the plans that the children's workers in the church school are making to improve the quality of the work that is done with children, and to provide better and more attractive places where they may meet.

2. Reach out for unreached children in the community, to draw them into the program and fellowship of the church.

3. Make brief but interesting reports each month to the members of the Woman's Society of the work that the church school is doing with children and their parents. Point out from time to time ways in which the women may help in these activities.

4. Try to maintain ways of daily Christian living so that in her own life there may be found growing experiences of understanding, wonder and peace.

—World Friendship Bulletin

CHILDREN'S SECRETARY REPORT BLANKS

Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, Conference Secretary of Children's Work, is calling attention to an omission in the report blanks for children's work in the report book, and she has substituted this sheet and mailed to all district secretaries of children's work to be mailed to local secretaries. It is most important that this sheet be preserved since Mrs. Rhyne mailed all she had and it is to be kept for reference from June 1 1949, to June 1, 1950. Answers to the questions are to be made each quarter on a separate sheet and sent with the regular report to the district secretary of Children's Work.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NEWS—WINSTON-SALEM

An evening circle in the Woman's Society of Christian Service for those members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Green Street Church, Winston Salem, who are no longer employed was planned at the Guild meeting at the home of Mrs. Stokes Zimmerman, Fairway Drive, last week. Those who wish to remain as members of the Guild may do so.

Guild No. 1 was organized in 1941. Because of the expansion since that time, Guild No. 2 was organized in 1947. The new evening circle is a further expansion.

Mrs. A. F. Boyte, Jr., and Mrs. Charles Stryon spoke on "Light in Latin America." Mrs. William Wright, Jr., submitted plans from the building committee of the church for the new parsonage for the Guild's approval.

A love offering for the relief of foreign children was donated by the Guild.

Officers will be elected and the evening circle will be formed at the next meeting to be held May 5 at the home of Miss Rosa Petree. Mrs. B. L. Watkins, president of the Woman's Society and co-ordinator of Guild No. 1, and Mrs. Herbert Chambers, co-ordinator of Guild No. 2, will attend the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in High Point April 6-8. Other members will attend Guild Day, April 7.

Guild No. 2 recently elected officers for the year beginning in June. They are: Miss Marie Dwiggins, president; Miss Delores Johnson, vice president; Miss Nancy Ezzell, promotion secretary; Mrs. Jimmy Weavil, recording secretary; and Miss Libby Ann Voss. treasurer.

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BURKE COUNTY CHURCHES HOLD SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOPS

By John Hoyle Jr.

THE Methodist churches of Burke County engaged in a Rural Workshop April 3-8 with gratifying results. In all the churches there was good attendance and the ministry was honored with deepened dedication of the memberships of the various churches, and conversions in all of them. In nearly every instance it seemed desirable to continue the services beyond the time planned at the beginning, and in a number of cases, where the arrangement could be made with the minister the meeting has been carried on further.

One rather exceptional feature for a Rural Workshop was that First Church, Morganton, set its meeting to coincide with the Rural Workshop, pooled its finances with the smaller rural churches, and invited us to hold the day time meetings at First Church. The women of the church also furnished the daily fellowship meal free of charge, thus taking one of the main expenses entirely off the smaller churches.

Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, in addition to being the preacher in one of the meetings, also brought the very helpful inspirational addresses at the day time meeting of the group.

NEWS IN BRIEF

REV. ED SNOW, pastor of Snyder Memorial Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., will assist Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor of Trinity Church, Kannapolis, in a revival, beginning April 17 and running through April 24. The Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., pastor of Memorial Church, Kannapolis, will lead the singing.

W. D. CAVINESS, pastor of the Morehead Circuit was elected chaplain of the hospital of Morehead City by the Morehead Ministerial Association, the Coastal Ministerial Association, and the Board of Trustees of the Hospital.

DR. W. A. STANBURY, superintendent of the Gastonia district, is a member of the Judicial Council of the Methodist Church which meets in Chicago April 28-30. Dr. Stanbury was elected by the 1948 General Conference to serve a term of eight years.

H. C. METZ, superintendent, write that the Church School at Central Church, Mooresville, has been taking seriously its repsonsibility of increasing Church School attendance. For several years the average attendance ran about 275. At the beginning of this Conference year a goal of 400 was set for the second Sunday in December, with 404 present on that day. Later a goal of 500 was set for Palm Sunday. There were 541 present.

DR. B. G. CHILDS of Duke University gave a series of sermons at First Church, Lenoir, during the week of March 27-April 3. His general theme was a Christian Stewardship. On each morning of the week Dr. Childs spoke over radio station WJRI on the timely subject—"Jesus' Last Week." Dr. Childs reached many people in his visit to Lenoir, and pastor and people recommend him highly.

FIRST CHURCH, Marion, has just organized a Junior Fellowship for the boys and girls of their Junior Department. This project will provide an opportunity for study, the development of a Junior choir, and further training in worship, drama and recreation. Several weeks ago an extended session was organized for the Primary children in the form of a Weekday Church School. Such excellent response was given that the group intended to be only one, had to be divided into three different sessions. Miss Ruth Taylor, director of education, is in charge of these weekday sessions.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

	April
Albemarle Circuit: Stony Hill, 11	3
Concord: Ann Street, 11	10
South China Grove, 7:30	10
Rowan-Rock Grove: Rowan, 11	17
Norwood, 11	24
Albemarle: First Street, 3	24
Albemarle: East, Oakboro, 7:30	24
	May
Bethpage-Shiloh: Shiloh, 9:45	1
Kannapolis: Memorial, 11	1
Mt. Pleasant-Cold Springs: Friendship, 3	1
Landis, 11	8
Concord Circuit: Mt. Carmel, 3	8
Friendship-Tabernacle: Friendship, 7:30	8
Norwood Circuit: Randall's, 11	15
New London Circuit: Bethany, 7:30	15
Salisbury: Main Street, 11	22
Long Street-Yadkin: Long Street, 7:30	22
Bethel, 11	29
Midland: Pine Bluff, 3	29

DURHAM DISTRICT

E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts St., Durham, N. C.

	April
Andrews-Fletchers: Fletchers, 11	3
Maybrook-Masseys: Masseys, 7:30	3
Durham, Duke Memorial, 11	10
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Phillips Chapel, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	21
Yanceyville, Locust Hill, 10	24
Milton, Purley, 3	24
	May
Carrboro, Orange, 11	1
Leasburg, Bethel, 11	15
Burlington, Webb Avenue, 7:30	15
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11	22
Bynum, Ebenezer, 3	22
Durham, Carr, 7:30	22
Graham: Graham, 11	29
Haw River, Haw River, 7:30	29
	June
Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg, Saturday and Sunday	11-12
Burlington, Davis Street, 11	19
Mebane, Mebane, 7:30	19
Roxboro, Grace, 11	26
Mt. Tirzah, Mt. Tirzah, 3	26
Durham, Bethany, 7:30	26
	July
Rougemont, Union Grove, 11	3
Dedication Phillips Chapel, 3	3
Durham, Asbury, 7:30	3
Brooksdale, Trinity, 11	10
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30	10
Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove, 11	17
Durham Circuit: Pleasant Green, 7:30	17
Orange, Hebron, 11	24
Eno, Palmers Grove, 7:30	24
Bahama, Mt. Bethel Dedication Services, 11	31



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Sunday School Lesson for APRIL 17

The Reality of Eternal Life

John 5:25-29; I Cor. 15:1-8, 20-26; II Cor. 5:1-5

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

When Christ and the resurrection is proclaimed dead souls are often raised to life. There is no doubt about this whatever. Men who are selfish are inspired to begin to care for the needs of their fellow men. Those who are deaf to the high appeals of life begin to have the experience of which the apostle speaks when he says, The love of Christ constraineth us. And Paul says that this imparting of the Spirit of Christ to men who were formerly dead in trespasses and sins is a guarantee from God that He will do more than that. He will not allow them by the accident of death to be cut off from his tender care. He who had died on the cross for them will not willingly let them die. The great evangel, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, is a pledge that those who receive this offer of salvation, and believe in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Jesus says, If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask him. And he would tell us to use this same logic and say, If ye, being evil, would not willingly let your children die, but would keep them with you at all costs, how much more will your heavenly Father preserve the life of his trustful children.

There was something about Jesus that made men feel that while the nails that pinned him to the cross and the spear that pierced his side, might kill his body, they could not put him out of existence. Even the thief on the cross said, Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom.

We have in our lesson much the earliest of all the accounts of the resurrection. First Corinthians 15:1-5 was written by a contemporary of Jesus before the accounts of the resurrection in the Gospel were penned. Note how this man who was so sure that Christ had risen that he was willing to die for him, piles up the evidence for the resurrection and ends, Last of all he appeared to me also.

Then he goes on to show the meaning of the resurrection, and concludes by saying, Be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not vain in the Lord. If Christ rose, and it is possible for you to live for ever with him, how unspeakably important it is for you, says Paul, to fill up every minute with deeds of service which will minister to your own eternal welfare and the welfare of those whom you serve. Instead of being sentimental and impractical to think of heaven, it is the most practical thing in the world, for it reminds us that everything we do will be reckoned up at the last day, and every kindly service will have an eternal reward.

Faith in a future life does not rest primarily on any argument, although the arguments are good. It rests on the fact that those who believe in the risen Christ have experiences not once but again and again that make them sure that he is with them. And as they draw near to the end they are "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust," and are often triumphant in the face of death. This sense of the divine presence is not like a drug whose effects wear off, but is made more and more vivid and intense as in our weakness we especially need it. Jesus teaches us not to look forward to the end of life as though it were a funeral. The parable of the ten virgins speaks of the great crisis that awaits us all as the coming of the bridegroom. There is a wedding feast at the end (Matthew 25).

A little child who was at the point of death said to her father, a friend of the writer, "If I go to heaven will God play with me till I get acquainted?" And her father said, "Yes, God will play with you." So she closed her eyes, went to sleep, and from that time on began to recover. She had the right conception of the next world. Believing in the eternal life of the faithful presents many difficulties, but the experiences of the follower of Christ make him so increasingly sure that the Lord will never leave him or forsake him, that in spite of the difficulties he says not I guess, not I indulge a hope, but I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

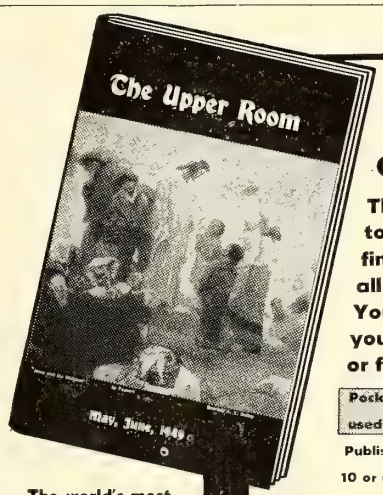


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"Christ the Lord is risen today" will be proclaimed on Easter, in word and music, from practically every radio station in America. The following are the Easter programs offered by the networks to their affiliated stations, so far as they have been announced at this writing. This schedule has been compiled for the Protestant Radio Commission by Dr. Clayton T. Griswold, Presbyterian radio director.

Readers are advised to consult the schedules of their local stations, as printed in the newspapers, to ascertain whether particular programs are being carried at the network time or later, by transcription. The time given is Eastern Standard Time. After their first mention the networks are all identified by initials.

Easter Sunday

6:00 to 7:00 A.M. (EST)

For the 9th successive year, the Columbia Broadcasting System will broadcast the traditional Easter morning service held by the Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N. C. The broadcast will describe the colorful procession from the church to the graveyard, an annual event for the past 174 years.

7:00 to 7:30 A.M.

The National Broadcasting Company network will carry the Sunrise Service from Walter Reed Hospital.

7:30 to 8:00 A.M.

The Washington Cathedral Easter Service on the network of the American Broadcasting Company.

The grand Encampment of the Knight Templars' Easter Service at Arlington Cemetery. Flowers will be placed on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier—CBS.

Sunrise Service from Radio City, New York—NBC.

8:00 to 9:00 A.M.

Hollywood Bowl Easter Sunrise Service—ABC.

8:05 to 8:30 A.M.

Easter Sunrise Service from the Grand Canyon—NBC.

8:15 to 8:30 A.M.

Part of the Easter Sunrise Service conducted by the Palm Springs, California Community Church on a mountainside of the San Jacinto range—CBS.

8:30 to 9:00 A.M.

Easter Sunrise Service in the "Garden of the Gods." The Reverend Howard E. Hansen, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, will conduct this service in a natural red sandstone amphitheatre with a congregation of 25,000—CBS.

Easter Sunrise Service from Great Lakes Naval Training Station—NBC.

9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

Easter music by the Trinity Church Choir, New York, under the direction of Andrew Tietjen—ABC.

Easter Sunrise Service from Pasadena, California—Mutual Broadcasting System.

9:30 to 10:00 A.M.

Program of Easter music by the Miami Senior High School Chorus—MBS.

9:45 to 10:00 A.M.

Easter music by the choir of St. Paul's Chapel, New York—CBS.

10:00 to 10:30 A.M.

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton wil conduct an Easter service on the "Church of the Air"—CBS.

An Easter message will be given by Dr. Ralph Sockman on the "National Radio Pulpit"—NBC.

12:00 to 12:30 P.M.

"Wings Over Jordan," Easter Program —MBS.

Easter Service from Stanford University —NBC.

1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

"The Son of Man," a Passion Play by Archibald MacLeish, will be heard for the third successive year. The dramatized arrangement of passages from the four Gospels reconstructs the historical events leading to the Crucifixion and the Resurrection and weaves the Bach music rendered by the CBS Symphony Orchestra and Chorus into the text of the story—CBS.

1:30 to 2:00 P.M.

Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell will conduct the Easter service of "National Vespers"—ABC.

3:30 to 4:00 P.M.

By transcription—pre-Easter choir rehearsals from European Cathedrals—ABC.

4:30 to 5:00 P.M.

Easter music by the Robert Shaw Chorale—This is the final program in the Lenten series presented by the 30-voice collegiate chorale under the auspices of the newly formed Protestant Radio Commission—ABC.

6:30 to 7:00 P.M.

"The Resurrection" will be portrayed in the splendid religious series "The Greatest Story Ever Told"—ABC.

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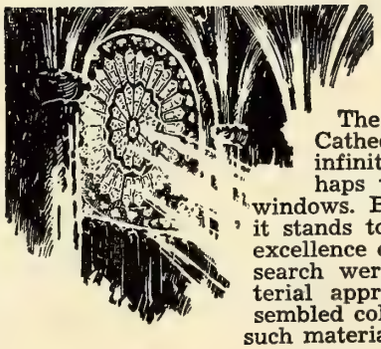
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Easter Postlude

By J. M. Culbreth

Behind locked doors and shutters tightly drawn
Forgathered some to test the strange report,
Contending each with each in sharp retort
If Miracle had happened in the dawn.

When, suddenly, One stood within the gloom
Whose figure their dull senses clearly proved,
Though not a bolt had turned, or curtain moved
To give Him entrance to the secret room.

A known Voice breathed a soft, "Peace be to you!"
A cheerful greeting giv'n in quiet tones,
The touch of hands on warmth of flesh and bones,
Restrained their fears and blest with courage new.

This poem was written by Dr. Culbreth soon after Easter last year. A tribute to Dr. Culbreth, written by his son, George, appears on page two.

"What Next In The Advance?" by E. Harold Mohn; "What Do We Expect?" by Wilson O. Weldon

PLACES AND DATES OF DISTRICT CONFERENCES; TRIBUTES TO DR. CULBRETH; CORRESPONDENCE

LOOKING FORWARD

A Salute to Dr. James Marvin Culbreth

By George B. Culbreth

For 32 years I have known him with increasing appreciation. He is my father. Through all the tumultuous events of the days of his years I have known his as one who lived with great expectations. He was always young. He was always keenly alert to the past, present and future happenings of this world and the next. He felt a divine imperative to grow!

My father was one who was always striving after perfection. He must needs do everything correctly. He was thus in recreation. He was thus in the sacred relationships of the home as he sought to teach all of us how to live amiably with ourselves and with each other and with God our Father. Thus he was in manual labor, frequently testing the patience of his sons by his insistence on exactness, but at the same time teaching them the value of accuracy. In his mental processes he was never satisfied with the bare statements of orthodoxy; he had to test the statement in his own thinking and experience before it became his very own;—thus his ability to provoke others to creative thinking. In the training of his mind he came to have one of the largest and most easily commanded vocabularies of any man of his day, an asset which he used not to confuse or to parade but to share his poetic nature. In his spirit he always felt a need for more of God. He was never satisfied with himself.

There was something disturbingly stimulating about his spirit. All who associated with him felt it. He hated sin. He loved sinners. Yet when the impact of his eloquence was directed against the encroaching sins of a community, even the appointing powers of the church became concerned that he be moved to a "higher" place. But in the new appointment, which throughout his life he steadfastly refused to make for himself, he still hated sin and loved the sinner. The task of trying to lift the burden of sin that has been so near to him the last few years was a contributing factor to his recent experience of the resurrection.

His attitude toward sin was not just that of concern, but forgiveness. Within the last year he has written numerous letters to close friends and casual acquaintances who had become so enthralled by the earthly scene that they had forgotten their friend. He asked forgiveness for any wrong that he had done to cause their alienation. And in asking, he also gave his forgiveness. A few days before he died he said, "I've settled with all my friends, and with God, and I hope with the devil." Some of the old-time friends did not respond. The greatness of his loving heart was shown when he asked that one of these conduct his memorial service. The friend was not available.

A growing spirit, a stimulating mind, a forgiving heart, my father gave himself wholly and completely to his work. And he was glad in it! His concluding remarks at the last session of the North Carolina Conference indicated his joy:

"For five generations of direct descent there has been at least one Culbreth preaching in the Methodist Church in North Carolina. Their years of service total more than two hundred. If I had two hundred years and five lives to give, I would gladly give all to the service of my Lord;

'Since so it is, and in
That face for me forever
Perfect beauty burns to birth,
How can my soul but worship Him
As Saviour and as Lord'!"

My father was an instructor to the very last moment of this life. To each of his family he gave explicit instructions as he waited for his translation. He even gave me some last minute pointers on how to read the Holy Scriptures. At the time of his last supper, when asked if he would eat, he replied, "I have bread to eat you know not of!" An hour later he was feasting on the bread of life we know not of. But because he was looking forward with anticipation we were instructed in the fact of LIFE. We knew that he was experiencing the fulfillment of his life long dreams, as he had so often quoted Whittier,

"There, from the music round about me stealing,
I fain would learn the new and holy song,
And find at last, beneath thy trees of healing,
The life for which I long."

Typical of his services in life was his service in death. His faith in the reality of the spiritual body was expressed in his request that his body be cremated. He looked forward to a life that this body could no longer provide. In keeping with his request the Memorial Service held in a little country church near Brentwood, Tenn. was a veritable Easter experience for all. The whole service centered on life. The ministers could speak of nothing but life. The congregation stood and sang triumphantly two of the great hymns of the church; the family leading in the singing!

The service was one which thrust us forward into life, assured us of the presence of God in life, and guaranteed eternal life! But such a service was inevitable, for it was in charge of my father.

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His golden voice is stilled, but the memory of Dr. Culbreth as a master of pulpit oratory and as a great friend will remain with us always. He definitely contributed his part to Methodism, and his contribution was by no means small.

We, the official board of the Louisburg Methodist Church, authorize the secretary of the board to spread a copy of these resolutions on the minutes of the board, to send a copy to the family of Dr. Culbreth, and to have these resolutions printed in the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Franklin Times.

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Rocky Mount—Bethel, 9:30	April 19
Wilmington—Southport, 9:30	April 26

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Asheville—Abernethy Memorial, 9:30 a.m.	April 28
Charlotte—Ansonville, 9:30 a.m.	April 21
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Why can't we preserve the glory of Easter? Why can't we carry over into the uncertain days ahead the ennobling experiences of this hallowed day? The simple truth is we can. Perhaps we would not want to preserve the frills and pageantry and externalities of Easter. We would soon tire of them. But we can keep the real Easter in our hearts. It can be a leaven in all the untried months ahead.

How can we keep Easter in our hearts? For our skeptical, sophisticated age the answer may seem too simple and too naive. Nevertheless, many are finding it in these ways: By believing every day what we believe on Easter. By keeping the spirit of expectancy that helped to make the day so exciting. By keeping as close to a risen Christ every day as we were to him on Easter. By keeping alive the spiritual communion we had on that day with loved ones and friends who have gone on before us. By attending church regularly and by expecting as much each time as we received from the Easter service.

Easter in not a glorious occasion which comes one day out of the year. Every day can be Easter!

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A Grand Old Man Leaves Us

Last week one of the grand old men of North Carolina Methodism, Dr. Samuel B. Turrentine, passed to his eternal reward. Scholarly, cultured, consecrated, a Christian gentleman always, Dr. Turrentine was loved by thousands of men, women and young people to whom he ministered as pastor or teacher or college president. His quiet dignity, his gentle, sympathetic nature, his unobtrusive, honest manner, have brought added respect to the Methodist ministry and to Christian education all over the State. He touched Methodist life in many places, and wherever he touched it the marks of his innate goodness remain. The churches he served in his earlier years still feel the influence of his Christ-like ministry. The college over which he presided is in part at least the lengthened shadow of this good man of God. The North Carolina Christian Advocate which he served faithfully as a member of the Methodist Board of Publication is a better periodical because of his unstinting labors. Many people will miss his inspiring presence. But they will be better Christians and will work more joyously for Christian ideals because this noble man touched their lives.

The Lord Is Here

By Ernest C. Durham

"I know that my Redeemer lives";
All doubts have passed away:
The open grave assurance gives
That He's alive today.

I know He lives, for now I feel
His holy presence near:
All Christians know that He is real—
The Lord, indeed, is here.

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District Conferences and Missionary Advance

The big news in North Carolina Methodism at the moment are the District Conferences which are in full swing this week. Theme of the Conferences is the Advance for Christ and His Church. Able speakers have been secured, and it is expected that these meetings will give added impetus to the Advance program, particularly the mission specials.

These next few months are highly significant in the life of American Methodism. The churches, in accepting a one-third increase in World Service, have just won the first victory in the Advance program. This however, as every one knows, does not mean advance, but merely enables the church to hold the line in its far-flung missionary endeavor. Now comes the crucial test. Will the churches accept $12,000,000 in mission specials? That answer was not given at the General Conference last spring or at the Annual Conferences last fall. It may be given at the District Conferences. It is entirely possible that what happens at the seventeen District Conferences in our State will determine whether or not North Carolina Methodism will assume its full share of this great responsibility. Therefore, every preacher will want to urge his laymen, particularly the officials, to attend the District Conference.

Our District Conferences this spring are not just ordinary meetings. They may be meetings of historic importance. The lives of thousands of people overseas are at stake. Multitudes look to us for food to sustain both their bodies and their souls. The measure of challenge and inspiration we receive at the District Conference may help to determine our response as individuals and as churches to the tremendous job ahead.

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N. C. Conference Showing Marked World Service Gains

The North Carolina Conference is to be congratulated on the victory it has just won in World Service acceptances. According to a report released by the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, on an apportionment of $164,327 the churches have accepted $177,792. This is $13,465 more than was asked, and an increase of 47.6% over the 1944-1948 apportionment. The church has asked for only a 33 1/3% increase over the past quadrennium. Districts showing the largest gains are Fayetteville, with 73.3% increase and Raleigh with a 70.2% increase.

Encouraging also is the increase in pastors' salaries. The average salary assumed this year is $2,990, with 138 charges paying $3,000 or more. This average appears to be good. But we must not forget that 139 charges are still below the average, and that many of our pastors are living under great financial burden.

Bishop Peele, the district superintendents, the pastors, the laymen and the Commission on World Service and Finance are to be commended for their first victory in the Advance. This is a splendid beginning for the task that lies immediately before them—the task of securing $90,000 this year for mission specials.

What Do We Expect?

By WILSON O. WELDON*

"And he could there do no mighty work . . . He marvelled because of their unbelief."—Mark 6:5, 6.

All of us, in one way or other, are getting what we expect; for what we expect ultimately becomes our mastery. Great expectations precede great achievements.

On the street and in the home, in the mill and at the office, how often someone speaks up in a mood of disgust, "Well, what did you expect, anyway?" That is a big question! The answer we give signifies so much about our lives. As we face the days ahead I am eager that both the asking and the answering of it may probe deeply into our religious experiences.

A father went into a store just before Christmas, looking at pen and pencil sets. Finally he decided on a beautiful and costly set. As the clerk was wrapping it she ventured to comment, "This will be some surprise for your son." The father quickly answered, "Yes, it certainly will be a surprise. My boy is expecting a convertible coupe."

Those who play with this conception of expectation—are prone to quote the old proverb, "Blessed is he who never expects anything for he shall never be disappointed." They say that they prefer not to expect very much and thereby save themselves from disappointments. What a lie that sort of thinking can be! I brand it as unrealistic. I say that it is lacking in the power which can come to us through the simple art of believing deeply and sincerely.

Expectation is bound up with faith. It was the lack of faith and the absence of expectancy that confronted our Lord when He returned to his boyhood town of Nazareth. He could not do the mighty works which he had wrought elsewhere. Why? The writer of Mark's Gospel states it pointedly, *"because of their unbelief."* They were unwilling to believe that He could work miracles! Their skepticism routed their expectations!

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In one sense, *all of us expect something.* It is normal and natural to live in terms of anticipation. Our lives are marked by that to which we look forward. Expectancy is akin to faith because "it implies some ground or reason in the mind for considering the event as likely to happen."

How many of us go through life expecting the bad and the unpleasant to happen. Worrying over some illness or some misfortune that never arrives; fearing some disaster that never befalls; expecting a friend to disappoint us—and on and on, almost "ad infinitum" we spend our days. "Fear is the expectancy of evil," wrote Mary Pickford, and of course, she was right.

By the same reasoning, "faith is the expectancy of good." More rewarding in happiness and satisfaction is the habit of expecting something good to happen. People who expect the best live with songs in their hearts. Each day brings forth a hope for that day to be better than the preceding one. In my first pastorate I knew a lady whose abiding expectations were so focused upon the good that she sent forth a radiance which attracted others along life's highway. No matter what happened, she was expecting something fine to come the next day. What a marvelous way to live—and that is always the way of dynamic faith. That is the road on which a real Christian will travel.

Alas, there are those who are "in neutral." They seem not to look forward to anything especially bad or anything fine and worthwhile. They appear to expect nothing at all! So many of us come in this category. We face each day just dragging along and trying to "tough it out." This is a sacrilege on the example left by our Lord. He was not lacking in hope and expectancy; but rather he was possessed with something that beckoned him on to a nobler and more fruitful achievement.

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The second fact which I want to indicate is that *our expectancy need not be determined by what happens to us.* The Jews were characterized by their hope of a Messiah. Even though they were persecuted and although their struggles and hardships seem to indicate that God had forsaken them, still they persisted in expecting the Messiah. What we expect should be determined by the inner spirit, as Mrs. Browning phrased it, "life develops from within."

In John Bunyan's story of Pilgrim's Progress this mighty truth is illustrated. We see Christian plodding along, facing temptation, experiencing suffering and often confronted with hardship. However, his eyes are upon the Celestial City. That is his goal. And while it seems that he is a long way off he continues to move in that direction, always believing that he will reach his destination. That is precisely what modern pilgrims need to learn and to ponder—that passing circumstances need not control our dreams and need not destroy our expectations!

Whenever the human race can produce a John Milton, who, though blind, can write sonnets that stir the hearts of men, and can give birth to a Ludwig van Beethoven, who though deaf can create immortal music to comfort and inspire thousands, then we have sufficient proof that real living begins from within and need not be determined by outward conditions!

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What we expect does become our mastery! This is the most significant fact which I can give. What we look forward to makes a mighty difference in our lives.

Wars come because mankind expects them to come. We give credence to the old, senseless lie that "We've always had war and therefore always will have war." We go on preparing for them; we go along planning our international relationship on the basis that war is inevitable, and thus they come, sometimes two or three in one generation. What if we could start *expecting* peace to be permanent? What if we would act on the basis of having a Secretary of Peace instead of a Secretary of War in the President's Cabinet? What then? It is logical to conclude that our expectancy would at least partially determine the result.

When the old city of London, with its narrow streets and patched-up houses burned in the long ago, Sir Christopher Wren, a great builder, came forward with a new plan for a new city. It would have wide streets which would lead to the house of common prayer. But it was not built that way because each householder insisted that his house be built exactly where it was before. Therefore London became another city of winding, twisting, narrow streets because the people were not motivated by the dream of a finer city; because there was no ideal and no expectation of something nobler than the past in their minds and souls!

And I believe that is precisely our trouble today. Our generation has no clear, lucid vision of that Heavenly City, "not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." That other world is not very real to you and me. We think more of the things which we can touch and feel. Because our expectation of Heaven is rather weak and frail we find it increasingly difficult to translate "thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven" into the warp and woof of our every day.

What a glorious mastery we may have if we will start with faith that Christ will direct us! When we expect to overcome an evil, in that very mood the capacity to overcome is greatly developed.

Our homes are failing simply because we do not expect them to become "a little bit of Heaven." Divorces quickly come in so many instances because the man and the woman have not entered

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into that holy contract earnestly believing that they would live together *forever*. Instead, they expect their ego and their selfishness to get supremacy—and soon the serenity of the home crashes under the winds of criticism and jealousy. I ask you, *Are you expecting your home to be a place where God lives and love motivates, or has the mood of quarreling, strife and selfishness taken possession?*

We have many so-called "miracles" in the name of science. But are these events so miraculous after we know the lives of those who have gone in the quest of truth? They have simply longed for the discovery; they have labored until late in the night seeking for the truth, and God rewarded them as He always rewards those who *believe*. I heard Dr. Henry Hitt Crane say in a sermon,

> "Truth is an emperor who only comes to visit his subjects along the highway of *great longing*. Science advances to its kingdom along the avenue of *expecting*.
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> Religion comes into its own along the road of loving hearts, that great-hearted clan of *intrepid* believers."

Spiritually speaking, miracles can happen in our day and generation IF we will cease thinking of religion as "an old, old story" and let it be a vital, living, fresh reality through which God can touch the hearts of drunkards, gamblers and even some of you "sweet, oozing, saccharine Christians!" The result in your life and mine will be as vividly clear as it was in the face of little Ernest in the story of The Great Stone Face. That lad looked towards the image on the mountain side. As he thought of that great person who was represented, as he imagined how fine that man must have been, gradually there came a likeness in his soul as well as upon his face. The power of transformed lives is not only a contemporary possibility; it is an urgent necessity if our world is to be redeemed, if you and I are to carry out our high mission as disciples of our Lord. *What we believe can happen will become the mastery of our souls!*

All of this comes to one direct conclusion. It calls for *action* from you and from me.

We profess that we do not want to be unkind and mean. But do we want it enough to weed out those habits? We say that we do not want others to be hungry and sick, but do we want this enough to give and keep on giving until these persons can be relieved?

I am reminded of a friend, an oil distributor during the recent period when oil was very scarce and most difficult to get. A customer called up one day, saying, "I have a friend. I want you to let him have some oil." The oil distributor answered, "I can do that; I can let him have half of your supply." Quickly the man responded, "No, no—he is not that much of a friend!"

I wonder just how much of a friend of God we are? How earnestly do we want the blessings of spiritual living, of peace of mind, of satisfaction that comes from devotion to that which is high and holy? The disturbing fact stares us in the face —*are we ready to act in keeping with our desires?*

"How much can God do for us?" cannot be aswered until we decide, *"How much do we want God in our lives?"*

What Next in the Advance?

By E. Harold Mohn*

What are the next steps in the Advance? No one is better qualified to give the answer than the executive director.

"What is the program of Advance following Easter?" This is the persistent inquiry. It is not a sign of confusion or impatience but of eagerness to pursue with consistent endeavor a task that has been well begun. Looking forward to spring and summer there are definite things to plan and do.

Each week brings additional stories and pictures about groups of church leaders who are making a chapter and paragraph study of "Man's Disorder and God's Design" and reporting on their collateral reading. Methodism and the world are being enriched by this investment of time and talents which may well eventuate in a profound religious experience for the whole church. Right now is a good time to speed up this reading and study and to catch up if we are behind in the procession.

By May 1, 1949, every Annual Conference Committee on Advance will have selected missionary fields, at home and abroad, which they recommend to the local churches. Does your Official Board know what to expect? Is your congregation informed about this part of the program, its relation to the whole Advance movement, and the world-wide import of this united effort of Methodists to lift our total missionary giving to a plane commensurate with world-wide need and opportunity? Right now, and for weeks to come, is the time to inform and inspire the people, all the people in the local church.

Annual Conference Committees on Advance have accepted goals which now exceed $20,000,000. But only local churches and individuals can pledge and provide those resources that will make missionary Advance a reality. Annual Conference brochures, which describe in detail of story, picture, and fact, these various fields, are to be made available very soon to every family in Methodism.

The voluntary factor is so vitally essential in the Advance program that information, education, and personal appeal to the individual is a necessity. It requires study by pastors, conferences with church leaders, and understanding minds and responsive hearts in the congregation if our missionary enterprise in this fateful day is to register a distinct Advance for Christ and His Church. It also takes time. Make the annual Conference brochures a basis of study about "specials" in the local church.

We need to get ready for this next church-wide observance of The Advance which is scheduled next October. There are two phases of this mobilization of our Methodist millions that require plenty of preparation during the spring and summer months.

First, there are the mass meetings to be held in 70 cities in October. Under the leadership of our Council of Bishops, one such meeting will be held in every Annual Conference within the continental United States. The resident Bishop will be in charge, assisted by a team of speakers that consists of two other bishops, one pastor, one layman, and one woman.

Very soon dates, places, and speaker teams will be announced. Long in advance, all leaders in each local church should know about their particular mass meeting and definitely plan to attend it. The program of the day includes forum meetings for men and women, noon luncheon meetings, afternoon panel discussions, youth banquet in the evening, a climax rally of all Methodists at night when bishops will speak on "Our Christian Conception of the Worth of Man" and "Our Faith in Christ." These mass meetings officially open the preaching and teaching endeavor on "Our Faith."

The second phase is an eight-months church-wide study of "Our Faith" booklets. Bishop Oxnam states the case pertinently: "Many of our laymen do not know what they believe as Methodists. When they become thoroughly grounded in their faith, and inspired by it, it will be easy to translate that faith into the actuality of religious performance and evangelism."

Following the mass meetings, the eight little volumes on "Our Faith" will be studied by millions of Methodists. They will be ready for sale in September. In church school classes, women's groups, family circles, youth fellowship meetings, and for individuals in private study, these eight popular statements about the fundamental faith of Methodists should become the basis of new religious experience in the lives of our people. Such an outcome is inevitable, if we prepare for it, expect it, and prayerfully devote ourselves to it.

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Facing Our Fears and Finding Happiness

By D. W. CHARLTON *

IN OUR complex, scientific, and highly mechanistic age, the tensions of life have increased and the problem of real living has become more baffling for many people. Basically, however, the answer to the riddle of life for all people and in every age is to be found in the same inner adjustment—freedom from fear and worry, and a wholesome, positive attitude toward life. And, in the quest of life, the physical and spiritual, health and happiness are closely associated.

A recent volume, entitled "The Search for Happiness," by W. P. King, devotes much space to the discussion of the enemies of happiness—worry, anxiety, cares. The author quotes Dr. W. C. Alvarez, of the Mayo clinic: "Ulcers frequently flare up or subside according to the hills and valleys of emotional stress." Another physician said that worry and fear produced more stomach ulcers than any other cause. And, as someone else affirmed: when stocks go down, blood-pressure goes up.

Here was a young man who was so upset about getting a promotion in his business that when the opportunity for advancement came, he was unable to accept the position because his health had been undermined. And the burden of worry is spread over the past, present and future. Many have not learned the art of "forgetting those things which are behind."

An old farmer who was commended on his good crops said: "Yes, but it's mighty trying on the soil. A woman said: "When I feel well, I always feel bad, for I know I am going to feel worse. . . ." Another woman said about her husband: "He's enjoying poor health, but he is complaining of feeling better now."

"I joined the new don't worry club
And now I hold my breath.
I'm so scared for fear I'll worry
That I am worried most to death."

So many are the chronic complainers of their present circumstances.

Anticipated troubles, crossing bridges too soon, often destroy peace of mind. People are harrassed by the cares of projecting their lives into the future. The story is told of the old preacher who went from New Jersey to New York to fill an appointment on Sunday morning. He was obsessed by the fear of missing his ferry boat and being late for his worship service. Sure enough when he arrived at the dock, the boat was four or five feet away. Rushing up to the dock's edge, he first threw his umbrella into the boat, then his grip, and finally he made a tremendous leap, letting his long coattail fly in the breeze. He landed on the boat, and the man who caught him and kept him from falling, said: "You idiot, this boat is not going out, it's coming in."

Living one day at a time would eliminate many needless cares. Jan Valtin, the author of the famous volume, "Out of the Night," tells of how he was sentenced to ten years in the nazi concentration camps. He said that he was able to endure his persecutions because he resolved to live one day at a time. Facing this practical issue, Christ said: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow . . . Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Goodspeed translates this passage: "Do not worry about tomorrow. . . ."

Moreover, a vital faith will enable us to stand up to anything that may happen to us in the universe, as Royce has said. With faith as a living force, what happens to us is not so important as what happens in us. "We are not beaten until we are beaten inside."

The problem of quieting our fears and finding happiness is ever before us. There are many who are ready to tell us how it can be done. The complete answer, however, is found only in Christian faith.

John Wesley was walking one day with a man who had lost his faith, and had a feeling of frustration and failure. Observing a cow looking over the wall, Mr. Wesley asked: "Do you know why the cow is looking over the wall?" "No," replied the troubled man. "Because she can't see through the wall. So that is what you must do with your troubles, look over and above them."

Closely allied to our faith, is the need to work out a wholesome philosophy and hopeful attitude towards life. In the scriptures we have such words as: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. . . . Be of good cheer . . . rejoice always. . . ." Someone told of South Sea Islanders who lived in a climate where rain fell incessantly for six months at a time, but the natives had pierced the dark clouds by learning to sing.

Dr. King told the story of Bill Fox who was sitting on the roof of his house, watching the rushing waters of a flooded stream creep upon his house. A neighbor rowed towards Bill and said: "All your fowls washed away this morning, Bill."

"Yes," Bill answered, "but the ducks can swim."

"Orange trees are gone, too!" his neighbor continued.

"Yes, but everybody said the crop would be a failure anyway."

"I see the water has reached above your windows," said the neighbor to Bill.

"That's all right, Sam," was the reply, "them windows need washing anyway."

While we may not be like Pollyanna, we do need to look on the bright side of life. A sense of humor is also a great help. And, as Billy Sunday said: "God likes a little humor, as evident by the fact that he made the monkey, the parrot, and some people."

Furthermore, we may learn to relax in practicing the presence of God. "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength," says the Scripture. A girl who worked in a towering city building said that when she became tired and tense she would go to the window and let her eyes linger on the far horizon, even to the stream that wound its way in solemn silence to the sea. That reminded her of the Eternal and gave her a sense of poise and power. Waiting in a watch-tower, Habakkuk found deep insights, clear visions and revelations of God for the world of his day.

When David Livingstone returned from the dark continent of Africa after spending years among people whose language he could not understand, and whose attitude was sometimes uncertain or hostile, he said that the words of Christ gave him strength to go on: "Lo I am with you alway." He continued: "On these words I staked everything, and they never failed."

"Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace."

Thank You, Mother

Mother dear, you gave me life,
Encouragement, comfort, cheer;
Fortitude against sin and strife,
Love for the beautiful here.

Innumerable things you did for me,
And to say "I'm grateful," is mild;
Lord grant that I may always be,
A grateful, Christian child.

—LESTER A. TILLEY

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NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

MOREHEAD CITY Methodists plan to complete a new sanctuary in 1950.

REV. AND MRS. J. EDWIN CARTER of Carolina Beach, announce the adoption of a baby girl. Rachel Ann Carter, age 3 months.

THOMASVILLE CHURCH Choirs combined during Good Friday to present at Memorial Methodist Church the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Richard Van Sciver directed the group.

REV. C. L. JACKSON, Accepted Supply pastor of McKendree charge on the Statesville district has in service a hospital bed he loans to those needing it. It is in constant use.

RACE STREET CHURCH, Statesville, has established a library for use of the membership. The library is certified by the Publishing House. Rev. J. C. Grose led in this project.

THE CHANCEL AND CHAPEL Choirs of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, on Wednesday evening during Holy Week presented the cantata "Behold the Lamb of God."

W. E. HOGAN, 76, treasurer and business manager of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church for 34 years, died April 9 in Cincinnati at the home of a son, Walter Wayne Hogan. Funeral services and interment were in Conway, Ark.

WESLEY CHAPEL CHURCH on the Shepherds charge is nearing completion. This church is on a new site donated by some good men. The old building will be used for social and recreational purposes. Rev. M. A. Osborne has in his eyes the glow of accomplishment.

YOUTH RALLIES in the North Carolina Conference will be held as follows: April 22, Wilmington District at Trinity Church, Wilmington; April 25, New Bern District at Centenary Church, New Bern; April 26, Fayetteville District at Page Memorial Church, Aberdeen; April 27, Raleigh District at Centenary Church, Smithfield, April 28; Rocky Mount at First Church, Roanoke Rapids; April 29, Durham District at Front Street Church, Burlington. The Elizabeth City Rally was held April 18.

WANCHESE METHODISTS held evangelistic services during the week preceeding Palm Sunday, with Rev. Thomas A. Collins of Gatesville preaching, and Rev. C. W. Guthrie, pastor, leading the singing. Capacity crowds attended each night and the altar was lined with seekers throughout the week. As a result of the meeting, 23 are to be received on confession of faith and several by transfer.

REV. A. S. LANCASTER, pastor of Marvin Church, Rocky Mount, reports a unique funeral service on Sunday afternoon, April 3. Relatives and friends gathered at the home of John Wesley Register, 68, deceased, for the service. Members of the Men's Bible class led by their teacher, Mrs. W. H. Walker, sang some of Mr. Register's favorite hymns. Then approximately 25 members of the class gave a testimony of what Mr. Register had meant to them across the years. Mr. Lancaster spoke on the theme, "Our Loss is Heaven's Gain." He stated that God's presence was so real that the occasion seemed more like a revival than a funeral. Following the message, the minister gave an altar call and many responded to the invitation.



DR. B. G. CHILDS

DR. CHILDS is one of the featured speakers at the Thomasville District Conference which meets at Randleman Friday, April 22. A member of the faculty of Duke University, Dr. Childs is a prominent layman in the North Carolina Conference. He is associate lay leader of the Conference, the lay leader of the Durham District, and is a popular and gifted speaker in church circles throughout the State.

MIDWAY METHODISTS, Kannapolis, celebrated their thirtieth anniversary recently with a homecoming program. Rev. S. W. Johnson of Gastonia, former pastor, brought the principal address. Others on the program included Rev. C. M. White of Asheville; Rev. R. A. Taylor of Gastonia; and Rev. C. F. Womble, present pastor. The church was founded in 1919, and the present building was erected in 1939.

THE STONY HILL METHODIST CHURCH cemetery on the Albemarle Circuit was the scene of an Easter interdenominational sunrise service last Sunday. Rev. J. M. Morgan, pastor, was in charge and was assisted by Dr. J. William Stork of Mt. Gilead; Rev. Ben F. Moore of Albemarle; Rev. L. D. Munn of Badin; Rev. D. E. Bailey of New London; and Dr. C. C. Burris, president of Wingate College, who brought the message.

A MEMORIAL to Mrs. Effie Morrison Swigart has been placed in the Methodist Home of Charlotte by the members and the staff of the Home. Mrs. Swigart, who was a member of the First Methodist Church of Lexington, was the first member of the Home to pass away. The funeral services were conducted at Fairview Methodist Church, Thomasville Circuit, by Rev. W. A. Rollins and Rev. D. A. Oakley. Mrs. Swigart was buried at Fairgrove cemetery, Thomasville.

HELTON CHARGE people have begun the construction of a new parsonage situated in the center of the charge. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jones of Charlotte donated land for the parsonage and additional land to square Helton church with the road. The new parsonage will be located next to Helton church. A free-flowing spring 1,000 feet up in a mountain will provide ample water supply. Rev. G. W. Dalton is in fine favor with the people.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Asheville, held a banquet last week limited to persons over 60 years of age.

THE CHOIR of First Church, Charlotte, presented the Easter Cantata "My Heart is Glad" last Sunday evening.

REV. HAROLD ROBINSON of Mooresville will be the preacher in evangelistic services at Fairfield Church, Lowesville charge next week.

REV. R. E. L. MOSER of Henderson would like to hear from anyone having second-hand pews for disposal. Pews are needed for the new Sunday School in East Henderson.

REV. CHARLES J. TILLEY, pastor, recently taught a course entitled "Newness of Life" to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Ocracoke charge.

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, High Point, on Easter Sunday morning made a free-will offering of more than $3,800 for the support of the church's missionary representative, Dr. Fred Aden, and other benevolent and missionary causes.

CHINA GROVE churches sponsored an Easter sunrise service at Greenlawn cemetery, with Rev. Julian A. Holmes, pastor of First Methodist Church and Dr. B. S. Brown, president of the ministerial association, as speakers.

THE WINSTON SALEM DISTRICT Conference will be held at the new Pilot Mountain Church Tuesday, April 26, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Ralph Reed will preach the Conference sermon at 11:30. Representatives of Conference causes and visitors are cordially invited.

MRS. J. O. FLYTHE of Jackson, in renewing her subscription to the Advocate by a personal call at the Advocate office last week stated that she had been reading the Advocate at least 70 years, and that it has been coming to her home even longer than that.

DR. WALTER B. WEST, district superintendent of the Salisbury District, is calling a Retreat of all pastors of the Salisbury area to be held at Pfeiffer college on Tuesday, April 26, beginning at 10 o'clock. Lunch will be served in the college dining hall. This meeting is in cooperation with the District Committee of Evangelism and is in preparation for the simultaneous revivals which are to be held the week of May 1-8.

METHODIST CHURCHES in the Lexington area are planning special evangelistic services April 25-29, with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Participating in this simultaneous effort are Erlanger Church, R. G. McClamroch, pastor, and J. H. Carper, evangelist; First Church, W. A. Rollins, pastor, and evangelist; Midway, H. R. Jordan, pastor, and W. O. Weldon, evangelist; Canaan, D. B. Alderman, pastor, and Rev. R. M. Hardee, evangelist; Mt. Olivet, O. C. Loy, pastor, and Clyde Auman, evangelist. Tyro, W. B. Thompson, pastor, and J. E. Yountz, evangelist; Greer's Chapel, Robert Arnold, pastor, and A. M. Faulkner, evangelist; Reeds, C. G. Isley, pastor, and E. A. Bingham, evangelist; and Bethesda, T. W. Bell, pastor, and M. W. Edwards, evangelist. Special meetings for pastors and the visiting evangelists will be held each morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. G. B. Clemmer district superintendent, will also take part in these services.

Few and Rowe to Speak in Advance Meeting; Church Papers Face Postal Rate Increase

SANFORD TO BE HOST TO ADVANCE MEETING

By V. E. Queen

On Sunday afternoon, May 1, at 3:00 o'clock, the Steele Street Church in Sanford will be host to all Methodists in the surrounding area. The event will be a special mass meeting in the interest of Church, Greensboro. Dr. Few is one of the current quadrennial emphasis in Methodism.

A unique and rich program has been prepared. Two main addresses will be delivered. The first address will present Dr. Eugene C. Few of the West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Dr. Few is one of Methodism's distinguished preachers. He will give an interpretation of the Advance movement as a church-wide strategy.

The second address of the afternoon will deal with Methodism's mission and message to our age and will be delivered by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of The Duke Divinity School. Dr. Rowe, one of Methodism's most gifted sons and preachers, was for a generation chairman of the Department of Christian Doctrine in the Duke Divinity School.

This special Advance Rally is one of three such Sub-District meetings being scheduled for the Fayetteville District during April and May.

It is expected that every pastor and every official and leader in every local church organization will be present. However, these meetings are open to the public and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The following charges are represented in this area: Sanford, Aberdeen-Vass, West End Circuit, Biscoe, Robbins, Robbins Circuit, Siler City, Siler City Circuit, Glendon, Goldston, Broadway, Jonesboro Heights, West End and Carthage.

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS THREATENED BY PROPOSED POSTAL RATE INCREASE

WASHINGTON—Proposals to increase postal rates on second-class material would have a "crippling and disastrous" affect on religious, fraternal, and non-profit periodicals, the Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America predicted here today.

Testifying against a house bill designed to up postal rates on religious and other non-profit publications, Dr. Cavert described the proposed measure (H.R. 2945) as "nothing less than a fatal blow" to Protestant, Catholic and Jewish spiritual influence. The proposed increase would be between 200% and 400%.

Citing the lack of revenues publications derive from advertising coupled with increased production costs, he asked that if a postal increase is necessary a distinction be drawn between publications issued for profit and publications of a non-profit character devoted solely to religious, educational and cultural objectives.

In support of his position, Dr. Cavert drew attention to a resolution unanimously adopted by the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches, urging the continuation of perferential rates to religious, fraternal and other non-profit bodies.

Dr. Cavert went on to explain that the Council's opposition to the measure was not based on "any narrow interest," but was prompted by a concern "for the handicap which the proposed increase would mean for all of the churches of this country in their efforts to fulfill their normal functions in the moral and spiritual life of the national community."

It is estimated that approximately 200 of the 400 Protestant publications would be seriously affected by the bill.

How soon "not now" becomes "never"! —Luther.

By the street of "By and By" one arrives at the house of "Never."—Cervantes.

He who has not believed will not experience; and he who has not experienced cannot know.—Anselm.

WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
Summary by Districts (with revisions)
1948-1949

	No. Charges	Accepted	Apportioned	Excess	PAR Charges	Apportioned 1944	Increase	Per Cent
Conference TOTALS	277	$177,792	$164,327	$13,465	76	$120,450	$57,342	47.6
By Districts								
Durham	48	33,950	32,980	970	17	27,350	6,600	24.1
Elizabeth City	32	18,298	15,844	2,454	17	12,300	5,998	48.8
Fayetteville	43	28,762	26,483	2,279	12	16,850	11,912	73.7
New Bern	35	22,655	20,230	2,425	5	15,000	7,655	51.
Raleigh	39	27,910	26,282	1,628	6	16,400	11,510	70.2
Rocky Mount	37	24,341	21,784	2,557	11	15,800	8,541	54.1
Wilmington	43	21,876	20,724	1,152	8	16,750	5,126	30.6

The acceptances as related to pastors' salaries in the several districts for the current year are in the following percentages; Durham 24.2, Elizabeth City 22.8, Fayetteville 22.6, New Bern 23.3, Raleigh 22.2, Rocky Mount 21.5 and Wilmington 19.6.

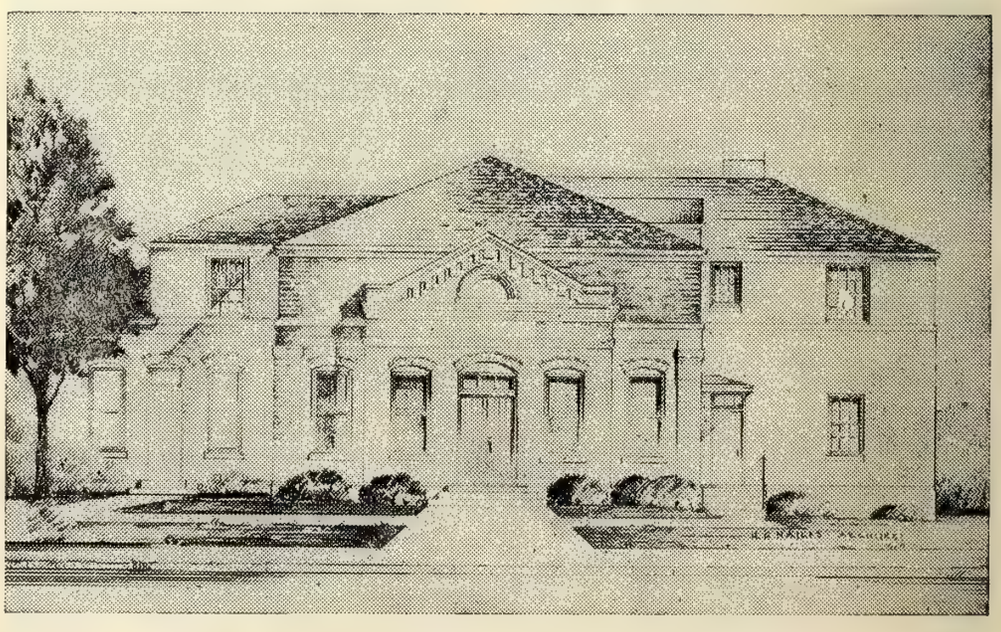
The apportionments for World Service as made in 1944 were arrived at from voluntary acceptances by the several District Superintendents; the apportionment for the intervening years has been the acceptances for the previous year and for 1949, due to a substantial increase in askings, was determined by calculating the increase available if all charges paying salary of $3,000 or more were to accept full PAR, and then apportioning about 30% of this potential amount available.

Progress has not been uniform in all Districts and is not expected to be, but since the introduction of WORLD SERVICE PAR in 1945 there has been a noteworthy increase each year by each district. These increases have been purely voluntary which is considered a very healthy sign. We believe that the principle of PAR has had a very large part in stimulating these increases and has made the over-all task of the District Superintendents in this field a relatively easy one.

There is room for further improvement. A full acceptance of Par would increase our total another $60,000 and make possible the raising on a Conference basis of substantially all which we are seeking to do through the ADVANCE.

The figures on Pastors' Salaries are also very interesting. The total of reports by all Districts amounts to $794,720. Add to this the supplements appropriated, $33,760 and the grand total is $828,480 for 277 charges, an average of $2,990 per charge. It is also interesting to note that 138 of the charges are to pay $3,000 or more, including the supplements.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE.
Gurney P. Hood, President,
Marvin J. Cowell, Secretary.



Above is the architect's drawing of the proposed Educational Building for First Church, Oxford. The plan provides departmental facilities for the entire Church School. Featured in the plan are a small chapel and a 200 capacity social center. The chapel is to serve all smaller devotional meetings and services while the social center will care for all dramatic, recreational, and social activities. The building committee is composed of John A. Myers, Wilbur Vaught, and Fred Webb, Jr. The approximate cost is $60,000. The architect is H. N. Haines of Duke University. The pastor, Dr. S. A. Maxwell, has given effective leadership in the financial campaign.

Prominent Church Leader Passes; Duke Has Varied Rural Programs; Need More Homes for DP's

DEATH CLAIMS DR. SAMUEL B. TURRENTINE

Funeral services for Dr. Samuel B. Turrentine, 87, outstanding clergyman and educator for more than half a century, were conducted last Thursday afternoon at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, with a large company of loved ones and friends present. Dr. Turrentine, who was stricken March 23, died at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, Tuesday, April 12. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery, Greensboro.

Dr. W. A. Lambeth, superintendent of the Greensboro district, was in charge of the service. He was assisted by Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, who led the prayer and the benediction; Dr. L. L. Gobbel, president of Greensboro College, who paid tribute to Dr. Turrentine as a Christian educator, with particular reference to his work at Greensboro College; Dr. E. C. Few, pastor of West Market Street Church, who spoke of Dr. Turrentine's role as pastor, church leader and citizen; Dr. R. A. Smith, professor at Greensboro College, who read the Old Testament lesson; and Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, who read the New Testament lesson.

Born November 15, 1861, in Chatham County, Dr. Turrentine entered the University of North Carolina with plans to teach school. Following his graduation, he became principal of Union Literary Academy in Chatham County. While working on his M. A. degree in 1887 at the University of North Carolina. he felt the call to enter Christian service, and transferred to Vanderbilt University for theological studies. He also studied at Columbia University and did correspondence work with Yale and the University of Chicago.

Before entering the active pastorate, Dr. Turrentine served as associate professor in Cartersville Institute, Georgia, and later occupied the chair of Hebrew and New Testament Greek in Trinity College, now Duke University.

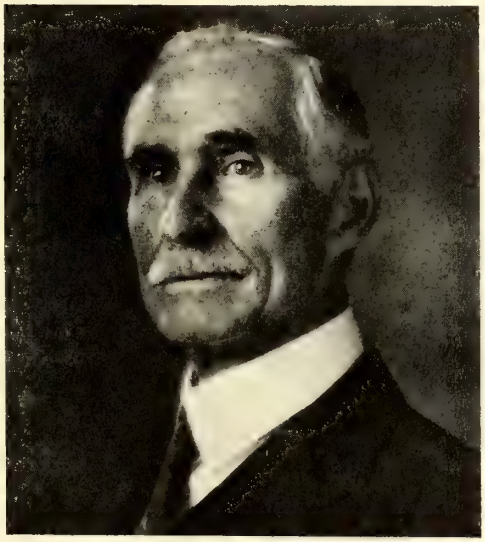
For 20 years he was engaged in the active ministry in the Western North Carolina Conference, serving at West Market Street Church, Greensboro; Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Elkin. Jonesville, Kings Mountain, and Nashville, Tenn. He served also as district superintendent.

After distinguished service in the ministry he was elected president of Greensboro College in 1913, which position he served until 1935. Since that time he has held the title of president emeritus and has taught courses in Bible at the college. During his presidency, notable progress was made at Greensboro College. New buildings were erected, the endowment was greatly strengthened and the standards of the school were lifted. Considerable growth in student enrollment also took place.

Dr. Turrentine was a member of the Methodist Board of Publication for many years, and attended the last meeting of the executive committee, of which he was a member, in February. Elected to the Board of Trustees of Duke University in 1893, he was the senior member of the Board at his death. Duke also conferred upon him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1900.

Dr. Turrentine is survived by three sons, Samuel B. Turrentine, Jr. of Pigeon Forge, Tenn.; Julian A. Turrentine of Thomasville, Ga.; and Walter W. Turrentine of Atlanta, Ga.; and one daughter, Mrs. Harry Simmonds of Greensboro. Also surviving are nine grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Malcom C. Blackwood of Chapel Hill. His wife, Mrs. Sallie Atwater Turrentine, died in 1943.

Many expressions of sympathy and sorrow from alumnae of Greensboro College and from the many other friends throughout the State have been received by the family.



Dr. Samuel B. Turrentine

CHURCHES AND STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM DUKE RURAL CHURCH PROGRAM

DURHAM—Every year for 18 years almost 50 Duke University Divinity School students have served rural churches of the State through Duke Endowment scholarships.

Persons desiring Duke Endowment scholarships are requested to write Rev. George B. Ehlhardt, registrar, or Dr. A. J. Walton, director of field work, Duke Divinity School, Durham.

Students work in the rural churches during summer vacations and are compensated for service to the churches through Duke Endowment funds.

The plan makes possible a dual contribution to religion: service to rural churches, and educational benefits to students.

In the past the group has preached an average of 1,411 sermons per year. Other averages: 609 additions by professions of faith; 6,750 pastoral visits; 103 vacation church schools attended by 4,500 children; 135 teacher training schools enrolling 4,300 teachers.

When the program was first launched rural preachers were asked to make use of the students. Today it is impossible to fill all places seeking student aid each summer, endowment officials report.

Those seeking scholarships must rank among upper grade students. Character, citizenship, efficiency, punctuality are considered in making awards.

Supervision of preparation for summer work is directed by the endowment director and by members of the Divinity School faculty.

PROTESTANTS URGED TO HELP RESETTLE DISPLACED PERSONS

"It's tough to be a Protestant. In many DP camps in Europe this correctly describes the plight of Protestant and Orthodox D.P.'s. If you are a Jewish D.P. you can expect to be resettled by the end of 1949. If you are a Catholic DP your chance of resettlement over that of your Protestant neighbor is just about 10 to 1—on the basis of numbers of assurances actually overseas at the present time. It is tough to be a Protestant."

With these words, Roland Elliott, director of the Department for Displaced Persons of Church World Service issues the challenge to the American Protestant churches. While other groups have pushed ahead in finding the job-home assurances necessary to bring their Displaced Persons to the United States, most of the Protestant groups have lagged behind.

During March, Governor Kerr Scott appointed the North Carolina Commission on Displaced Persons. To this Commission were named: the Rev. Clarence E. Norman of the Lutheran Church; Dr. E. McNeill Poteat of the North Carolina Baptist Convention; the Rev. Michael J. Begley of the Catholic Church; Rabbi Harry Caplan of the Jewish faith; E. C. McRacken of the State Employment Service; W. P. Hedrick of the Department of Agriculture and J. B. Moore of the Department of Public Welfare. L. Y. Ballentine, state Commissioner of Agriculture was appointed chairman of the Commission and Miss Ruth Elliott of the N. C. Council of Churches secretary. The Commission hopes to help all groups working on the resettlement of D.P.'s in the state, to coordinate activities, to act as a channel for information available through various state agencies and to discover and answer questions which may arise in the work of resettlement.

The four initial steps in resettling a displaced person are: a specific job, safe and sanitary housing, transportation from port of debarkation and assurance that the D.P. will not become a public charge. The last assurance does not mean that a D.P. may not be discussed for adequate reason.

Forms for application and materials giving information may be had by writing Miss Ruth Elliott, Box 6637, College Station, Durham, N. C.

SALISBURY CHURCH HOLDS SPECIAL SERVICE

The Educational Building of Park Avenue Church, Salisbury, was dedicated on April 3. Bishop Costen J. Harrell preached the sermon and led in the dedicatory rites. A church filled with members, friends and visitors listened attentively to Bishop Harrell's sermon on "Wisdom Is The Principal Thing, Therefore Get Wisdom." It was a timely and powerful sermon. Dinner was served in the recreation room of the edu- followed at two o'clock. Rev. T. H. Swofford was in charge of this service.

A fine electric organ was installed in the sanctuary during the winter. Chimes have just been put in and were dedicated on April 17. These are the gift of Mr. J. N. cational building and an afternoon service Moose and her Daughter, Ruth, and Mrs. J. P. Curlee in memory of J. N. Moose and J. P. Curlee, deceased.

Considerable remodeling of the pulpit and the choir loft has been done and needed additions have been made. A beautiful new pulpit was installed recently by J. H. and Henry Cook in honor of their mother. A set of chairs to match was purchased by Mrs. J. F. Henderlite and children and by Mrs. J. P. Curlee. The total amount involved in all this, including the price of new choir robes, is approximately $5,500.

Plan Meetings for Children's Workers; Camp Fund Grows; Marion District Young Adult Retreat April 24

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL PROMOTION

Now that Easter has come and gone and spring is here, it is time to think about Vacation Church Schools. Plans are in the making. Certain promotional materials have gone from the Publishing House in Richmond to each local church. While numerous courses are available, four texts are being suggested for use in our conference this year. These are MY HOME AND FAMILY for Kindergarten; OUR DAILY BREAD for Primary; LIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY for Juniors; and GOD'S WORLD AND OURS for Intermediates.

Greensboro District

Mrs. O. D. Nelson, district director, has plans for meeting Vacation School workers on the afternoon of the district conference which is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2:00 p.m., Carraway Memorial Church, Greensboro. Printed materials will be available and well-prepared leaders will be in charge of each group. This will be the best opportunity for help with plans for Vacation School available in the Greensboro District this year. Each local church should be sure to have workers in attendance.

Winston-Salem District

Mrs. J. C. Mason, district director, has plans complete for four meetings in this district as follows: Monday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., Centenary, Winston; Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., Walnut Cove; Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., Elkin; and Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., Mt. Airy. Assisting Mrs. Mason with these meetings will be Mrs. Delbert Byrum, Mrs. H. B. Simpson, and Mrs. Earle Staley. Both Greensboro and Winston districts are exceedingly fortunate to have this leadership available. Each person is well qualified to give counsel and guidance with the particular groups involved. It is hoped that a similar schedule with the same leadership from Winston may be provided for the Thomasville district the week of May 16.

MARION DISTRICT YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Young Adult Fellowship of the Spindale Church is sponsoring this district retreat beginning at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 24, and continuing through the afternoon and evening. Courtney B. Ross, district director, is directing the activities which will consist of worship, study, discussion and fellowship. Other persons with specific responsibilities are Golden Thompson, Aubert Smith, Miss Nita Whitby, E. K. McLarty, Jr., and Mrs. John Reid. The purpose of this retreat is to further young adult work in the Marion district. Through the fellowship of study and sharing, we hope to enlarge the vision of young adult possibilities in our local churches and to offer practical help in forwarding this movement throughout the church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMP FUND

Both church schools and youth fellowship groups are responding with contributions to the camp fund. Remittances have been received this week as follows: Grace, Greensboro, $45.83; Midway, Greensboro, $3.25; Hoyle Memorial, Shelby, $10.00; Winston-Salem District Youth Fellowship, $360.98; Dilworth M. Y. F., $151.60; Dallas M. Y. F., $10.00. Park Avenue M. Y. F., Salisbury, is reported to have $30.00 and the Coburn M. Y. F. about $75.00 for this fund. It is hoped that the observance of Church School Day and remittances by youth groups will gather momentum as we approach the camping season. Our immediate financial objectives are to complete payment for the camp and to make certain adjustments necessary for use by both boys and girls this summer. Personal contributions from people interested are also in order. All checks will be cheerfully received and properly credited to this project.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TEAMS

Before leaving in December, Miss Nell Webb trained a Youth Fellowship Team for service in each district of the conference. These teams are composed of three young people and a counselor. They are available on request to the director of youth work in each district for a week-end visitation of a local church youth group. The service rendered is in the nature of a visitation by a caravan except the time of visit is much shorter. The Statesville District Fellowship Team composed of Margaret Correll, Margaret Anderson, Rita Payne, and Owen Gabriel recently visited the Jefferson Youth Fellowship. Miss Correll, C. C. Murray and Owen Gabriel all report a happy week-end filled with wholesome activities for the young people and their adult leaders. This service is available in each district. Contact your District Director of Youth Work.

SPRING MEETING, N. C. COMMISSION ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION

This meeting will be held in the Washington Duke Hotel, Durham, Sunday, April 24, 2 to 5 p.m. The theme for this afternoon session "Developing Unprejudiced Children." All interested persons are invited to participate. An address on "Understanding Prejudice" will be given by Dr. Bingham Dai, Department of Psychiatry, Duke Hospital, Materials for "Understanding Prejudice" will be discussed by Miss Sara Little. Other persons participating in the program are D. D. Holt, Trinity Church, Durham, and Dr. A. E. Manley.

CENTRAL, ALBEMARLE

Miss Ruth Lewis, Director of Christian Education, Central, Albemarle, has been with this church nearly a year. Changes and developments in the church school are indicative of the fine leadership provided by Miss Lewis, the pastor, Ralph Taylor, and the members of a fine cooperative local church board of education. A young adult class was organized a year ago. This group has equipped a room, has grown in numbers, and is now an important unit in the church school. The young people's work was also reorganized and now there are two active departments ministering to the needs of this group. Two children's choirs meet weekly. A number of classes are engaged in projects for the benefit of the local church and in social service projects which reach beyond the local group.

MAYLO CHURCH SCHOOL

Under the leadership of R. A. Helton, the Maylo school is facing its opportunities and responsibilities with an enlarged program of Christian education. An active corps of teachers, a local church board of education, a young adult class, a class of intermediate boys and girls, and a Boy Scout troop are all working for a better program. In addition to these activities, Malcolm Reese, pastor, announces a series of revival services for the week of April 17-24 led by W. Arthur Kale of Shelby.

CHINA GROVE

There are ample reasons for believing that the general condition of our church school work is good. Both quarterly conference and district conference records seem to indicate such. A specific example is to be found in developments at First Church, China Grove. Enrollment has increased by 36 and average attendance by 53 since conference. One explanation is to be found in the careful planning and supervision given by an active local church board of education. This board meets once each month and is constantly endeavoring to improve the program of Christian education. This group has been giving attention to literature, enrollment, attendance, visitation of absent members and the preparation and use of a constituency roll in reaching new members. Julian Holmes is the pastor and Hoyle A. Overcash is the Church School superintendent.

TRINITY, KANNAPOLIS

Under the supervision and leadership of Cecil Hefner and W. W. Hartsell general Church School superintendent, and Miss Catherine Boyer, Director of Christian education, the Trinity school has registered a gain of approximately ten per cent in both enrollment and attendance since conference. The board of education is largely responsible for the progress that has been made. In addition to the regular program for children, a Saturday morning session has been initiated for boys and girls. The program consists of play, worship, study and an occasional carefully selected moving picture. Both parents and members of the church school staff are convinced that this period of activities meets a real need for the children.

LENTEN SCHOOL, FIRST CHURCH, SALISBURY

A Lenten School has become a feature of the Easter season at First Church, Salisbury. With classes for children on Monday afternoons and for young people and adults in the evening more than 200 people have enrolled this year with an average attendance of approximately 180. The class for primary children was taught by Mrs. D. C. Clark, Mrs. T. N. Williams, Jr., and Mrs. R. M. Wolfe. The text used was "As Jesus Grew." Using the text "Little Boy of Nazareth" the class for Juniors was taught by Mrs. S. E. Brookshire, Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Savage. "The Way of Jesus" for intermediates was taught by Mrs. E. A. Goodman, Jr., Mrs. A. S. Jones, Jr., and Mrs. R. R. Richardson and Mrs. D. C. Young, Jr. "Youth At Prayer" was led by Jake Alexander and "The Message of Jesus," by Dr. L. A. Whiston of Catawba College. "Newness of Life" sponsored by the W. S. C. S. by Mrs. Carl King and "God Will Help You" led by C. C. Herbert, Jr. were the courses and teachers for this year. The planning committee was composed of Miss Virginia Jenkins, Mrs. Vance Brown, C. C. Herbert, Jr., Miss Betty Johnson and Mrs. Carl H. King.

Women Gave $119,063 Last Year; Pledge $94,450; District Conferences Set for April 19-28

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CONFERENCE IN BURLINGTON FRONT STREET CHURCH

Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, of Whitakers, president, declared the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in session at 2:00 on Tuesday, April 5, 1949, in Front Street Church, Burlington.

Mrs. Nathan Long, president of the hostess society, welcomed the delegates and guests. Mrs. Russell Johnson, president of the Rocky Mount district, responded. The theme presented that afternoon was "That His Way May Be Made Known," featuring the work with children, youth, and student, giving special emphasis to the missionary call for full-time Christian workers. The speakers were Mrs. M. W. Warren of Scotland Neck, Mrs. Hubert Odom of Gibson, Mrs. W. P. Moore of Greenville, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern and Mrs. D. L. Fouts of Hertford.

Among other committees appointed at this time was one of evaluation. Mrs. Cutchin appointed past presidents to this committee, Mrs. A. M. Gates of Durham, Mrs. Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh and Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham. This group is to study the program and other features of the conference and make recommendations concerning future conferences.

At the Tuesday night session Miss Dorothy McConnell, associate editor of the World Outlook, was the principal speaker. "As we invest our money in missionary enterprises, we are wondering if our investment is going to pay," said Miss McConnell. She chose China as her field for discussion because it is the missionary study for this year and also because she has recently visited this area and has seen the effect of the Red army. "However, there are several things on which to build," continued Miss McConnell. "Americans are not considered foreigners is one important factor. There are many close ties between the average people of both countries and especially between the church peoples. Strength of the Christian woman of China is something else on which to build. The women are already beginning to create public opinion against many old customs." Miss McConnell continued. "We Americans have faith in China and we must be willing to send our people to help them. China realizes the task cannot be done alone. We must all be willing to pay the price. The standard of living of the common American must be kept up for it is the yard stick of the world living."

The sacrificial offering laid on the altar that night amounted to $1,422.52, and will be sent to the needy children of Europe through the Supply Department.

The highlight of the Wednesday morning session was the president's message. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin declared, "We need practical Christianity. We are meeting temporary needs but there must be a real and permanent service to all of God's creatures. We need to rededicate ourselves—to use all our resources—to pray that He will use us as channels to bring His Kingdom on earth."

Mrs. L. C. Larkin reported for the Wesleyan Service Guild. She announced that Miss Sara Godfrey of Sanford had been nominated to fill the unexpired term as Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds for the conference. There are 65 units of the Guild with a membership of over 3,000.

Miss McConnell, in her second message before the conference, stated "It is significant that 67% of American women are now employed and so more and more the affairs of the church are being handled by working women. She emphasized aspects of leadership which must be developed to meet the needs of today. There is an acute necessity for expert training for this leadership.

Mrs. H. I. Glass of Kinston in giving her report as conference vice-president said that $12,470.00 had been spent last year for special memberships. Life Patron memberships were presented by the conference to the women in the districts which have served the longest number of years: Durham district, Mrs. J. J. Isley of Burlington; Elizabeth City to Mrs. Della Chandler; Fayeteville to Miss Mary E. Page of Aberdeen; New Bern to Mrs. Wiley Brown of Greenville; Rocky Mount to Mrs. Mary C. Weatherly; Raleigh to Mrs. Roberta Lynn; Wilmington to Mrs. Lillie Clowe. Other presentations of the conference went to Miss Mary Freeman of Burlington, to Mrs. J. C. Burwell of Warrenton, and to Mrs. H. I. Glass of Kinston. An adult life membership was presented to Mrs. E. S. W. Dameron by the Front Street Society. The conference placed on the memorial roll of the Division the names of Mrs. Harvey Boney and Mrs. May Edla Smith Earley. In recognition of the splendid work done in putting on the conference, Mrs. Nathan Long and Mrs. W. C. Mosier were made adult life members. The children of the pages were also honored with baby life memberships.

Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, conference promotion secretary, reported 35 new societies during the past year, making a total of 572 with a membership of 24,437. The Korean Urn, which is given for the highest percent of reporting went to Fayetteville for 82%. The Korean candlestick, given for the hightest percent of increase in giving to missions, went to the Wilmington district. The Lillie Moore Everett Study Jewel, given for the highest percent of study classes held and reported went to the Wilmington District for the eighth straight year.

Dr. A. J. Walton, Duke University Divinity School, brought the noon meditations. His theme was light. "The light," he said, "shows up the dirty corners. It reveals us more clearly to ourselves as well as to others. It reveals others and their needs. It produces personality." Later he gave the fruits of walking in the light, "goodness, righteousness and truth."

Mrs. Eloise A. Woolever, executive secretary of the Board of Missions in charge of cultivation and promotion, brought most forcibly the Advance Program for the next quadrennium and the four points of emphasis.

MRS. McKINNE'S REPORT

The treasurer, Mrs. F. B. McKinne of Goldsboro, reported $119,063.44 sent to the conference for missions. Including Christian social relations report, $249,936.62 has been spent for all causes. The pledge service closed the conference. The presidents pledged their districts as follows: Durham, $14,000; Elizabeth City, $6,600; Fayetteville, $11,500; New Bern, $12,000; Raleigh, $9,500; Rocky Mount, $13,500; Wilmington, $7,350; and the Wesleyan Service Guild, $10,000.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Glass, vice-president and chairman of the program committee, called the program committee together and presented the various phases of the work of that committee. Those taking part in the discussion were Mrs. Glass, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, spiritual life; Mrs. N. P. Edens, missionary education and service; Mrs. J. M. Jerome, Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. Fred L. Johnson, literature and publications; and Mrs. E. G. Cothran, status of women.

From this presentation the work of the committee in the local church was more clearly understood. The Advance Program was emphasized. Out of this conference committee will come the Advance caravans to visit the various districts:

On April 19, the Wilmington district will meet at Rosehill, taking part on the program will be Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Mrs. J. M. Jerome, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger and Mrs. C. D. Barclift.

On April 20, the New Bern district will meet in Jarvis Memorial Church in Greenville, taking part will be Mrs. R. L. Cox, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Mrs. W. P. Moore and Mrs. W. C. Chadwick.

On April 21, Elizabeth City district will meet at Hertford with Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. H. I. Glass, Mrs. D. L. Fouts, and Mrs. J. H. Cutchin taking part on the program.

On April 22, the Rocky Mount district will meet at Roanoke Rapids, taking part will be Mrs. Henry Maddrey, Mrs. Fred L. Johnson, Mrs. D. L. Fouts and Mrs. J. H. Cutchin.

On April 25, Raleigh district meets in Edenton Street Church in Raleigh with Mrs. H. A. Davis, Mrs. N. P. Edens, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, and Mrs. E. G. Cothran on the program.

On April 26, Fayetteville district at Broadway, with Mrs. L. P. Cox, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, Mrs. Hubert Odom and Mrs. E. G. Cothran on the program.

On April 28, Durham District meets at Salem Church on the Swepsonville charge, Rt. 1, Graham, with Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, Mrs. A. H. Borland, Mrs. E. L. Hillman and Mrs. A. M. Gates taking part on the program.

Miss Margaret Billingsley of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, will be the featured speaker at all these meetings.

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

"The World Federation of Methodist Women," said Mrs. E. L. Hillman, "is not a missionary enterprise, but a world fellowship of Methodist women." She spoke before the W.S.C.S. at the Alamance Hotel as the World Federation dinner was held on Tuesday night, April 5. "There are four million members of this federation and the largest number is in the U. S."

Mrs. H. I. Glass, vice-president of the Woman's Society of the N. C. Conference, presided. She introduced women dressed in costumes of the various countries and asked them to say something concerning the work there. The dining room of the Alamance Hotel was gayly decorated in the flags of the countries in which the world federation has units. The lighted globe was the center theme.

Mrs. Hillman continued, "The purpose of this world federation is for peace, for fellowship, for Christian family life, temperance, and above all to bring in the Kingdom of God."

Forty-three Join Church; Praises Workers at Home; Student Conference Held; Youth Fellowship Active

By O. V. Woosley

The Children's Home
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She Loves Little Children

JOINING THE CHURCH

Forty-three of our children joined Centenary Methodist Church on Palm Sunday. On the Sunday before these boys and girls were baptised by Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, the associate pastor of Centenary congregation, in the little chapel where they attend services once a month, the younger members of The Children's Home family completely filling the chapel and looking after all the features of the service except that of the minister and the organist. The organist was reared at The Children's Home. Palm Sunday the children were admitted into full fellowship of the church under the direction and blessing of Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary congregation, who not only received our children but nearly as many more from families of the Centenary congregation. Palm Sunday was children's church joining Sunday at Centenary.

EASTER REMEMBRANCES

These lines are being dictated nearly a week before Easter. Already remembrances are beginning to come in for our children, these remembrances being in form of checks for the securing of gifts, or baskets with the usual lovely trimmings, such depending on the age of the youngster. Some contributions are coming to The Children's Home for the maintenance of our family. On behalf of the management of The Children's Home and the children in the Home, we join in grateful appreciation for the remembrances that come to our family during these Holy days.

THE EASTER BASKET

We have a lot of lovely youngsters here in our family, youngsters who are capable of doing a lot of lovely things. Twelve-year-old Brock Ridge confidentially reported to this scribe yesterday that he and Raymond Dellinger, two years younger, had spent their entire honorarium spending money for the securing of an Easter basket, which they had put away to give to some child who would not have an Easter remembrance. Young Ridge, in his confidential statement, said, "Pop, you like to hear about good things better than you do bad things. I want to tell you about a good thing Raymond and I did yesterday while over town. We bought an Easter basket and are going to give it to some person who will need it. Just don't say anything about it until after Easter."

NEW BALL FIELD

Our first competitive game of baseball on the new baseball field was played with Yadkinville High late Saturday afternoon, our boys winning by a score of 8 to 5 after many tense moments. We have a very fine field, well located and ample in size. This field was graded from a hillside at a good deal of financial outlay. When bleachers can be installed on the sloping sides near home plate, we will be well fixed for spectators as well as ball players. A family as large as ours must have ample place to play.

GIRLS' SOFT BALL

While Mr. Clary is developing the varsity boys' baseball material, Mr. Edwards is going along in the direction of the girls' soft ball teams. Mr. Suggs looks after the boys' midget teams. It has been so long since the girls have lost a ball game that one fails to recall just the number of years in the victory column. Two games have so far been won by the girls in lopsided scores. The number of consecutive games won totals 65, according to present recollection.

A GOOD HELPER

The picture this week is that of Carolyn Kinley, doing well in the eleventh grade and a most excellent helper at the baby cottage where she has worked for some three years. Carolyn is first assistant to the home mother, Miss Edythe Clemmons. For several years Carolyn was sponsored by a Sunday school which eventually overlooked the matter. Recently Carolyn has been claimed by the Woman's Bible Class of Central, Shelby, in place of a young lad who recently left the Home. This fine group of women have become very much interested in Carolyn and she is delighted beyond measure. A good girl is sponsored by a lot of good women in a fine way.

AN UNKNOWN FRIEND

We recently received an anonymous letter which in this instance we are paying some attention to. It reads as follows: "I am very much interested in orphanage work and think it is wonderful for less fortunate children. However, I know that there could be no home for children without the help of workers who give so much and get so little in pay and recognition. I understand that you have a wonderful staff of workers; that you realize the above and do everything that you can to look after their help, health, comfort and happiness. I wish you would write an article stressing the fact that without them there could be no home for homeless children."

STUDENT CONFERENCE

On April 8 and 9 The Children's Home youngsters had the joy of entertaining the Student Conference of Young People from certain North Carolina homes for children. As has been true for a decade or more, six delegates, the allotted number, came from each institution. Delegations came from Barium Springs, Junior Order Children's Home at Lexington, Mills Home and Kennedy Home of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, and Oxford Orphanage. These delegates and The Children's Home delegation met in sessions that extended through Friday, Friday evening and Saturday morning. Each delegation was given a question to discuss in open forum fashion, the discussions having to do with recreational, social and religious opportunities and responsibilities of youngsters in child caring institutions. No adults were allowed in on the discussions. The meeting was reported to be decidedly helpful. The conference goes to Oxford Orphanage next spring. O. T. Williams, of The Children's Home, was elected president and Miss Peggy Lentz, of Barium Springs, was elected secretary.

OUR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Our older youngsters, those from the eighth grade up, are required to attend Sunday school and church services over town at Centenary Methodist Church. This is a requirement, in most instances gladly assumed as a requirement of the individual. The attendance upon our Youth Fellowship, conducted here on the Home grounds, is not required, it being purely a voluntary matter. It is remarkable to note how many of our youngsters not only attend this service but participate in its program. One can get away from his frets into a wholesome Christian experience as he notes the way our older boys and girls enter into their religious expressional opportunities. Mrs. Wilburn C. Clary, as counselor of our Youth Fellowship, is leading the youngsters very constructively in their programs and in the activities that center around them.

TWENTY LAPS

Two men were out and runners were on second and third when one of our boys came to bat in the ball game last Saturday afternoon. The batter knocked a high fly which appeared would come down in the diamond to be caught by the pitcher. Of course the runner on third sauntered home, as did the runner on second. But the second base runner did not run very fast expecting the ball to be caught. When it was muffed he was on third when he could easily have been home had he run fast. Coach Clary, on noting this lapse of thinking on the part of the runner, had him make twenty laps around the ball field after the game was over. It is a tradition with our ball teams that clear thinking, quick acting and purposeful movements must always prevail. Such has caused our teams to win over ordinarily superior teams.

THE DOGWOOD TREES

Last year our younger boys counted 365 dogwood trees here on the campus and in the nearby woods. At this writing nearly all of these trees are bursting out with beautiful white blooms. The dogwood blossoming time is the most beautiful time of the year with us. We sometimes stop in amazement as we look at the beauty that surrounds us.

Sunday School Lesson for APRIL 24

The Disciplines of Discipleship

Luke 12:16-21; 14:27-33

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Only a few have much goods laid up for many years, but nearly all of us are tempted to trust in some earthly source of supply and enjoyment, and to say, In that matter I have a sure thing. But although one may have a so-called gilt-edged security, who can say that he has a really gold-edged security? A fire might have devastated the barns where the rich fool had much goods laid up for many years.

The chances were that the abundant crops which the rich fool had stored in his barns would be safe from destruction. But he himself had no secure hold on life. He anticipated many years in which he could say to his soul, Take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But it quickly turned out that it was eat, drink and call the undertaker. And how often that happens when a man has retired to enjoy the fruits of his labors! This is especially true if he has said to his soul, Eat, drink wine, and be merry. The merriment that comes from alcohol is apt to be a prelude to a funeral.

But suppose the rich man lived to be ninety years old. Suppose his constitution has been strong enough to endure the degenerating effects of the change from an active life to one of ease and self-pampering. He certainly would not have had a happy life. The fact that he had to exhort his soul to be merry showed that he was not merry. No man is ever permanently merry who seeks merriment as an end. Always ere long he feels like Hamlet when he exclaimed, How weary, stale, flat and unprofitable are all the uses of this world!

Man was made for adventure, for high exploits. No one is ever happy unless he is making a sacrifice for some one, and he is never supremely happy unless that sacrifice is being made for the Person who is the highest and holiest of all. He that loseth his life in a wholehearted service to Jesus Christ, he it is who supremely finds it. He finds it in the sense that all that is best within him is called out. He finds it because his unselfishness calls out love and gratitude from his fellow men. But above all, he finds it in the sense of the favor of God and that peace which passeth all understanding.

He finds it also in being delivered from fear of coming calamity that will shatter his hopes and leave him stranded (Psalm 27); for he knows that he has built upon solid foundations. The rains may descend and the floods come, and beat upon his house, but it will not fall, it is founded on a rock.

Jesus was especially careful to save his disciples from false hopes. He inspired in them the greatest hopes that were ever roused in mortal minds. But at the same time he kept warning them that just as he would soon face the cross as a penalty for his devotion to the good of man, so they would meet persecution and perhaps death if they were wholly loyal to him. Said he, If you are going to be my disciples, prepare for execution. Take up your cross like the wretches you often see led out to die. There must be in your life the salt of heroic and sacrificial adventure.

Your love to me must put in the shade all other loves. It must be so intense that by contrast your love to your own kindred and family will seem like hate; and yet, strange to say, the man who hates his father and mother, wife and children, in the sense Jesus requires, will begin to love them far more that he ever did before, for there will be in him so much more capacity for love. His whole soul will be full of overflowing life and affection for everyone.

It is an interesting fact that although Jesus made such severe demands his apostles rightly understood him to be sternly opposed to any self-inflicted suffering as a penance (Colossians 2:20-23; I Timothy 4: 1-5). Jesus was so human, so ready to join in the social amenities of life that his enemies lyingly called him a gluttonous man and a drunkard (Luke 7:34). He would have his disciples waste no time at all in making themselves miserable. He would rather have their whole souls gladly given in a reckless abandon of utter love to God, and utter devotion to the good of their fellow men.

TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Clyde R. Hoey
Senior U. S. Senator from North Carolina

There has never been a period in the world's history when we have greater need for religious training and spiritual strength than today. Everybody believes in physical training for the development of the body and in mental instruction for the improvement of the mind, and yet neither is more imperative than religious culture of the spiritual nature.

The Sunday school aids tremendously in providing the culture for the whole family. We cannot afford to neglect church attendance for old and young, and by the same token we should not fail to avail ourselves of the golden opportunity of Sunday school attendance, and this applies to every member of the family.

The Sunday school is not just for women and children, although it is the literal handmaiden of the church in this respect, but it offers just what men of the church need—spiritual training and development, a recurrence to the fundamental facts in basic Christian virtues and a realization that world problems can only be solved by individuals who have solved their own problems of living in the light of Christian ideals and practices. The Sunday school offers the largest field of activity for the whole family in spiritual training and is the most potential agency for the development of a sustained reservoir for church membership and service.

STUDENT CONFERENCE THIS WEEK-END



Dr. Powell

The North Carolina Methodist Student Movement Conference will be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 22-24, with Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the host church as the main speaker. Other features of the meeting will be the banquet on Saturday evening and the International tea on Friday afternoon. Students from all Methodist colleges as well as Methodist students from other colleges of the State are expected to attend.

Theme of the Conference is "Understanding Our Faith," and about 300 students are expected.

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HIS FATHER'S HOUSE*

JANET T. VAN OSDEL

For days the sparkle in Susan's brown eyes had been dimmed by a look of puzzlement. She was wondering why Uncle Robert did not come to Sunday dinner as he used to do and why he no longer drove out after school hours especially to see her. She also wondered why, when she heard his name mentioned by grown-ups and drew near to listen, they at once stopped talking. When she asked her mother about him, she was put off with "Not now, darling; some other time we'll talk about it."

Uncle Robert was really Susan's mother's uncle, but he was a very special person in Susan's life. He was a short, plump man, with a rosy face, the kindest blue eyes, and a smile that won the heart of every child upon whom it was bestowed.

He and his sister Natalie lived in a beautiful home on the most attractive street in town. Susan lived in a small house on the edge of town. Her street did not have even a sidewalk and had none of the giant elm trees such as Uncle Robert's street had. Susan loved her home, as almost every little girl does, but she thought Uncle Robert's and Aunt Natalie's the most wonderful place in the world. Her greatest treat was to visit their home.

At last Aunt Natalie came to dinner. She looked lovely in a sheer, black dress, but she was very thin and her blue eyes seemed misted with sadness. Susan was always glad to see Aunt Natalie, but particularly so now because surely she could tell her about Uncle Robert!

As soon as grace was said, Susan asked "Why doesn't Uncle Robert come to see us, Aunt Natalie? Is he sick? He hasn't been here for ever and ever so long, and no one will tell me why."

After a swift glance at Susan's pleading face, Aunt Natalie turned surprised eyes to Susan's mother.

"Haven't you told her yet?" she asked.

"I—I could not!" Susan's mother faltered. "I tried, but I didn't know how to tell her! I will, right now, though! Uncle Robert is dead, Susan!"

Aunt Natalie raised her hand as though to ward off a blow. Susan drew a long deep breath and sat staring at her mother, her eyes wide with shock and incredulity.

"No!" she cried at last when she could speak. "No! No! Uncle Robert couldn't be dead—like Pudge?"

Pudge, their fat, wooly, black dog, had died of old age three months earlier. Uncle Robert had officiated when they had buried him under the mulberry tree.

"He is though, Susan," replied her mother sadly.

"No! No! No!" cried Susan again bursting into wild sobs.

"It's nothing at all like Pudge!" declared Aunt Natalie firmly, drawing Susan into her arms. "Your Uncle Robert has just gone to another home, Susan—to his Father's house."

"Is he coming back soon?" Susan asked looking up eagerly.

"No, darling, he's not coming back. He's gone there to stay, but some day we'll go where he is."

"Soon?"

"Perhaps not very soon, but certainly some day."

"Is it a nice house where he lives now? Aunt Natalie—as nice as his house here?"

"It is quite different, but I should think much lovelier. And he will be very happy there, Susan."

"Who built his Father's house?"

"I can tell you only what the Bible says, Susan. The Bible is our Guide Book, you know. Get yours and we'll read John, 14th chapter, first 3 verses."

"We learned about that in Sunday school," said Susan, as Aunt Natalie finished reading.

Her eyes had all their old sparkle—even more—as she exclaimed, "It's a lovely place, isn't it, Aunt Natalie! From what Mother said, I thought something awful had happened to Uncle Robert, but he has just moved to another of God's mansions, hasn't he?"

"Yes, Susan," answered Aunt Natalie, and as she spoke the sadness in her eyes gave place to a look of peaceful trust.

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JUST FOR FUN

"How did Frank lose the fingers of his right hand?"

"He put them in the horse's mouth to see how many teeth he had."

"And then what happened?"

"The horse closed his mouth to see how many fingers Frank had."

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Harry: Did you hear about the fellow who stayed up all night to figure where the sun went when it set?

Jerry: No. What about him?

Harry: It finally dawned on him.

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April
DISTRICT CONFERENCE: ANSONVILLE, 9:30 21
Duncan Memorial, 11 24
Weddington: Bond's Grove, 3 24
Waxhaw: Heath Memorial, 7 24
May
Central Avenue, 11 1
Polkton: Wightman, 7:30 1
Belmont Park, 7:30 15
Indian Trail-Stallings: Beulah, 2:30 22

GASTONIA DISTRICT

W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

April
Belmont, First, 11 24
Mt. Holly, 7:30 24
May
Cherryville Circuit, Bess Chapel, 11 8
Lincolnton, First, 7:30 8
Gastonia, Myrtle, 7:30 11
South Fork, Plateau, 11 15
Vale, Maedonia, 2:30 15
Fallston, Lawndale, 7 18
Rock Springs: Mt. Pleasant, 11 22
Crouse, Crouse, 3 22
Polkville, Rehoboth, 11 29
Lowell, South Point, 7:30 29
June
Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 11 12
Gastonia, East End, 7:30 12
Stanley, 11 19

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

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April
Centenary, 7:30 21
Leaksville, 7:30 22
Main Street, High Point, 7:30 (Sat.) 23
Mt. Pleasant Circuit; Pleasant Union, 11 24
Calvary, Greensboro, 3:30 24
Guilford Circuit; Burnett's 7 24
College Place, 7:30 25
Summerfield; Center, 7:30 26
Moriah, 7:30 27
Mt. Pleasant Station, 7:30 28
May
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Carraway Memorial 2-9 p.m. 1

MARION DISTRICT

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April
Deyton Bend, 10 24
Red Hill, 11 24
Glen Ayre, 3 24
Tipton Hill, night 24
Fairview (Boone Circuit), night 25
Bethel (Boone Ct.), night 26
Friendship (Boone Ct.), night 27
Pleasant Valley, night 28
May
Maness Chapel, 9:45 1
Gray's Chapel, 11 1
New Hope, 3 1
Bethlehem (Mill Spring), night 1
Lebanon, night 2
Gilboa (Gilkey), night 3
Gilkey, night 4
Thermal City, night 5
Mabel, 10 8
Henson's Chapel, 11 8
Piney Grove (Watauga), 3 8
Valle Crucis, night 8
Pisgah (Avery), night 9
Pine Grove (Avery), night 10
Mt. Zion (Avery), night 11
Fairview (Avery), night 12
Minneapolis, night 13
Linville (Elk Park), 10 15
Newland, 11 15
Forest Home and Montezuma at Montezuma, 3 15
Banner Elk and Elk Park at Elk Park, night 15
Spruce Pine, 11 22

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April
Albemarle Circuit: Stony Hill, 11 3
Concord: Ann Street, 11 10
South China Grove, 7:30 10
Rowan-Rock Grove: Rowan, 11 17
Norwood, 11 24
Albemarle: First Street, 3, ... 24
Albemarle: East, Oakboro, 7:30 24
May
Bethpage-Shiloh: Shiloh, 9:45 1
Kannapolis: Memorial, 11 1
Mt. Pleasant-Cold Springs: Friendship, 3 1
Landis, 11 8
Concord Circuit: Mt. Carmel, 3 8
Friendship-Tabernacle: Friendship, 7:30 8
Norwood Circuit: Randall's, 11 15
New London Circuit: Bethany, 7:30 15
Salisbury: Main Street, 11 22
Long Street-Yadkin: Long Street, 7:30 22
Bethel, 11 29
Midland: Pine Bluff, 3 29

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

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April
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, RANDLEMAN, FIRST, 9:15 22
RANDOLPH COUNTY EVANGELISTIC WORKSHOP, April 24-May 1
LEXINGTON AREA EVANGELISTIC WORKSHOP, April 24-May 1
May
Ramseur-Franklinville: Franklinville, 11 1
Asheboro, Central, 7:30 1
Trinity: Trinity, 7:30 3
Thomasville, First, 7:30 4
Thomasville, Trinity-Bethel, Bethel, 7:30 5
Pleasant Grove, 11 8
Unity-Fair Grove: Unity, 7:30 8
Fairfield, 7:30 10
Thomasville Circuit: Spring Hill, 7:30 11
Randolph-Gray's: Gray's, 7:30 13
Randleman, First, 11 15
Randleman Circuit: New Salem, 3 15
Farmington: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 16
Davidson: Centenary, 7:30 17
Denton Circuit: First, 7:30 18
South Davidson: Lineberry, 7:30 19
Thomasville, Memorial, 11 22
Advance: Bailey's Chapel, 7:30 22
Greer-Mount Carmel: Mount Carmel, 7:30 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 25
Mount Vernon: Mount Pleasant, 11 29
Old Union, 3 29

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

C. N. Clark, D.S., Waynesville, N. C.

April
Bethel, 11 24
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9:30, Clyde 30

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

H. G. Allen, D.S., 898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

April
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Pilot Mountain, 9:30 26
May
Forsyth Rural Workshop 1-6
New Hope Circuit: New Hope, 11 8
New Hope Circuit: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 8
Level Cross: Rockford, 11 15
Level Cross: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 3 .. 15
Pilot Mountain: Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 11 22
Franklin Heights, Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 3:30 22
Kernersville, Main St., 11, ... 29
Kernersville Circuit: Cherry Street, 3 29
June
Surry Project Evangelistic Week 20-24
July
Yadkin Evangelistic Week 10-15

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DURHAM DISTRICT

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April
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Phillips Chapel, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 21
Yanceyville, Locust Hill, 10 24
Milton, Purley, 3 24
May
Carrboro, Orange, 11 1
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 15
Burlington, Webb Avenue, 7:30 15
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 22
Banum, Ebenezer, 3 22
Durham, Carr, 7:30 22
Graham: Graham, 11 29
Haw River, Haw River, 7:30 29

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D. S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

April
Perquimans: Woodland, 11 & 1 23
Ahoskie, 11 24
Aulander: Lewiston, 7:30 24
May
Elizabeth City, First Church, 11 (Preaching) 1
Edenton, 8 1
Elizabeth City, First Church, 7:30 (Q. C.) 2
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Williamston, 9:30 4
Kitty Hawk: Mount Zion, 11 8
South Camden: Camden, 8 8
Swan Quarter: Soule, 11 15
Mattamuskeet: Watson's Chapel, 8 15
Kinnakeet: Fair Haven, 8 17
Hatteras: Buxton, 8 18
Washington, 11 22
Bath: Bath, 4 22
Stumpy Point: Stumpy Point, 11 29
Manteo, 8 29

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Walter C. Ball, D.S., 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.

April
Sanford, Steele Street, 11 (preaching) 24
Sanford, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 24
Robbins (preaching), 7:30 24
May
Cordova: Cordova, 11 1
Rockingham, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 1
Roberdell: Green Lake, 7:30 1
St. Paul's: Barkers, 11 8
Hay Street, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 8
Wesley Heights: Gardners, 7:30 8
Biscoe: Star, 11 15
Pinebluff: Beaverdam, 3 15
Parkton: Hope Mills, 7:30 15
Laurinburg (preaching), 11 22
Laurel Hill: Tabernacle, 3 22
Rowland: Rowland, 7:30 22
Red Springs (preaching), 11 29
Stedman: Tabor, 3 or 7:30 (Time to be selected) 29

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

April
Dover: Lanes, 11 24
May
Stonewall: Bayboro, 11 1
Aurora: Campbells Creek, 7:30 1
District Conference: Epworth (Vanceboro Charge) 5
Oriental: Arapahoe, 11 8
Pikeville: Saulston, 7:30 8
Goldsboro Circuit: Salem, 11 15
Ocracoke, 7:30 18
Marshallberg, 11 22
Beaufort Circuit: Core Creek, 7:30 22
Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 28

RALEIGH DISTRICT

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April
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Union Chapel, Granville Charge, 10 22
Tar River: Trinity, 11 24
Creedmoor: Bullocks, 7:30 24
May
Raleigh: Hayes Barton, 11 1
Franklinton: Wesley's, 3 1
City Road-White Memorial: City Road, 7:30 1
Granville: Rehobeth, 11 15
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Littleton: Littleton, 11 8
Warren: Prospect, 3 8
Clark Street: Maple Creek, 3 15
Whitakers: Speight's Chapel, 7:30 15
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Enfield, 11 29
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Pembroke: Prospect, 11 8
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Wilmington, Trinity, 8 9
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Faison: Keeners, 7:30 15
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A Time for Bricks and Mortar

By J. G. PHILLIPS

The present decade will no doubt go down in Methodist history as a great day for brick and mortar. In spite of building costs and every other possible discouragement to undertaking construction projects, there has been a volume of construction which is no less than astonishing.

Need More Methodist Bricks

Truly this wave of building activity has not come before it was due. Those of you who have been working hard in the Kingdom before 1930 will remember the heroic building program back in that day, and will also remember the terrific struggle of Methodists with debts following the reverses of the early 30's. It seems to us now that it was not only individual churches which suffered from the psychological effects of the struggle to pay for buildings but that perhaps Methodism as a whole was set back farther than necessary in its attempt to keep up with current need.

Methodism Used to Lead

During the days when the Methodist church was becoming the most well distributed denomination over the entire nation it is possible that it set the pace in courageous building enterprise to meet the needs of the people. However, two circumstances prevailing at almost the same time conspired to give us a severe setback. One was the very plausible theory that the future of church life in America necessarily tended in the direction of fewer churches, but larger, and strategically located at centers of community activity. No logic ever sounded better than the logic which resulted in the abandonment of hundreds of rural churches, and in the consolidation of congregations in many of our moderate-sized and smaller cities. Anyway, logic or no logic, it happened. So when the great depression came on, we were caught in a wave of supposedly strategic retreat in the matter of providing many and easily available church and church school buildings for the use of the whole people. The great depression almost entirely put an end to building programs and the struggle with debt thereafter further delayed any considerable attempt to meet local needs.

Now See Who Is Reaching the People

When the situation is studied by cities and counties in our conference there is almost unbelievable revelation of the dramatic progress of some denominations while Methodism has been standing still or dropping backward. One could easily be convinced that Methodism has come to the period in its life history when the type of self-satisfaction which has stagnated some other denominations has taken hold. During these years when we have found many excuses for becoming a declining numerical factor in a rapidly growing population, some other churches have faced the very same circumstances and forged ahead with heroic zeal. The highest praise is due the Presbyterian and Baptist people for their progress in the past twenty years. In some places Methodism has almost exactly traded places with others as a leading numerical community force. It is hard to believe the near miracle in which we observe others doing the works in building the Kingdom which seem to us utterly impossible. It is a matter for profound gratitude that others make great progress in reaching the people when we seem to be taking a good long rest from the original task of evangelizing the continent. Only history can tell whether we have become a cool or cold and self-satisfied denomination, as happy as we need to be in trying to hold our own with the very comfortable people who now make up Methodism.

Successful "Advance" Will Help

The Advance for Christ and His Church is stirring up Methodism to exert its energies toward doing its part, along with the currently more active denominations in trying to serve the whole people. If we will make good on the home mission aims of the Advance it will no doubt mean the turning of the tide in Methodist practice in America. Even the Advance can undertake to help building projects at only a few places in each district, but it will be wonderful for the morale of our movement.

When To Build

Naturally, even when thinking of how we have been drifting, we must rejoice in the progress achieved. Many Methodist congregations have undertaken "impossible" building projects since V-J day with glorious success. Lovely churches and church school buildings stand today, many of them free of obligations, which would never have come into being except through seemingly reckless faith and daring. A good many have asked us about building programs in connection with planning adequate church school facilities. In regard to "when to build" we have been able to tell them that we do not know of a single building project which has been begun which has not pushed forward to a successful conclusion or is headed rapidly that way. On the other hand those who wait for the times to get just right, and prices to get just right, may miss their golden opportunity and find themselves facing conditions which will delay building plans for ten or fifteen years. A very good business man who is helping promote a building project in his home church stated yesterday that he thought the remainder of construction could be done for about 25% less than the work done before things began to level off and become more reasonable. Our advice to inquiries has been, "Intentional and unnecessary delay may result in losing your golden opportunity to build." Some other advice might be given by persons who know more about the possibilities of our economic future. But the people trying to carry on Christian education and public worship in wholly inadequate structures would probably believe we have a good idea. We Methodists must fact the fact that we have not built to keep up with the proportion of our own growth in membership and constituency, much less to keep up with the growth. Excuses and delays have had their day. In the daily paper this week there was the story of a minister who went out to secure $4,000 for improvements in one of his churches. According to the article, every one said it couldn't be done, because the money just wasn't to be found. He secured the money and the improvements were made. In fact the money was found in just a day or two. The people were so delighted with their preacher's coureagous effort that they gave him a new automobile to show their admiration and appreciation. Reports have just reached us of the completion, free of obligations, of a a very beautiful stone church and church school building in one of our fine small towns. Nearly everyone knew it couldn't be done, but there it is!

Building For the Church School

Naturally the reason for building inquiries coming our way is in connection with the desire to make adequate provision for Christian education. Our first suggestion at that point is that those interested send us a request (or write the Nashville Board of Education Office) for the pamphlet on "Building for Christian Education." This is gotten out by our general board and contains invaluable, time saving suggestions about building procedure in general and in particular about building for Christian Education. Naturally the standards are set pretty high, especially in regard to floor space per pupil in the departments for young children. But knowing the ideal arrangement helps and will result in coming nearer the top standard.

Our Specialist

We helped one congregation secure the personal services of the Consultant on Church school architecture from the General Board in Nashville. He could not make constant trips to any one confererence, but if you will write to him he will be able to send other materials and suggestions in addition to the pamphlet mentioned above. He is Rev. L. G. Beauchamp, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. He is the son of the late Bishop Beauchamp, and is a former Virginia neighbor of ours.

Your Own Doctor

Perhaps the architects would thank me for this, or at least not scold me. You should have your own ideas in mind about general provision for your church school before you ask your architect to provide plans for Christian education. You know your church school and its future possibilities better than anyone else in the world. So, if you are planning to build please follow out the lines of inquiry suggested above and receive the praise of a generation or two in your home community for making adequate provision for the teaching ministry of Christ in your church.

In Memoriam

BISCOE—Mrs. B. E. Hix died March 18, after a lingering illness of several months. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. James Reed of Candor. Following the funeral service in the Candor Methodist Church, of which she was a faithful member, burial was in the Candor cemetery. —A. M. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom has transferred from this temporal abode to "That house not made with hands," the spirit of our good friend and brother, S. W. Hinson, we the officials and members of the Wingate Methodist Church, and the members of the Quarterly Conference do hereby resolve as follows:

First, that we extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lula H. Hinson and the two children.

Second, that we pray God to bless and comfort them in this hour of trial, and that the noble example set by Mr. Hinson in his service and devotion to this family, his church and the community be an inspiration to those left to carry on in his stead.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be recorded with the minutes of this quarterly Conference, a copy sent to the family, and one copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—EDGAR H. NEASE, District Superintendent, McRAE CRAWFORD, Pastor, P. E. GREENE, Secretary.

FRANK ROBERTS

WEAVERVILLE—The Board of Stewards and the Board of Trustees of the Weaverville Methodist Church wish to express their appreciation of the many years of service rendered by Mr. Frank Roberts who recently departed this life. He served as an official of the Church longer than anyone since its founding and, at the time of his passing, was still a member of the Board of Trustees. During his service as a member of the Board of Stewards, Mr. Roberts collected a large portion of the funds for the Church. His energy and perseverance were a great factor in the Church's clear record of never having failed to pay all obligations. The Boards extend sympathy to the surviving family of Mr. Roberts and join with his fellow town's people in a tribute of respect to his life an memory. Mr. Roberts was 96 years old, the town's oldest citizen.—THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Weaverville Methodist Church.

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THE FAMILY GOES TO CHURCH —Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK, MAY 1-8

Forsyth Churchmen Plan Rural Workshop; Praise For A. T. Abernethy; Ormond Series Continues

FORSYTH RURAL WORKSHOP MAY 1-6

The Forsyth County Rural Workshop will be held May 1-6, with Rev. H. G. Allen, district superintendent, and Rev. R. L. Reed in charge. With revival services beginning on Sunday evening, workshop sessions will be held as follows: Monday, Lewisville; Tuesday, Crews; Wednesday, Mt. Pleasant; Thursday, Main Street Church, Kernersville; Friday, Mt. Carmel. The program begins each morning at 10 o'clock and includes devotionals, addresses on evangelism, pastoral visitation, church building, and other related subjects.

Among the speakers and leaders are the following pastors: F. W. Paschall, Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, J. E. Carroll, Mark Tuttle, J. C. Auman, W. W. Blanton, R. M. Hardee, R. V. Martin, T. G. Madison, Lester Ballard, J. A. Allen, C. M. McKinney, A. W. Wellons, R. E. Bell, E. A. Bingham, C. W. Kirby, R. D. Byrum, Cecil Heckard, R. W. McCully, and J. M. Brandon.

NEWSPAPER PRAISES ARTHUR TALMAGE ABERNETHY

In a recent issue of The Hickory Daily Record the following editorial appeared about one of Burke county's better known and widely prominent citizens. The editorial comment is fitting, appropriate and well deserved;

"The Record salutes Arthur Talmage Abernethy, of Rutherford College, for having again been designated "Poet Laureate of North Carolina."

"Recently Dr. Abernethy, whom the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized as "American Ambassador of Sunshine," received a beautiful scroll signed by Governor W. Kerr Scott, and Secretary of State Thad Eure, continuing his "Poet Laureate" tenure for another four years. It is believed that he is the only Tar Heel to be so honored.

"Dr. Abernethy is the author of more than fifty books and hundreds of poems. His life has been rich in experiences, covering as it does a brilliant career as a minister of the gospel in some of America's leading churches, and several years of newspaper work on large daily publications in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York, Milwaukee, and other cities.

"When Dr. Abernethy decided to return to his native State several years ago, he chose to settle down in the community of his birth to enjoy the sweet solace that can come to a normal man in the companionship of kinsmen and former old friends.

"Naturally, Dr. Abernethy has been overjoyed as a consequence of the many testimonials of appreciation that have come to him unsolicited. He has been made "Honorary Citizen for Life" of Charlotte, Hickory, Valdese, and Asheville. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, when he was Governor, recognized Dr. Abernethy as "Ambassador of Sunshine of North Carolina."

DISAGREES

Dear Editor:

After reading Dr. Russell Dicks' message on "God and Suffering," I feel I must express my opinion which I believe many other followers of the real truth share. Much of his sermon is true by Bible teachings, but how could a man in his position, Associate Professor in the Divinity School, Duke University, make such statements as "Actually God probably is little interested in whether we suffer or not"? In the gospel of Matt., Chap. 10, we read that not even a sparrow falls without the Father. Then again we read: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities "Heb. 4: 15. He is definitely interested in every individual, in all our "downsitting and uprising" Psalm 139. The very hairs of our head are numbered. Matt. 10.

Dr. Dicks also states he never prays "Thy will be done" at a sick bed. "Thy will be done on earth" should be the prayer of every truly born again Christian in all occasions. This is emphasized throughout the whole Bible. Would Dr. Dicks dare pray other than "Thy will be done," regardless of what relatives of the sick might think or say? It seems that if relatives of the dying were unsaved and had no hope through Christ, this would be a grand opportunity to show them the peace of trusting God always to do the right and just thing. "And we know that **all** things work together for good to them that love God" Romans 8:28. "If a man love me, he will keep my words" St. John 14:23. All things must include even death. We must remember God created all, God owns all. Why shouldn't He do just what pleases Him? "Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth." Romans 9:18 (15-23) . . . "how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33.

And the old saying, "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth," which Dr. Dicks has heard and does not believe, comes from the book of Hebrews in identical words of "the old saying" . . . "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not"? Hebrews 12:5-7.

MRS. ROLAND STOUPA.
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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

How to increase the fruits of his ministry by intelligent, skillful personal contacts. Too often ministers play the role of "God's man" in their public services and that of "Man's men" in personal relationships. The minister is always in danger of copying the conduct and speech of those with whom he associates, rather than using his social contacts to influence others by a superior manner of life. If he reacts against creating the impression of being "a saint," he is likely to make himself rediculous and to shorten his influence for good in both his public and personal ministry.

For the sake of convenience and accuracy the minister should keep three separate lists of persons who live in the parish. One list should contain the names of active members of his church. His personal service to these will consist of wise counseling and sympathetic supervision of their activities. A second list should include every inactive member of his church. These get little or no benefit from his public service, and hence require a different sort of personal care. His main responsibility here is to renew their religious faith and to enlist them in active service of the church. He can never be completely satisfied until every one on this list is transferred to the active list.

A third list will contain the name of every person in the parish who does not belong to any church. Here is his supreme evangelistic opportunity. Without an effective personal evangelism the Christian Church will ultimately die. The minister's chief, if not only opportunity to reach these persons is through personal intercourse. In most parishes this list is the largest of the three and the most difficult to serve. His duty to the persons on this list is most often the area of greatest neglect.

He who boasts of his descent boasts of that which he owes to others.—Seneca.

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EDITORIAL

Home Life in America Still Basically Sound

We have heard so much lately about the perils threatening family life in America that many of us are in danger of concluding that most homes have either failed or are on the verge of failure.

Of course, no clear-thinking persons would discount for a moment the seriousness of the situation. There are forces that are undermining the very foundations of family life. Every weapon must be used to combat these evils.

Even in the face of this situation, we believe that family life in America is still basically sound. We make this observation after a fairly wide contact with all kinds of homes—rich and poor, pretentious and humble, privileged and underprivileged; and in all kinds of places —open county, village, small town, city. We base this observation on three facts.

First, home life is still deeply rooted in the church. We admit that many homes are untouched formally by the church. Likewise too many families have only a casual contact with the church. Nevertheless, we feel that the ties between church and home are deep and strong. There is still a universal respect for the church and for Christian principles. Even seemingly indifferent parents want their children brought up in the church. They have their babies christened in the church, their sons and daughters married in the church, their last rites administered by the church. The minister is a welcome guest in practically every home in the community. The church is still a great leavening influence on family life in America. As long as this is true, the home is on a very solid foundation.

Again, the child is the center of family life. There are naturally some exceptions to this rule. However, we believe that never in human history have children been so much wanted, so deeply appreciated and so genuinely loved as they are at the moment. What painstaking care most parents are giving to their children! The self-effacing sacrifices being made by parents to give their sons and daughters larger opportunities than they had have never been more heroic or more exemplary. Moreover, in many respects parents are being led to the church and to Christ by little children. Children are not merely the center of attention, but often the center of good influence. As long as the child has such an exalted place, family life is secure.

Thirdly, there is a great deal of congeniality and happiness in the home. There are exceptions here, too. Even so, no generation has exceeded ours in its wholesome, congenial family relations. There is obviously more frankness and freedom in home life today. But there is a better understanding between parents and children and between wives and husbands, more companionship and love. We are confident the ties that bind the family together were never more real. In spite of the strain and tension and insidious forces that strike at the foundations of the home, these ties hold firmly.

We do not present this picture to discount the evils threatening our homes, or to lull anyone into a spirit of complacency. We present it only to give hope and encouragement to many who are becoming discouraged about the prospects for family life in the days ahead. We sincerely believe that home life in America is still basically sound.

With righteousness in the heart
There will be beauty in the character;
And with beauty in the character,
There will be harmony in the home.
And with harmony in the home,
There will be order in the nation.
And with order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.
—Confucius.

A Prayer Room for the United Nations

Heartening indeed is the recent announcement by Secretary General Trygve Lie that a room for meditation and prayer is to be included in the plans for the new Manhattan headquarters of the United Nations. The room, non-sectarian in character, will be open to delegates, to members of the secretariat and to visitors. Mr. Lie envisions the room as a "spiritual oasis" in the midst of confusion and divergent views which now prevail in most UN activities.

The plan for the prayer room, according to the Christian Science Monitor, grows out of two considerations: First, the deep feeling of many top figures in the secretariat that reliance should be placed in divine guidance in UN affairs; second, the receipt of hundreds of letters weekly from all parts of the world asking that UN meetings be opened with prayer or with some expression of the recognition of a Supreme Being.

Now, the mere presence of a prayer room in the United Nations headquarters will not automatically bring peace out of the discord that prevails at the moment. It is, however, a step in the right direction. We put far more faith in prayer than we do in power politics and chicanery and blind nationalism and bristling militarism. These lead inevitably to war. Sincere prayer that seeks divine guidance and follows divine leadership must inevitably lead to peace. We believe that if the representatives at the United Nations honestly and humbly seek divine guidance in UN affairs they can find a peaceful solution to the bewildering problems that divide the human family.

Of course, it is not enough for the delegates and the members of the secretariat of the United Nations to pray. There must be a prayer room in the homes of the people represented in the United Nations. The people back home must likewise seek divine guidance. They must be willing to follow the divine will even when it means giving up special rights and privileges in favor of the common good and sharing with less fortunate people in other lands.

All lovers of peace should take heart in Mr. Lie's decision. Man cannot solve the problems he has created. God, however, can show man how to solve them. Perhaps a prayer room in the United Nations will give God a chance.

The effectiveness of the prayer room will be determined by the sincerity of the prayers of the people in the UN headquarters and the people back home.

Home Builders Are World Builders

By J. T. GREENE*

The basis of our democratic system is the doctrine of natural rights which, as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, espouses the right of every individual to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

While it might be a bit inaccurate to call western civilization a truly democratic civilization, it is entirely accurate to say that the quality of western civilization can be measured by the degree to which the spiritual ideals of democracy have found expression in our laws, institutions, social practices, and patterns of family and community living.

It is wholly rational, therefore, that we should be duly alarmed at any trend of events which poses a grave threat to these basic concepts of life. There is nothing in any totalitarian ideology, whether of the Nazi, Fascist, or Communist pattern, which promises to safeguard these "inalienable rights."

Our problem resolves itself into finding an effective strategy for combatting those vicious philosophies of life and government which threaten the life and liberty of the peoples of the world.

I think we have a clue to the situation when we realize that these ideals, ideas, and concepts of rights and justice, or the ideology of democracy, have their rootage in and derive their fundamental meaning from experiences within the family circle. Educators today, both secular and religious, are stressing this fact. Psychiatrists, mental hygienists, and counselors in general are all finding that early childhood experiences are most crucial in the development of the personality, character, emotional make-up, and philosophy of life of an individual. Moreover, they also hold that the best preparation for living in a democratic society is through the training one gets in a normal, stable, wholesome family atmosphere. Consequently, it cannot be stressed too strongly that the home is basic to society, that it is the training ground for democratic living and democratic government, and that it is, indeed, the veritable mainspring of western civilization.

It is for this reason that our Protestant Church leaders have selected as the theme for National Family Week this year, "Home Builders are World Builders." They now recognize clearly that as the home goes today, so goes the world of tomorrow. Many illustrations of this changing emphasis on the part of religious and educational leaders could be cited. One or two will suffice. Dr. Samuel Hamilton, professor of education in New York University, at the Conference on Church and Home in a Disordered World, held at Cincinnati last November, in an address entitled "The Family, the Center of Religious Education," asserted that no education is really effective unless it is centered in the home, and that the only way the home itself can survive the "sickness" from which it suffers today is for it to become the center of a vital Christian educational program. Religion, or other social ideals and moral attitudes, according to this view, cannot be "taught" in Sunday School class rooms, in the pulpit, or in the public school, unless it has first been "caught" through the contagious atmosphere of a truly democratic and Christian home. Since children "catch" most from those who have most prestige it is natural that father and mother should exert the predominant influence in the development of the child's character and religious ideals.

As we seek to combat the perilous evils around us and as we seek to build a better world do we not begin with the home—strengthening its foundations and preparing its members for creative, victorious, Christian living?

In fact, Dr. Hamilton even went so far as to state that he doubted whether one could truly worship as an adult who had not as an infant looked up into the face of a mother who loved him. Another speaker, Dr. T. T. Swearington, of the Disciples of Christ denomination, said it in this very concise manner: "We learn only from people we live with and know; we learn only what they know and feel." Since a child lives with and knows most intimately his parents or parental substitutes, what they know and feel becomes, inevitably, a part of the very warp and woof of his character and personality. Later training may alter but will hardly change fundamentally, the basic pattern.

This shift of emphasis in education and character training makes the ancient proverb, "as the twig is bent, so shall it grow," something more than a time-honored aphorism. Indeed, such views are based on numbers of studies, observations, and surveys made over a number of years. One such survey, for instance, reported by one of our prominent religious educators, disclosed that children's knowledge of right and wrong comes predominantly from parents, with parents scoring higher in this respect than all other influences combined, such as children's friends, club leaders, public school teachers, and Sunday school teachers.

Such facts have tremendous implications for education, both religious and secular. For, both our traditional religious educational procedures and our secular educational programs have failed to achieve the results for which they were designed. Nathan Hale, Horace Mann, and other pioneer educators of Colonial America believed that if we could put a public school in every community, jails and penitentiaries would become extinct. Our early religious educators were equally naive in believing that the truths and ideals of religion could be successfully taught through the curriculum of the Sunday school. Time has proved that both were wrong. The Sunday school, the church, and the public school must now be regarded as playing a supportive role to the home rather than the other way around. It will be difficult for some of our educators to recognize the necessity of a completely changed procedure in the training of our children and youth for the responsibilities of citizenship and of Christian living. However, at the top levels of thought on this matter there is no difference of opinion. Education, both on the church and school levels, must become family-centered if it is to be effective. Space does not permit a presentation of methods for implementing this approach.

The rediscovery of this strategic role of parents in the lost art of child-training is long overdue and presents parents with a challenging opportunity. Too many modern parents have become victims of a philosophy of futility and defeatism so far as child guidance is concerned. Having been told for so long that the child must not be given much guidance, that he must not be repressed or inhibited in any way, and that the parent must sit on the side lines and merely observe the drama of the child's development, parents have been prone to neglect their role of guiding the child in the development of his personality and character. Now reassured that they do hold the balance of power in molding the pattern of their children's lives, that childhood is still to be regarded as the most formative period in one's life, that children learn faster than at any other age, and especially that first and early experiences are most lasting in their influence, parents will, it is hoped once again look upon parenthood and home making as the greatest of all careers. Thus they will be in position to determine not only the pattern of the personality and character of their children but the pattern and destiny of the world of tomorrow.

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The Second Commitment Day

By Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker*

What were the results of of the second Commitment Day? One of the leaders of the movement gives the answer.

Methodism's second church-wide "Call to the colors" was a great event. Commitment to "abstinence" and "a good example" captured the imagination, and laid hold on the wills, of multiplied hundreds of thousands of Methodists the first Sunday of Lent. Very many churches dramatized the day in striking fashion. Some of the experiences were most unusual and soul-shaking. It can truly be said, that this observance of a deeply meaningful day marks another significant milestone in the New Methodist Temperance Advance Movement, which had its beginning late in 1945.

Since December of that year, our people have come a long way. The gains have been great. Yet there is still ahead of us "a long, long road a winding." A very long one indeed. We have gone far enough to be heartened; yet, not nearly far enough to be complacent.

In doing again "the first works" we are getting down to the roots of the matter. There can be no mighty movement toward answering the gigantic questions all snarled up in the manufacture, distribution, and use of alcoholic beverages, until a vast company of Americans see clearly the reasons for and the values of abstinence. The moral aspects must be sensed; the religious involvements must be understood. The mind of the Master must be brought to bear on the total liquor situation. The starting point is abstinence. A study of the history of the fight against Old King Alcohol brings that out crystal clear. Be not deceived. Let no one tell you that Commitment is a little thing.

We have not received complete figures from the whole Church concerning what happened on March 6th. It is extremely difficult to get such data. It takes a long time. As a rule, many reports cannot be "pulled in" to headquarters, even after two or three special appeals have been made. Such is a general experience in every denomination-wide special day or endeavor. Hence, we did not make the attempt. But all of us do want to know as much as we can about results.

The day was widely observed. This year there was less open or subtle opposition to its presentation. Few preachers, this year, encountered the off-hand, and seemingly casual expression: "Better let it alone preacher." Some laymen who voiced some such an attitude in 1948, actually took an about face and said: "Preacher, things are getting so bad, you had better lay it on the line Commitment Day. Go the limit." Now, this did not mean in the situations reported that the preacher was being encouraged to do or say things that would assault or insult. It is not necessary to raise a ruction, while making an earnest, persuasive, appeal for abstinence. Our preachers found that out again this year. Very many of them learned it last year.

In some churches the Day was observed more or less perfunctorily. This group was about 25%. In some churches the Day went unnoticed, sad to say. Apparently, about 20% of the charges were in this lamented company. Next year many of them will move out and up. But here is the cheering note—considerably more than 60% of the Churches of American Methodism observed the day vigorously, and wisely. About 2,000,000 Commitment Day Cards were sent from Chicago by the Service Department. Approximately the same number of Week of Dedication Envelopes were also sent out at the same time by the Service Department of the World Service Agencies. Many churches stated that they were using cards left over from last year's Commitment and hence, were ordering fewer than would otherwise have been the case. Some printed their own. Some printed the Commitment Pledge in their Bulletins. The large Virginia Conference observed the day early in January and created its own pledge cards.

Orders are still coming in to the Service Department, as many churches are observing the day late in March or early in April. Some after Easter. It is probable that the entire 2,500,000 printing for this year will be called for between now and June 1st. One year ago the signers numbered between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000. It seems that over 650,000 climbed up to join them this year. That means more than 1,750,000 Methodist men and women, boys and girls, have consecrated themselves to travel the high way. On the first Sunday of Lent 1950 their number will go beyond 2,000,000. God be praised!

Commitment Day is bound to be more intensively and extensively observed year by year. Not many conscientious preachers are willing, persistenly, to disregard, or to treat lightly, a day set aside by the General Conference for Church-wide Commitment to sobriety and a good example.

But more than a mandate from the General Conference has been motivating preachers and a very large number of our lay people. Moral imperatives are again emerging into full consciousness in the minds and hearts of a multitude of Methodists. The ethical values involved in the total liquor situation are again becoming clear, and conscience is once more getting a chance. We are coming alive to our tremendous responsibilities. Many a man is becoming convicted of sin—the sin of omission. He is seeing himself as God sees him—as one who is indifferent to the total protection and well-being of the children of earth.

More than one preacher has been remembering words out of his ordination: "If it shall happen that the Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know how great the fault." And remembering, has said to himself: "And ah! my soul, some might not have taken hurt or hindrance had I been alert as a faithful watchman on the tower to which God and the Church assigned me." Repentance has been coming to the House of our God. We are beginning to do the first works.

More and more shall we be giving ourselves as a mighty Church to teaching the facts about the great destroyer. Already plans are in the making for a greater observance of Commitment Day in 1950 than in 1948 and 1949. It can be done. With God's guidance and help it shall be done.

One pastor tells this story: "About two o'clock Sunday afternoon my phone rang. I recognized the voice of one of the successful men of my church. He said, 'Doctor, I am coming over to your study. I want one of those cards. I did not sign this morning. But Bill and Mary said that they had signed (Bill is 13, Mary is 15). I think what they did is good for them. I believe it will help them, when they learn that I, too, have taken the same stand.' " Children still do lead their elders.

Read now a short, short letter from a very little church. The pastor writes in humble vein: "I am sure it would interest you to know that our little country church observed Commitment Day, Sunday, March 6th. There were 64 present; 63 signed the cards. Our church is now a Station. Just five months old. Do you not think we are begining to walk? Certainly we are out of our swaddling clothes."

Ten days after Commitment Day, a member of The Board of Temperance told me a very wonderful experience in his city church of 1500 members. He had his people come down the aisles of the Sanctuary to deposit the signed Commitment Cards on the sacred Sacramental Table. More than two-thirds of his great congregation responded to his challenging and dramatic appeal and laid their cards on the Lord's Table. The day of glorious deeds is not done. It is just begun. Our golden age is not yesterday. It is to be tomorrow.

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Home Meets Needs of Aged; Family Week Program To Be Broadcast; Report on Dedication Offering

" A SYMPHONY OF POWER AND JOY"

By Reid Wall

The four big motors roared a symphony of power as the plane soared above the harbor and turned to the rising sun. The young woman in the forward seat hummed a tune of joy as she returned to her other home, to the friends who awaited her in the mission station. It had been hard to say goodbye to her father and mother. It would have been impossible. But they had been so thrilled and happy over their new home in The Methodist Home in Charlotte.

The Methodist Home will not only give security, tender care and abundant life to these two aged people who have given a daughter to the foreign missionary enterprise. It also releases the daughter to go. Her return had been in doubt. They could not care for their home any more. If one of them became ill, the other could not have carried the extra load. Then the Superintendent of their Church Home came with the assurance that there was a place for them.

The Methodist Home not only ministers to old people. It releases many younger people for useful service in the Church and community that would be impossible with the care of an aged loved one.

Life Long Security

From all over the Conference the pleas are coming into the Home. There is a lady in a mountain city who lives alone in a tiny cottage in a flower garden. She sold her big home on the hill to pay the expenses of her husband's long illness. She is a woman of culture, very faithful to attend the services of her church. There is a place for her in her Methodist Home. And, should she suffer a long final illness there will be no debt. She will be in the care of her Church. The excellent cooperation of the County Welfare Departments with the efficient well-equipped Home for the Aged makes this security possible.

Strength to the Home that Gives Security

After brilliant careers in Education and Medicine they retired to their beautiful country home in the grove on the hill. Pleasant is the view across the valley, and the broad lawn and flower garden have been their pride and joy. The house and outbuildings gleam with new paint. The cost and care of such a place is more than old folks can bear. They, too, need a home. Will it be a nursing home in some old residence, or the Home of the Church they have served so nobly? They can add real strength to the Home that gives them security. They need our Methodist Home and our Home needs them.

She Stayed at Home

She stayed at home. There were brothers and sisters to care for. Then a mother needed her constant attendance, and finally the father lingered on for many years after he was stricken. She never knew the thrill of a career. She has no home nor money, yet she knows the deep satisfaction of a life well spent in genuine service. She cannot care for others any longer, but she will know the loving care of her Church all the rest of the way.

Will We Keep Building?

From all over our Conference these honored veterans of Christians service look to us for security in their sunset years. We must not fail them. The number of applicants is large, much larger than we can care for in the second unit to be opened about June 1st. We must continue to build. The plans for Group I of the Methodist Home call for three units. In 1946 the Western North Carolina Conference set out to raise $750,000 to build this Group. In 1947 nearly a quarter of a million dollars was raised. In 1948 the churches contributed $110,316. The need was so evident the building was carried on. Now we need approximately $125,000 to finish paying for the second unit. If the response matches that of the first year, 1947, we will have good reason to believe that the third unit can be started soon. Many churches are going to finish their suggested goal of three times their World Service Acceptance of 1946. A church with a suggested goal of $1,500 had given only $400 during the first two years. This year with an energetic and capable pastor's leadership the stewards put $1,100 in their budget for the building of their Home for the Aged. If there can be a wholehearted movement in this direction, the completion of the first group of buildings will be assured.

We All Have a Stake in This Home

We are all growing older. Not one of us is as young as we were last year. We are growing older as a population. Twenty years ago our country had 4,000,000 people 65 years of age and older. Today there are 11,000,000. Twenty years hence the estimate is 20,000,000. We are adding years to life. Will we add life to years?

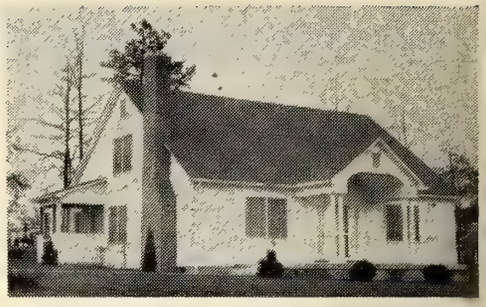
Next Week: "Adding Life to Years"—The Service of the Methodist Home.

MANY RADIO STATIONS IN STATE TO BROADCAST FAMILY WEEK PROGRAMS

ALL GOOD THINGS BEGIN AT HOME is the title of a special series of six dramatic programs which will be broadcast over 55 North Carolina stations. These broadcasts which deal with specific problems in living together in the family as preparation for living together in the world are being broadcast as public service projects by more than a thousand stations in the United States and Canada as part of the observance of National Family Week, May 1-8. The programs are prepared under the auspices of The Upper Room, the world's most widely used devotional guide, and are written and produced by Carlton E. Morse, best known to local radio listeners as the writer and producer of "One Man's Family."

Facing squarely some of the problems than confront families today, this series is frankly and positively Christian in viewpoint but in accordance with the ideals of The Upper room is strictly non-denominational in character. The titles of the episodes indicate the nature of the broadcasts which are created in dramatic style: "Democracy Begins at Home," "Question of the Family Car," "High Finance on a Low Income," "Home Builders are World Builders," "Families That Play Together Stay Together," "Families That Worship Together Stay Together."

It is believed that no other radio program of a religious character has ever won the public service acceptance of so many radio stations. To date, 1,094 stations in the United States have accepted this series. It is also to be available for use as a teaching program in churches and church schools.



Pictured above is the new parsonage at Valdese, occupied by Rev. M. W. Heckard and family. Work was begun last May, and the 7-room structure was completed in September. Modern in every respect, the parsonage is equipped completely with new furnishings. There is also a new garage, and the grounds have been landscaped. Total cost of the project was $16,600.

CHURCHES URGED TO SEND IN DEDICATION OFFERING

By E. Harold Mohn

The church eagerly awaits news about the financial returns of our recent Week of Dedication. The Advance office is just as anxious to release these reports and urges upon all pastors and district superintendents their prompt cooperation in sending information to 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill.

Very few district reports are complete. As of April 14, 227 district superintendents reported that 7,643 of their churches held Week of Dedication services and that 7,385 of these received offerings that total $415,-106. To this date, we have received $198,-054.99 in remittances.

There is yet time for many churches to receive a "Dedication" offering. We are informed that the offering part of the Week of Dedication has been deferred in many districts and conferences until Easter or later. Surely, every Methodist church ought to give its people at least the opportunity to make a free-will offering in behalf of missionary projects at home and abroad which have absolutely no other provision for them except this offering.

In their behalf, we implore all congregations not yet participating to receive and send in such an offering of dedication as soon as possible. The average offering has been $56.17 per church. We have 41,-000 churches. How many will report?

All that is asked is that the people of each congregation be granted an opportunity to make a free-will offering as the Spirit of Christ may prompt them. Surely every church will do that much.

This is our first test of the united strength of the Advance movement. The answer is in the hands of 41,000 churches, 21,000 pastors, 570 district superintendents, and all the rest of us. We pray for a complete victory and believe that Methodism will achieve it for Christ and His Church.

When Christ's people are given the chance, they have a mind to give. It never fails among Methodists.

WORKERS FOR INDIA NEEDED

A call for 50 young men and women to give three years of service each in India or Pakistan, in educational, pastoral, medical, nursing, relief, or in technical services to "newly freed peoples," has been issued by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. The call asked for men and women, unmarried, between 21 and 28 years of age, college trained, active members of some church (not necessarily Methodist), and with recommendations as to their Christian character and desire to serve others.

—News Release—Board of Missions

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

BORN: To Rev. and Mrs. John D. Robinson of Cary, a daughter, Margaret Joy, on April 16, 1949.

REV. JULIAN LINDSEY of Gibsonville attended a seminar on the United Nations in Washington, D. C., April 27-29.

BORN: To Rev. and Mrs. Herbert M. Jamieson of Hallsboro, a daughter, Susan Lee, on Easter morning.

REV. B. H. HOUSTON of Weldon is in Duke Hospital where he is recovering from a major operation.

CRAMER MEMORIAL CHURCH, Cramerton, had 31 persons to join the church on Easter Sunday, following successful evangelistic services.

REV. RUSSELL H. CAUDILL of Leland will be the preacher in revival services at the Wananish church on the Hallsboro charge May 1-6.

REV. T. R. JENKINS, pastor of Ann Street church, Beaufort, received 40 persons into the church and christened 15 children on Easter. The offering totaled $698.

REV. J. C. STOKES of Maiden was the speaker in the annual Youth Crusade Week sponsored by the Charlotte MYF sub-district held at Calvary Church, Charlotte, April 17-22.

DR. A. J. HOBBS, superintendent of the Rocky Mount district, represented the North Carolina Conference in a seminar on international affairs at Washington April 26-28. The meeting was attended by 92 ministers from 38 states and is under the auspices of the Methodist Church.

THE RUTH KALE Bible Class, made up of young women in Trinity church, Kannapolis, is the first group to adopt a class mother in the Methodist Home. It is expected that many other groups in the Western North Carolina Conference will be adopting class mothers and fathers in the Methodist Home.

BROAD STREET CHURCH, Statesville, held a Christian Family Institute last week with Mrs. E. H. Ould of Roanoke, Va., as the leader. The institute included a parents' class, youth conferences, evening lectures, and morning devotions over the radio by Rev. E. H. Lowman, pastor of Monticello-Rose Chapel churches near Statesville.

THE HAYWOOD COUNTY MYF subdistrict led a special Easter sunrise service around the cross at Lake Junaluska, using as the theme "Christ Living in Men." With 300 persons present, young people of the Waynesville high school led the singing, and young people from First Church, Canton, the Rockwood charge, the Morning Star charge, Clyde and Bethel, depicted how Christ has lived in Paul, Luther, Wesley and Albert Schweitzer.

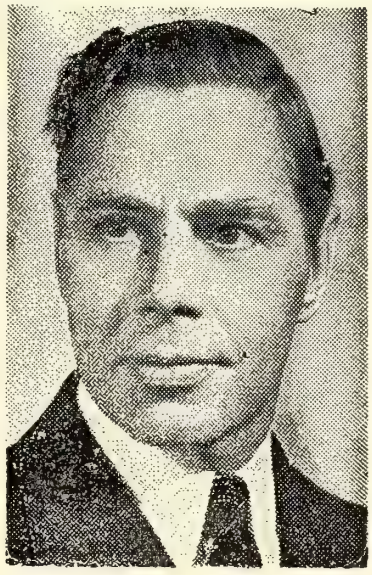
REV. AND MRS. O. C. MELTON have moved into the new modern brick parsonage just completed by the people of the Mamers Charge. The present structure was erected to replace the building which was destroyed by fire last November. Three days after the fire, excavation for the new parsonage was begun, and the work moved along at a rapid pace. The building, consisting of seven rooms, has a complete basement, with a central heating system and is equipped throughout with new furnishings.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Goldsboro, received 54 new members on Easter, making 84 for the year, and had an offering that totaled $1,164.

REV. EUGENE A. LAMB, pastor, dedicated 150 Methodist hymnals and flower stands at Friendship Church, Fallston Charge on Easter Sunday.

MISS BETTIE BRITTINGHAM, editor of "The Methodist Woman," is critically ill at Postgraduate Hospital, 303 East 20th Street, New York City.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. SIDES, JR., of the Pleasant Grove Church, Thomasville District, announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Sue, on April 16th.



DR. KENNETH W. CLARK, above, professor of New Testament in the Duke Divinity School, will leave Durham this summer to become professor at the Jerusalem School in Palestine for the academic year 1949-1950. Appointed by the American Schools of Oriental Research, Dr. Clark will lecture this summer at the University of Manchester in England and at Bangor, North Wales. On sabbatical leave, he will return to Duke in September 1950.

REV. J. H. BRENDALL, pastor, received 57 new members in Central church, Kings Mountain, on Easter, the result of personal visitation by the pastor and Mrs. Brendall. This is an all-time record for the church, and the entire congregation was blessed by the victorious service held on Easter.

BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY of the Oregon Area will be guest speaker for a preaching mission at First Church, Asheboro, May 8-13, with two services on Sunday and one each evening during the week. Rev. R. William McCulley, pastor of Mt. Tabor Church, Winston-Salem, will lead the singing.

REV. M. EARL CUNNINGHAM, director of leadership education of the General Board of Education, with reference to a recent editorial in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, on leadership training in the Western North Carolina Conference, writes that 6,081 persons took either a first or second series course in the 54 schools held in the Western North Carolina Conference during 1948. In the 17 Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction last year 49, 515 persons were enrolled in 683 schools.

REV. ROGER W. TUCKER, pastor of West End Church, Greensboro, assisted Rev. W. R. Crowder at Epworth Church on the Vanceboro charge recently in revival services. Seven new members were received.

REV. O. L. HARDWICK of Elizabethtown has been elected business manager of the Wilmington District Methodist Youth Center at Wrightsville Beach. A youth program at the center begins June 13 and closes September 6.

BETHPAGE CHURCH, Kannapolis, is completing an educational building at a cost of $35,000. Shiloh church on the same charge recently closed a successful revival with 14 persons receiving baptism. Rev. Ray M. Alber is pastor.

REV. A. L. CHAPLIN, pastor of Mt. Olive Church, received 25 new members and baptized five infants on Easter. The Choir, with Paul Patten directing and Mrs. W. J. Flowers organist, before the largest audience ever seen in the Church, presented the cantata "The Living Lord."

ST. PAUL CHURCH, DURHAM, is planning an annual school of missions to be held May 1-5, with Mrs. E. L. Hillman, dean. Courses offered include "Growth of the Spiritual Life," taught by Rev. Leon Couch, pastor; "Mission Study of the Rural Church," taught by Rev. C. G. McCarver; "Parliamentary Procedure," taught by Mrs. A. H. Borland; and "The Local Church and the Global Gospel," taught by Mrs. Hillman.

DR. AND MRS. WALT HOLCOMB of Atlanta, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Louise, to Capt. William Albert Cade, Jr., of Riverside, Cal., the wedding to take place June 3 in the Sam Jones Memorial Methodist Church, Cartersville, Ga. Miss Holcomb, a graduate of Brenau College and Peabody, is the granddaughter of Sam Jones, famous evangelist. Captain Cade is the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Cade of Ayden.

CENTRAL CHURCH, SPENCER, dedicated a public address and tower music system on Easter Sunday. Gift of the Gertrude Bobbitt circle, the system consists of an automatic record player and amplifier of bells and chimes. It may be played from the organ and heard from a distance of several miles. The church has also recently carried out a complete repair and renovation program, consisting of a new roof, painting outside and inside, improved lighting and the refurnishing of the church kitchen and church school rooms. Approximately $10,000 has been spent in the repair program.

DR. S. A. MAXWELL of First Church, Oxford, in June will receive an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. In notifying Dr. Maxwell of the honor, President McPheeters said: "It is a pleasure for me to convey to you the information that the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary has voted unanimously to confer upon you the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. We are delighted that this honor comes to you as the first graduate of the seminary on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of your graduation. We feel that we are honoring ourselves as well as you in this regard. We rejoice in the success which has come to your work and pray that your ministry may continue to be one of enlargement, as it has been during the past twenty-five years."

Thomasville Church Raises Over $300,000; Garber Discusses Trial of Bulgarian Church Leaders

THOMASVILLE CHURCH TO BEGIN BUILDING SOON

A successful financial campaign climaxed on Easter Sunday has enabled the congregation of Memorial church, Thomasville, to proceed at once with plans to erect a new church, according to Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor. Actual construction of the new building is expected to get under way early in July. It is expected that the new building will be completed by September 1, 1950.

With a slogan, "Build the Church," and with a committee headed by Tom A. Finch, members of the church contributed in cash and pledges in a campaign that began on April 3 more than $300,000. Added to $143,000 already on hand, the congregation plans to erect a building that, when completely furnished, will cost approximately $500,000. Tentative plans for the new structure have been drawn by Marvin W. Helms of Charlotte.

Months of planning and cultivation went into the campaign. In the actual campaign 90 workers visited the entire membership and secured pledges from 85 per cent of the 1,200 members.

Members of the building finance committee, in addition to Chairman Finch, include John Perry, Robert C. Rapp, Fred B. Gray, Joe Johnson, Jesse Finch, Harry Curlee, Austin Elliot, M. L. Bales, George D. Finch, J. Walter Lambeth, J. F. Garner, Harry B. Finch, Julius Green, Mrs. Helen M. Lambeth, Mrs. E. I. Earnhardt, and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson.

George D. Finch is chairman of the building committee.

Memorial church is the result of a merger on May 7, 1947, of Main Street church and Community church. The merger was directed by Rev. George B. Clemmer, district superintendent, and the pastors, Rev. Reid Wall of Main Street church and Rev. Karl Koestline of Community church.

GARBER COMMENTS ON TRIAL OF BULGARIAN METHODIST LEADERS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Geneva Area of The Methodist Church describes the recent trial of Protestant leaders in Bulgaria as a personal tragedy in a communique recently received here.

In a special dispatch to CONCERN, weekly newspaper of the Methodist Youth Fellowship published here, which appears in the April 22 edition, Bishop Garber says:

"To me the trial of the Bulgarian Protestant leaders is a personal tragedy for I know many of the preachers who are now in prison. I was a guest in the home of Superintendent Yanko N. Ivanoff. I appointed Zdravko Bezloff, a young man 27 years old, as pastor of the largest church in Sofia. I heard Aleksander Georgieff give his valedictory address to the Bulgarian Annual Conference, when he was superannuated, after 50 years of faithful service as a Methodist preacher in Bulgaria.

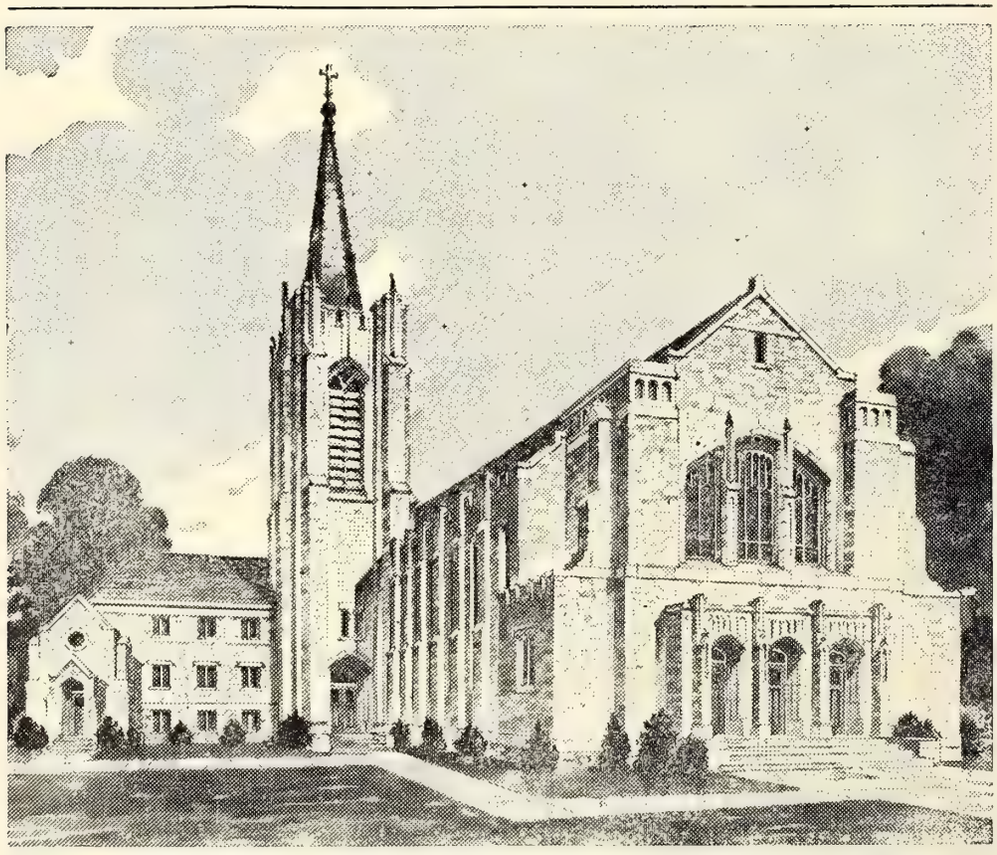
(Superintendent Ivanoff has been sentenced to life imprisonment; Rev. Mr. Bezloff is imprisoned for 15 years; and Rev. Mr. Georgieff, sentenced to one year in prison, is now released on parole.)

"These Methodist preachers were not guilty of treason and other charges made against them. The basic reason for their persecution is that they had refused to endorse the Communist regime in Bulgaria. These men were chosen for arrest because they held places of leadership in Bulgarian Methodism. Ivanoff was superintendent, Bezloff was pastor of the largest Methodist church, and Georgieff, after superannuation, had begun to organize new Methodist societies in different parts of Bulgaria. These preachers would have been released after arrest had they agreed to endorse the Communist regime. They refused to do so, and then, after months of imprisonment and torture, forced confessions were secured from them. It required, however, many months before such confessions could be obtained even under duress."

In his article Bishop Garber also spoke of "a most active" Methodist Youth Fellowship in Bulgaria. He told of meeting with about 500 Bulgarian youth at an Annual Conference youth session, describing them as being, not Communists, but "just normal Methodist youth," who are very much interested in America.

Bishop Garber wrote that he is learning daily that persecutions of Christians can happen even in the Twentieth Century. He expressed happiness over the fact that even in difficult places for Christian activity there are young people who continue their Christian witness when secular and material forces seem temporarily to overwhelm them.

Bishop Garber, a native of Virginia and former Dean of the Divinity School at Duke University, was elected to the Methodist episcopacy and assigned to the Geneva Area in 1944. He was reassigned to this area by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, which met in Columbia, S. C., last July. Bishop Garber is charged with the supervision of activities of The Methodist Church in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Italy, Jugoslavia, Madeira Island, Algeria, Tunisia, Poland, Switzerland and Spain.



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH, MEMORIAL CHURCH, THOMASVILLE

LAST RITES HELD FOR PVT. GEORGE E. HUMPHREYS

Funeral services for Pvt. George E. Humphreys, 20, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. I. Humphreys of High Point College, were conducted from the home of his parents, 821 West College Drive, High Point, Monday, April 11, with Rev. M. A. Kidder, former chaplain, and Rev. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of First Church, High Point, in charge.

Born November 29, 1923, Pvt. Humphreys was killed November 25, 1944, just four days before his twenty-first birthday. He saw service in France, Normandy, Brittany and Germany. A member of the fighting 29th Division of the First Army, his division was awarded three battle stars.

Pvt. Humphreys attended public school in High Point, and was quite active in student affairs. Popular among students, he served as president of the student body both in junior and senior high school. He was a junior at High Point College when he was called into service.

Chaplain Kidder, who was in charge of the service, was with young Humphreys throughout the campaign in Europe, and was with him at the time he was killed.

Surviving are the parents; four sisters, Miss Nell Humphreys and Miss Charlene Humphreys of High Point, Mrs. Ralph Cross of Garrett Park, Md., and Mrs. E. P. Mahoney of Annapolis, Md.; two brothers, Curtis G. Humphreys and G. I. Humphreys, Jr., of Tampa, Fla.

Burial was in Guilford Memorial Mausoleum.

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Fayetteville, Gastonia District Conferences Report Gains; Whittier Methodists Open New Church

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By G. S. Eubank

The Fayetteville district conference met in the Methodist church at Robbins on April 20, with Rev. W. C. Ball, district superintendent, in charge.

There were many highlights throughout the day's activities. The reports from the pastors and the charges indicate that the Advance has begun on the Fayetteville district. There were reports of many new churches and parsonages under construction. The charges reported 649 persons received into the church since Conference. More than half of the charges reported 50 per cent or more of the budget items paid. There has been paid on World Service, $11,736; Camp Don-Lee, $1,716; Overseas Relief, $2,401; and Week of Dedication, $1,988. It was also reported that the Fayetteville district leads all other districts in the State in new and renewal subscriptions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate with a total of 790 this conference year.

The conference heard reports on evangelism, temperance, Christian education, woman's work, Golden Cross, and Missions. Rev. Virgil Queen spoke of plans for subdistrict Advance meetings at Sanford, Rockingham, and Fayetteville.

Rev. Cecil Robbins represented the North Carolina Christian Advocate; Rev. A. L. Thompson, the board of hospitals and homes; Dr. Luther Gobbel, Greensboro College; and Dr. Samuel Holton, Louisburg College.

Rev. L. C. Larkin, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, conducted the afternoon devotional. He introduced five children from the orphanage and each made a contribution to the service.

The inspirational highlight of the day was the sermon delivered by Dr. Eugene C. Few, pastor of West Market Street church, Greensboro. He spoke on "Forgiveness of Sin."

W. E. Horner, district lay leader, led a discussion on relocating the district parsonage. The district superintendent was authorized to appoint a committee to study the situation and submit a report to the 1950 district conference. A motion was also adopted authorizing the district trustees to sell, at their discretion, the present district parsonage, providing suitable rental arrangements were made for a home for the district superintendent until permanent location is authorized by the conference.

During the lunch hour the members of the large congregation were guests of the host church.

The 1950 session of the district conference will be held at Troy.

GASTONIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By D. L. Stubbs

The Gastonia district conference met at the Cherryville church April 19, with Dr. W. A. Stanbury, district superintendent, in charge of the program. The conference was opened with a devotional led by Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Jr., of McAdenville.

The reports of the various committees, representing evangelism, missions, pastors, Christian education, revealed the following facts: Received on profession of faith since annual conference, 436; received otherwise, 445; Week of Dedication offering amounted to $2,839; the increase in church school enrollment since annual conference is 745; 22 churches or charges have accepted mission specials, varying in amounts from $50 to $2,100, and totaling $7,575; pastors' salaries, World Service giving, and conference askings are well in excess of the halfway mark. With 43 charges in the district, 27 have raised the pastors' salaries from $100 to $800, making a total increase of $8,725.

The conference sermon was delivered by Dr. E. H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte district. Dr. Nease used the subject handed him: "Methodists Advancing," reminding the congregation that knowledge of God is essential in order to advance. He also spoke at length on the different phases of the Advance program, namely, Our Faith, Our Christ, Our Ministry, and Our Church.

The laymen's hour, after lunch, was presided over by Holt McPherson, district lay leader. Mr. McPherson indicated the progress made during the past year, and expressed his gratitude for the fine cooperation given him and his associates in the laymen's work during the past year.

The nominating committee submitted the following list of nominees, who were elected by a unanimous vote: district lay leader, Gordon Goodson, of the Boger City church; associate lay leaders, Gaston County, Paul Houser and P. B. Magruder; Cleveland County, Loyd Wilson, J. R. Davis and B. J. Ramseur.

The laymen's hour address was delivered by Dr. Charles E. Jordan, first vice-president of Duke University. Horace Grigg of Shelby spoke of the laymen's part in the Advance. At the request of F. C. Todd, an offering was taken for the Children's Home, amounting to $116.33.

The conference recommended Raymond Carson to the annual conference for admission on trial. It also recommended Iverson M. Brendle for elder's orders. Licenses to preach were granted to George E. Smith, James A. Carpenter, Dan P. Stowe, Lander N. Beal and Raymond Lee Wilkinson. The conference also renewed the licenses and passed upon the characters of the following: Rev. John Kendrick, Mrs. Isabell Nimon, Ben Stamey, Daniel Sain, Harry S. Tausch, Rev. Ray Branton, Newell C. Bush, James H. Coleman, Ralph E. Kaylor, George W. Barnard, Kelly Dixon, Everett Freeman and Luther P. Heafner.

Rev. L. R. Spencer and Rev. R. C. Goforth spoke on the Advance Specials; Rev. D. L. Stubbs represented youth work; Rev. M. C. Reese and Rev. Rollin Gibbs, adult work; George Hoyle represented the district trustees; and Mrs. R. C. Nimon, the Woman's Society of Christian Service. All causes of the church were represented.

The 1950 district conference will meet at Dallas.

WHITTIER CONGREGATION OCCUPIES NEW BUILDING

The formal opening of the new Whittier Methodist Church took place recently with Rev. O. E. Thorne, pastor, in charge, and with Rev. R. L. Young of Waynesville, former pastor, bringing the message.

The building fund for the new church was begun in 1941 during the pastorate of Rev. W. E. Andrews, now a missionary in Brazil. It was continued under the direction of Rev. R. L. Young, and the building of the church completed under the leadership of Rev. O. E. Thorne.

Built at a cost of approximately $33,000, the church is of native stone. The sanctuary seats 250 persons. There are ten memorial windows in the sanctuary and the vestibule. The building has four classrooms downstairs, and a parsonage apartment consisting of six rooms and a bath upstairs. The entire building is heated by gas, with floor furnaces in the sanctuary and space heaters in all the rooms.

Funds for the project were received as follows: from Methodist Church Boards, $2,500; from Duke Endowment, $3,750; from local contributions, $24,717. Only about $2,000 is needed to complete the building and to secure additional furniture for the church.



WHITTIER METHODIST CHURCH

Youth Raising Funds for Camp Don-Lee Buildings; Reminder of Programs for the Months Ahead

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

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YOUTHFUL SALESMEN

The young people of the North Carolina Conference are undertaking a selling job which we hope is going to meet with the finest cooperation. This is the first time we have given youth a good chance to help themselves in building Camp Don-Lee. In the district youth rallies the young people from each pastoral charge are being given a package of souvenir certificates, mostly in the $1 denomination, to sell back home.

Strictly Necessary

The idea behind this program is that it is strictly necessary if we are to avoid a very unfortunate and lengthy delay in building the dining room and kitchen at our conference youth camp and assembly ground.

Influence on Youth

Think what a marvelously fine influence on our youth it will be if they get every encouragement in this venture on behalf of a great Christian program. Success in this effort could well put them on the road to a continuous and very fruitful career of service and leadership.

Most Anyone

Here is the general idea. A young person walks up to a friend and offers to sell a $1 "Certificate of Investment in Christian character for North Carolina Youth." He hands it to you and asks you to read both sides of the certificate. This is easy to do because the investment souvenir is just the size of U. S. currency and is beautifully printed on the type of paper used for important business transactions. On one side there is printed a picture of a campers' cabin just as they appear at Camp Don-Lee. Along with the picture is the statement, "The church with a future makes provision for the future of its youth."

On the other side of the certificate is the Methodist Youth Fellowship emblem with the motto, "Christ Above All." In the other top corner is the figure giving the amount of the donation, and below the figure is the statement, "This certifies that the undersigned friend of Christian youth has invested the amount inscribed above in helping to build Camp Don-Lee, on the shore of the Neuse River, near Arapahoe. At this North Carolina Conference Camp, youth will dream of and plan to achieve a New World of peace and Christian brotherhood."

Below this statement is a line for the signature of the contributor, and the idea is that he will sign his name there and keep the certificate as a souvenir of the youth camp and a reminder of his investment in it.

The idea in the caption above, "Most Anyone," is that most anyone can and will invest a dollar in this program if asked to by an earnest young person. Your encouragement and cooperation can enable our young people to play a decisive part in completing construction at this crucial time.

Larger Papers

The young people can furnish you with a $5 certificate if you will ask for one in a hurry. They only have a few, just in case people ask for them. Actually, these certificates can be had in denominations just about as you desire. Last week we delivered a $1,000 certificate and would gladly deliver more of those on any day of any week. All you have to do is speak right up. What a wonderful investment! Dividends in Christian character for youth will continue to come in right on through the years.

THOSE LOVELY PICTURES

Have you seen those beautiful movies in colors of Camp Don-Lee? They are being shown at the district youth rallies. We also have a set of 40 lovely kodachrome slides of views at the youth camp. On the last day of last month we took a chance on March going out like a lamb and went down to the camp with some young folk, and there we met a nice little crowd of young people from First Methodist, Washington; Centenary, New Bern; and from Gatesville. Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr., from Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, went down with us with a mighty array of equipment to make movies and colored slides. Rev. T. A. Collins of Gatesville met us with a movie camera to make a movie reel for circulation in the eastern portion of the conference.

The work of both these gentlemen turned out strictly first class, and anyone anywhere in the conference, who desires to arrange it, may now see just what we have at our camp while sitting right in his own living room or in his church fellowship room. The Collins pictures are now ready for circulation, and the Vick pictures will be ready for general circulation as soon as they make the rounds of the district youth rallies. Beginning May 1, these pictures are available for showing at local churches, or at charge and subdistrict youth meetings anywhere in the conference.

What People Think

People who have seen these pictures have said that they realize that there was "no fooling" in the statements they had heard to the effect that Camp Don-Lee has a combination of beauty in its natural site and in its building structures which is seldom equalled, with an individuality all its own.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SUCCESS

We are in the midst of visiting the 1949 district conference sessions. This round, the district youth rallies, the annual student conference, the Wesley Foundation annual meeting, camp trustees' meeting, and College Foundation executive committee, all combine to provide the pleasure of three weeks with either one or two district meetings or conference agency meetings every day except one, which will be used to make up agenda for two remaining meetings. These meetings are all the way from Southport to Winston-Salem, and from New Hope church in Perquimans County to Aberdeen.

No Chance to Tire

Ordinarily, that kind of a three-week race would seem a little difficult. But not this time. Every district conference so far has been a genuine inspiration. There is a definite note of victory in the leadership of our district superintendents. The district conferences move along on exact time schedule and not a single note of discouragement or weariness in well-doing has been sounded. It is evident that the Advance for Christ and His Church, which, at first, may have seemed a little overwhelming from its size and scope, is actually proving to be a great spiritual stimulus, which is lending strength to its own purposes and, likewise, to all other Christian purposes in the conference program. We have never sensed a finer spirit of complete cooperation and devotion to the whole work of the Kingdom. This seems to prove again that difficult days are the triumphant days in the kingdom of Christ.

YOUR MAIL BAG

We are quite conscious that we have made considerable contribution to filling your post office box in the last week or two. We are not unmindful of your problem of the full mail box. Just in case you may regret not having taken sufficient notice of some items, here is a reminder.

1. Vacation Church School Mailing. We sent a mailing to pastors on vacation schools just after Easter with the idea that it would be your first good chance to give this your attention. Superintendents of children's divisions received materials some time ago.

2. Children's Workers' Laboratory Schools. To pastors and children's division superintendents a mailing has gone out on the Laboratory School for June 19-24. This is the very best thing in training in this division.

3. Youth Assembly Application Blanks. To pastors we have sent the assembly application blanks for your use in all churches on the pastoral charge. Delay in application may cause grief. Please give the young people in each church on the charge an equal chance to register for one of the three weeks beginning June 13.

Even for the most honest people, politics is not a work of saints.—Guizot.

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THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

"When the women hold a conference, they are really there. At First Methodist Church, Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., I was present for the opening session of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. I had taken a seat near the front with the Marion delegation. Soon I decided that I was keeping some of the ladies from getting a seat. So I arose to get further back, but the sanctuary was filled. Later I found a seat in the balcony, but was almost out of hearing distance and could not get a good view of the speakers. A man near me went to sleep, but all the women were alert and wide awake." Thus a newspaper reporter writes of his impression of the opening session of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and thus he describes the scene all the way through to the closing session at 12:30 Friday. It looked as if the 33⅓% increase—the goal for the first two years of the quadrennium—had been accepted and that the increase in membership had given each society two delegates instead of one.

In the evening when the impressive communion service was held the line of communicants seemed endless, and as we watched the tireless efforts of the pastor and members of First Church to make that throng comfortable for all the sessions we realized that only careful planning and loyal cooperation for weeks ahead can bring about such results.

URGENT NEED OF WORKERS

Since every speaker emphasized the need of more workers everywhere, and especially in foreign countries, we were justly proud of the progress our Conference has made in meeting this great need. In the president's report and also in the report of the secretary of missionary personnel we learned that through the study grants provided by our Conference 26 young girls are in our various colleges preparing for full time service. Four graduated from Scarritt last June. Three were commissioned by the Board of Missions and assigned as follows: Ruth Smith, Vashti School, Thomasville Georgia; Patricia Rothrock, Bethlehem Center, Augusta, Georgia; Evelyn Strader, India. Christine Crawford is a director of religious education.

Jane Stentz and Maggie Campbell are at Scarritt and will graduate in June. Jane expects to go to India as an I-3. Maggie Campbell has been accepted by the Woman's Division, will be commissioned in the spring and appointed to our Conference as a rural worker in the Marion District.

Mrs. Clark says: "If we are to continue helping with the Study Grants added emphasis must be placed on giving more Scarritt Associate Memberships and larger Student Funds. A total of $1,714.41 was paid to the Student Fund and $1,452.60 for Scarritt Associate Memberships. These funds do not apply on our third increase and are over and above gifts." When we remember that the Methodist Church is pleading for 1,000 new missionaries immediately—thirty from our Conference—and we are sending them out on an average of about two a year we realize that we are far from the goal, but it is worth striving for—yea sacrificing for, when we see these bright faced young girls with an earnest and sincere purpose in their hearts as they express their appreciation to us for the meager sums we contribute to these two funds.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY PROJECT

Last year our Conference decided to take, in addition to our pledge of $75,000.-00 to the Division, a Conference missionary project in China as a memorial to Miss Kate Hackney, and to honor Misses Lelia Tuttle, Nina Troy, Louise Avett and Ethel Bost, our own missionaries who have spent many years in China. The project will be a building for Laura Haygood Normal School in Soochow, China, where these faithful missionaries spent at least part of their time in China. This building will be a part of our Conference Advance Program. By June 1 we expect to have $10,-000 on it and by the end of the quadrennium the $50,000 needed for the building. This can be done only by the increased giving of every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

A brief history of the World Federation of Methodist Women was given on Wednesday evening by the vice-president, Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., as retired missionaries and those at home on furlough represented some of the farflung areas in which the Methodist Church is working. Home mission work was also represented. The missionaries dressed in the native costume of the countries which they represented made a colorful picture on the platform. This was followed by a graphic description of conditions in Europe by Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, as she saw them last summer after attending as a delegate to the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam. In commenting on conditions in Europe as she saw them, and seeing the fear, the discouragement and hoplessness of the people, Miss McKinnon said, "We should be more committed to working for one world with God."

Miss McKinnon described Africa as being "the most neglected field in the Methodist Church," and yet there are possibilities there which cannot be found elsewhere in the world. In speaking of the progress made among the illiterates in Africa and the marvelous work being done by Dr. Frank Laubach, Miss McKinnon passed on to her audience the tribute paid our own Lorena Kelly by Dr. Laubach when he said, "If we had fifty missionaries like Lorena Kelly we could really help the Africans. In all of Africa there is not another missionary like Miss Kelly."

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Danforth Memorial Hospital became something more than a "far away place" as Miss Mollie Townsend told hundreds of Guild members of her work as superintendent at this small but well known hospital in Kiukiang, China, during the Japanese invasion. This hospital was originally for women and children, but became a center for the wounded from Shanghai and surrounding territory and in spite of makeshift conditions became the best known haven for wounded soldiers. When the city fell to the enemy, Miss Townsend stayed on until she was finally sent to join an army hospital in free China and then returned when peace treaties were signed, to find a number of Japanese doctors and other workers begging to stay.

PROMOTING THE WORK

Stressing the general theme of the Conference and especially emphasizing the Program of Advance, Mrs. Eloise A. Wooleever, who heads up the promotional work in the Woman's Division, pointed out the goal of a million new members and left in the minds of her listeners the importance of Christian work by the individual and the fact that we belong to the people of the world. She said we need to know where we are going and that the church must have a program of advancement in order not to retreat.

SPIRITUALITY REVEALED

Mere words do not describe the effect Miss Leila Epps has on a group as she calmly speaks to them of her personal experiences with her Lord and Master in her 38 years of faithful and devoted service in Brazil. Leading the noonday devotions, mingling with the women, or advising and counseling with the young people, she electrifies those about her and none leave her presence feeling the same as they did when they came. She is wise with the wisdom that comes only from a close walk with God and her presence is a benediction in any group. We will not soon forget the closing session when she besought us to frequently ask God to "Create within us a right spirit."

FUTURE EVENTS

The School of Missions and Christian Service is an event to be enjoyed in June when the women of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences come together at Pfeiffer College and have a week of study and work. Four courses of study are being planned as follows: "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church," with Miss Margaret Applegarth as instructor; "Cooperation for a Christian Nation," with Mrs. W. M. Hubbard as instructor; "Japan," with Miss Katherine Johnson, instructor; and "Women of Scripture," with Miss Sallie E. Carroll, instructor. Workshops are being offered in several departments of work, especially in Supply work, the Children's department, Missionary Education, and Christian Social Relations.

The general chairman of this school is Mrs. H. O. Lineberger; the dean is Mrs. C. M. Waggoner; Mrs. S. S Holt is the business manager; and Mrs. P. A. Masten is the registrar.

A spiritual Life Retreat will precede the School and a Wesleyan Service Guild week-end will follow.

FAMILIAR FACES MISSED

We missed three familiar individuals this year—Mrs. C C. Weaver, Mrs. R. I. Corbett and Mrs. L. E. Brown. We regret exceedingly that illness kept them all away, and was the reason for the resignations of the latter two, but we rejoice in the improvement they are making and look forward to their being with us in the future.

MRS. DRYMAN NEW DISTRICT OFFICER

One new District Promotion Secretary was welcomed into the "family." Mrs. F. O. Dryman is the new Promotion secretary of the Waynesville District and if she promotes the work in that district as she does other tasks that have been assigned to her the work will prosper.

Outstanding Homecoming Program Held on Campus; Enfield and Durham Circuit Meet Apportionments

Edited by BLAINE MADISON

HOMECOMING

For many years Easter has marked the time when sons and daughters of the Methodist Orphanage have returned to the home grounds for the annual reunion. To hear the friendly greetings and to listen to the tales of other days would gladden the heart of every Methodist in the North Carolina Conference. From the days of Cansie E. Bright, the first child to enter the Orphanage, through the high school graduating class of 1948, members of the Alumni Association returned for a family gathering. The Jenkins sisters, Freddie, Mammie, and Fannie, daughters of the first superintendent, were here; so was former Superintendent A. S. Barnes. They all came with a common interest, those with gray hairs to mingle with college freshmen. A few were coming in as early as Thursday night and a few did not leave until Monday night.

SOCIAL HOUR AND FUN

The meeting of the alumni for Saturday night was set aside for an evening of fun and fellowship. Our gymnasium proved to be most adaptable for this sort of meeting, and the gaiety made the rafters ring. Folk games, stunts, games, music, and plenty of refreshments made a full and enjoyable evening.

EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

The 11 o'clock hour on Easter morning was reserved for a joint worship service of the alumni and the home family. Superintendent Leon C. Larkin conducted the service. Our high school chorus, under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Mary Simmons, served as the choir for the worship service and Mrs. Katie Morton, accompanied by Mrs. Willis Rowe, sang "Bless This House." Superintendent Larkin used as his subject, "The Significance of Easter." The speaker delivered a most inspiring message and pointed out that Easter is the time of awakening, that nature puts on new life and that Easter marked the beginning of a new era, a new age. He said in closing that the resurrection was the dawn of a new way of life. Rev. A. S. Barnes pronounced the benediction.

BARBECUE DINNER SUNDAY

More than 200 members of the Alumni Association gathered in the gymnasium for a barbecue dinner on Easter Sunday. There was an abundance of barbecue, rolls, slaw, and soft drinks. Members of our present senior class were invited to the barbecue dinner and to the other alumni affairs.

ALUMNI OFFICERS

Mrs. Adlee S. Cole, president; Felton Tilley, vice-president; Miss Eula Williamson, secretary; Frank Peacock, treasurer. These officers did a splendid job of planning a most helpful and enjoyable meeting and in handling the program expeditiously. They were elected in 1948 for a two-year term.

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SUNDAY VESPERS

Rev. A. S. Barnes conducted the vespers service Sunday night and used at his subject, "Making Life a Success." Mr. Barnes reminded the alumni and children that money alone does not make a successful life. He said that a sound foundation is necessary, and that we must have pluck and grim determination if we are to overcome obstacles and difficulties. To overcome these all people need the grace of God. Mr. Barnes concluded by urging that we be victors and not victims. After the vespers program the group held a community sing in the chapel.

FIVE SWANNS

Once upon a time there were five Swanns at the Methodist Orphanage by the name of Nell, Wilma, Myrtle, Minnie and Louise. All five of the Swanns returned for the reunion. Nell came from Washington, D. C.; Wilma from Newark, N. J.; Myrtle (Mrs. J. F. Bethume) came from Lumberton, N. C.; Minnie (Mrs. A. L. Buie) came from Maxton, N. C.; Louise (Mrs. H. I. Williams) lives in Raleigh.

EASTER MONDAY BASEBALL

For many years our baseball team has played a team made up of members of the Alumni Association on Easter Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The weather was good on Easter Monday, and we had a very interesting game. The game was unusual, too, in that it ended in a 9 to 9 tie. The contest was called at 1 o'clock by mutual agreement so that every one could go to lunch.

EGG HUNT

The Alumni-sponsored egg hunt is held annually on Easter Monday afternoon for the children of the home. The broad lawn facing Glenwood Avenue provides an excellent hiding and hunting territory. The Alumni brought hundreds of candy eggs, and the occasion was a joyous one for all concerned.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Superintendent L. C. Larkin, Rev. A. S. Barnes and some of the children have attended the Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, Durham, Raleigh and Wilmington district conferences during the past two weeks. On these occasions they have had an opportunity to present the cause of the home and to meet with people who are interested in the work that is being done here.

PAID IN FULL

We are happy to add to our "paid-in-full" list the Enfield charge and the Durham circuit. The "paid-in-full" list is always a source of encouragement.

METHODISTS HONOR POLISH AMBASSADOR

The Honorable Josef Winiewicz, Polish Ambassador to the United States, was honored at a reception held in First Methodist church (Chicago Temple), March 28. Arranged by the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary of the Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church, the affair was attended by a number of Methodist leaders, representatives of 10 other denominations, and several interdenominational agencies.

In his address, Ambassador Winiewicz said that for the first time in the history of modern Poland, all churches—Protestant and Catholic, large and small—have been put on the same basis in relation to the state. He spoke of his government's policy of religious freedom so long as religious groups do not engage in political activity. Post-war relief has been most gratefully received in his country, he indicated.

WORLD SERVICE GIVING GROWS

Methodists have increased their giving to World Service during the past nine months by 12.6 per cent over a similar period a year ago, according to the Rev. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.



FOUR SETS OF TWINS
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Sunday School Lesson for MAY 1

Jesus Declares His Authority

Mark 11:1, 15-18

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The word politician has with us an evil odor, and suggests a man who compromises his principles to gain power. But in a deeper sense every religious leader ought to pray God to make him a politician, or in other words, a man who understands the people and foresees what they will do, and knows the tactful way to meet them. In that sense Jesus was the supreme politician. He knew with dread certainty that the priests would combine to put him to death.

And he not only foresaw the murderous opposition that he would meet, but he also realized that a great popular ovation in his favor was inevitable. When the priests exhorted him to rebuke the enthusiasm of the people he answered, If these held their peace the stones would cry out.

But there was danger that this popular ovation would take a form that would give the masses and also the Roman authorities the impression that he was planning to raise a revolution. So before he came into the city Jesus sent his disciples ahead to borrow an ass's colt so that, instead of riding in on a horse as military commanders were wont to do, he could enter in a way that would create no wrong impression. He thus fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah, Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; behold thy king cometh unto thee; he is just and having salvation, lowly and riding upon an ass (Zech. 9:9, 10).

We also see that, while Jesus during his ministry had consistently forbidden his disciples to call him the Christ, because the word Christ or Messiah called up the thought of a military chieftain, he now allows himself to be proclaimed the Christ. If he had not thus definitely accepted the popular ovation to him as the coming King, we might easily suspect that he had inner uncertainty as to his divine calling as the Christ of God.

And after this Jesus also assumed the authority of the Messiah by going into the temple and with a whip of small cords driving out the sheep and the oxen, and overturning the tables of the money-changers and pouring out their money. We glory in our Lord's anger at this outrageous graft in the temple of the Most High. They were overcharging the pilgrims for the sacrificial animals, and short-changing those who came with the coins of their countries and must perforce convert their money into the Jewish shekels for the offering. They were thus making the whole proceeding a stench in the nostrils of all who came with reverent hearts to worship the Lord.

The place where the traffic was carried on was the court of the Gentiles, the one place where non-Jews were allowed to come and worship. Think of the effect the smell of a stockyard and the outcries of those who were being overcharged would have on a wistful pilgrim like the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8) who had come a long distance hoping for a vision of God and a special uplift in the temple of the Most High!

The example of Jesus suggests that we should all pray and strive to be foresighted, and to combine, as he did, courage and sagacity. His example also exhorts us to the fine art of combining dignity and utter humility. And that crowd of Galilean peasants send down through the centuries a rebuke for our restrained and formal worship. See them as they cast their new, bright-colored passover garments in the way before Jesus, and hear their glad Hosannas to the coming King! God hasten the day when men shall realize that repressed and restrained formality in the house of God is the worst kind of impropriety! In the presence of Jesus there should always be overflowing spontaneity, joyful in a sense of his revelation of the infinite love of God.

TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Take your family to Sunday school" touches a deed chord in my heart.

True religion, I firmly believe, is essential to create an inspiring, wholesome and soul-shaping atmosphere for childhood. From my heart I deplore the fewness of American families that take the trouble to foster spiritual beliefs in their children.

The happiest experience I ever had was learning, while I was a little girl, that God is love, and that the possibilities of good are greater than those of evil . . . and it has more than counteracted the cramping effects upon me of blindness and deafness. This blessedness of faith convinces me that all the young who are given opportunity to see God with their hearts have the best chance of facing life's problems courageously and making their lives a noble achievement.

The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man seem to me the central teachings of the Bible whose stories children read in Sunday school—and from those teachings, if faithfully maintained, there will at last emerge a civilization in which all peoples shall live side by side in cooperative harmony and peace.

HELEN KELLER.

In Memoriam

SOLOMON S. BISSETTE

BAILEY—Solomon S. Bissette, son of the late Noah and Catherine Perry Bissette, was born in Nash county, September 30, 1882, and departed this life January 15, 1949, at the age of 66 years, 3 months and 15 days. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mamie Jordan Bissette: three sons: Alfred C., Guy, and Louis; two daughters: Mrs. W. H. Whitley, and Miss Rachel Bissette; one granddaughter and two grandsons.

As a young man Mr. Bissette professed faith in Christ and united with Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, of which he was a loyal member until 34 years ago when he moved his residence to Bailey, and became a members of the Bailey Methodist Church. On moving to Bailey, Mr. Bissette became and remained until his death, a very vital part of the religious life of the community. For twenty-seven years he served on the Board of Stewards, and for a number of years was Superintendent of the Church School. At the time of his death he had been a member of Bailey Methodist Church longer than any other member.

Brother Bissette loved his Church and was always delighted to serve in every way possible. He loved his family, his home, and his community. He lived religion day by day. In his going, the Church has lost one of its strongest members, his family a devoted husband and father, and the community one of its noblest citizens.

On January 17th his earthly remains were laid to rest in the family plot of the Bailey Cemetery. The services were held from the Bailey Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Ivey T. Poole, pastor, assisted by Rev. W. L. Loy, of Rowland, N. C., a former pastor.

MILTON R. STEVENS

RALEIGH.—After confinement in Rex Hospital for several days, Milton R. Stevens of Raleigh passed from time to eternity on March 13, 1949. On March 15, the funeral service was conducted in Trinity Methodist Church, of which he had been a faithful member for many years. The ministers were Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor; Rev. I. Harding Hughes, chaplain of St. Mary's School; and Rev. E. C. Durham, a very close friend of the family.

Immediately following the service at Trinity church, the body was carried to its last resting place in Sunset Memorial Park, Smithfield.

Surviving are his devoted wife, who was Miss Donia Hales before marriage; his minister son, Rev. Willis R. Stevens of Roanoke Rapids; and one daughter, Mrs. C. H. King of Raleigh. The children of Willis Stevens were his only grandchildren, and to them he was deeply devoted. Also surviving are four brothers and two sisters. One of these brothers is a Baptist minister, Rev. C. E. Stevens, who is now retired and living in Raleigh.

Ten ministers were present at the funeral, which fact speaks clearly for his popularity and Christian goodness. And further evidence of this was the large number of beautiful floral designs sent in by his many friends.

This man's spirit was just as sweet as the perfume of the flowers which covered his grave, and his character was as fine as his host of friends and loved ones have ever known. He awaits over there the coming of those he loved so well.—E. C. DURHAM.

MISS CATHERINE WHITEHEAD

SILER CITY—It is with sad hearts that we, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, wish to pay loving tribute to one of our oldest and most faithful members, Miss Catherine Whitehead, who departed from us March 24, 1949, at the age of 80.

A charter member of our Society, she was faithful and loyal to our Lord, whom she served all her long, full life. A friend to all whom she met. Her presence at church during her later years was an example to all. We will long remember her beautiful life, that was true to all that was fine and good. She gave herself freely to her own quiet way. Her influence will live on and on.

We shall miss her, but we know our loss on earth is her gain in heaven.—MRS. VAN CAMPBELL, Secretary.

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THE GARDEN SHOW

By ERMA ELLIS

It was time for the Garden Show and Bill and Don were picking vegetables for their exhibit. It was fun to select the finest, most perfect vegetables and to talk about the prizes.

"That softball catcher's mitt will suit me fine," Bill stated.

"I could use the fishing tackle in Wilson's window," Don said, and grinned as he pictured himself proudly bringing home a big trout or two.

"Mr. Wilson is a grand man. I didn't even ask to borrow his steel wheelbarrow to show our vegetables in. He said, "This new-style wheelbarrow would make a good background for your garden produce for the show, wouldn't it, Don?"

" 'Oh, boy! Wouldn't it!' I said.

" 'Go ahead and wheel it home and arrange a fine display. I'll expect you and Bill to win a good prize.' That's a friend for you."

Bill looked toward the back steps where the wheelbarrow waited for its load. "That's a handsome big rubber-tired wheel, isn't it? The rubber handle grips on the steel tubing are as slick as those on a fine bicycle. We'll have to win to show him that we appreciate his lending it to us."

"We should do it easily if the prize were given for good vegetables alone. We know that no one around here has any bigger, finer cabbages, tomatoes, or squashes than ours. And no one's corn could taste any better than ours!" Both boys burst into laughter as they thought about the pile of cobs left on their plates the night before. "But that word 'arrangement' is what decides the winners," Don continued. "I wish mother could help us, but they said no adult help would be allowed."

The boys carefully carried their crate of vegetables to the back steps and proceeded to try different arrangements in their wheelbarrow. First they made a border of corn with vegetables in the center. Then they tried a display with everything laid out in rows. A row of green, then red, then yellow squash and carrots. That didn't suit them, either, and their tempers began to be on edge.

"The stuff will have a used look if we don't stop handling it so much," Bill complained.

Then they stopped to eat their evening meal. Mother was serving it early so that they could take their garden truck to the armory and get it placed for the show next day.

After dinner Don went into the living room and sank into a deep chair. He picked up an open magazine that mother had been reading and stared at a colored advertisement of a plate of seed. There were two colored pictures of the same food, except that the potatoes and something creamed were the same color in one picture, and in the other the potatoes had brown gravy on them and the vegetables were red beets and bright green peas. Something was printed below the picture about contrasts in colors looking more appetizing. "Wow!" exclaimed Don and called to his brother to come and look.

Bill studied the colored pictures and said, "We could decorate the wheelbarrow to represent a plate of food."

"That's what I thought and we could tilt it with one side higher than the other so everything would show up well," Don agreed.

They hurried outside and arranged their display carefully. When they had finished Don said, "If anyone else has any better arrangement they will just have to have it, I guess."

"When the prizes were announced the next night Bill and Don had won first prize. It was a wheelbarrow exactly like the one in which they had their vegetables arranged.

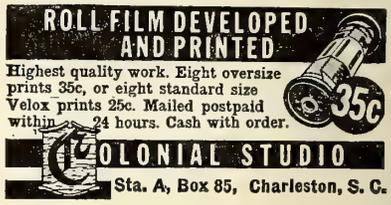
"Maybe it is better this way," Don sighed, still thinking of the fishing tackle, "we never could have decided whether to choose the mitt or the fish pole."

Their father overheard them talking. "I'm very proud of you, and pleased at the way you have both worked all summer to have such a splendid garden," he said. "You have earned your mitt and fish pole, and you shall have them as a prize from me."—Religious Herald.

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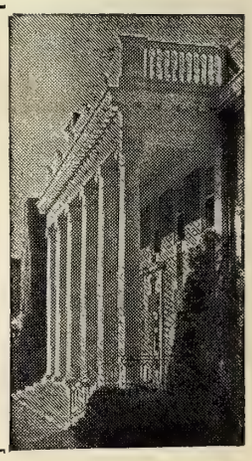
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CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

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May

Central Avenue, 11 ... 1
Polkton: Wightman, 7:30 ... 1
Belmont Park, 7:30 ... 15
Indian Trail-Stallings: Beulah, 2:30 ... 22

GASTONIA DISTRICT

W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

May

Cherryville Circuit, Bess Chapel, 11 ... 8
Lincolnton, First, 7:30 ... 8
Gastonia, Myrtle, 7:30 ... 11
South Fork, Plateau, 11 ... 15
Vale, Macedonia, 2:30 ... 15
Fallston, Lawndale, 7 ... 18
Rock Springs: Mt. Pleasant, 11 ... 22
Crouse, Crouse, 3 ... 22
Polkville, Rehoboth, 11 ... 29
Lowell, South Point, 7:30 ... 29

June

Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 11 ... 12
Gastonia, East End, 7:30 ... 12
Stanley, 11 ... 19
Gastonia, Trinity, 7:30 ... 19
Lincoln Circuit, McKendree, 11 ... 26
Gastonia, Bradley Memorial, 7:30 ... 26

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

W. A. Lambeth, D.S., 320 E. Greenway, North, Greensboro

April

Mt. Pleasant Station, 7:30 ... 28

May

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Carraway Memorial 2-9 p.m. 1

MARION DISTRICT

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S., P.O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

April

Pleasant Valley, night ... 28

May

Maness Chapel, 9:45 ... 1
Gray's Chapel, 11 ... 1
New Hope, 3 ... 1
Bethlehem (Mill Spring), night ... 1
Lebanon, night ... 2
Gilboa (Gilkey), night ... 3
Gilkey, night ... 4
Thermal City, night ... 5
Mabel, 10 ... 8
Henson's Chapel, 11 ... 8
Piney Grove (Watauga), 3 ... 8
Valle Crucis, night ... 8
Pisgah (Avery), night ... 9
Pine Grove (Avery), night ... 10
Mt. Zion (Avery), night ... 11
Fairview (Avery), night ... 12
Minneapolis, night ... 13
Linville (Elk Park), 10 ... 15
Newland, 11 ... 15
Forest Home and Montezuma at Montezuma, 3 ... 15
Banner Elk and Elk Park at Elk Park, night ... 15
Spruce Pine, 11 ... 22

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

May

Bethpage-Shiloh: Shiloh, 9:45 ... 1
Kannapolis: Memorial, 11 ... 1
Mt. Pleasant-Cold Springs: Friendship, 3 ... 1
Landis, 11 ... 8
Concord Circuit: Mt. Carmel, 3 ... 8
Friendship-Tabernacle: Friendship, 7:30 ... 8
Norwood Circuit: Randall's, 11 ... 15
New London Circuit: Bethany, 7:30 ... 15
Salisbury: Main Street, 11 ... 22
Long Street-Yadkin: Long Street, 7:30 ... 22
Bethel, 11 ... 29
Midland: Pine Bluff, 3 ... 29

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

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RANDOLPH COUNTY EVANGELISTIC WORKSHOP, April 24-May 1
LEXINGTON AREA EVANGELISTIC WORKSHOP, April 24-May 1

May

Ramseur-Franklinville: Franklinville, 11 ... 1
Asheboro, Central, 7:30 ... 1
Trinity: Trinity, 7:30 ... 3
Thomasville, First, 7:30 ... 4
Thomasville, Trinity-Bethel, Bethel, 7:30 ... 5
Pleasant Grove, 11 ... 8
Unity-Fair Grove: Unity, 7:30 ... 8
Fairfield, 7:30 ... 10
Thomasville Circuit: Spring Hill, 7:30 ... 11
Randolph-Gray's: Gray's, 7:30 ... 13
Randleman, First, 11 ... 15
Randleman Circuit: New Salem, 3 ... 15
Farmington: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 ... 16
Davidson: Centenary, 7:30 ... 17
Denton Circuit: First, 7:30 ... 18
South Davidson: Lineberry, 7:30 ... 19
Thomasville, Memorial, 11 ... 22
Advance: Bailey's Chapel, 7:30 ... 22
Greer-Mount Carmel: Mount Carmel, 7:30 ... 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 ... 25
Mount Vernon: Mount Pleasant, 11 ... 29
Old Union, 3 ... 29

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

C. N. Clark, D.S., Waynesville, N. C.

April

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, 9:30, Clyde ... 30

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

H. G. Allen, D.S., 898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

May

Forsyth Rural Workshop ... 1-6
New Hope Circuit: New Hope, 11 ... 8
New Hope Circuit: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 2 ... 8
Level Cross: Rockford, 11 ... 15
Level Cross: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 3 ... 15
Pilot Mountain: Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 11 ... 22
Franklin Heights, Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 3:30 ... 22
Kernersville, Main St., 11, ... 29
Kernersville Circuit: Cherry Street, 3 ... 29

June

Surry Project Evangelistic Week ... 20-24

July

Yadkin Evangelistic Week ... 10-15

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

RICHMOND AREA

Bishop W. W. Peele, Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

DURHAM DISTRICT

E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts Street, Durham, N. C.

May

Carrboro, Orange, 11 ... 1
Leasburg, Bethel, 11 ... 15
Burlington, Webb Avenue, 7:30 ... 15
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 ... 22
Bynum, Ebenezer, 3 ... 22
Durham, Carr, 7:30 ... 22
Graham: Graham, 11 ... 29
Haw River, Haw River, 7:30 ... 29

June

Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg, Saturday and Sunday ... 11-12
Burlington, Davis Street, 11 ... 19
Mebane, Mebane, 7:30 ... 19
Roxboro, Grace, 11 ... 26
Mt. Tirzah, Mt. Tirzah, 3 ... 26
Durham, Bethany, 7:30 ... 26

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D. S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

May

Elizabeth City, First Church, 11 (Preaching) ... 1
Edenton, 8 ... 1
Elizabeth City, First Church, 7:30 (Q. C.) ... 2
DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Williamston, 9:30 ... 4
Kitty Hawk: Mount Zion, 11 ... 8
South Camden: Camden, 8 ... 8
Swan Quarter: Soule, 11 ... 15
Mattamuskeet: Watson's Chapel, 8 ... 15
Kinnakeet: Fair Haven, 8 ... 17
Hatteras: Buxton, 8 ... 18
Washington, 11 ... 22
Bath: Bath, 4 ... 22
Stumpy Point: Stumpy Point, 11 ... 29
Manteo, 8 ... 29

June

Columbia: Cedar Grove, 11 ... 5
Creswell: Mount Hermon, 8 ... 5
Plymouth, 11 ... 12
Roper: Siloam, 3 ... 12
Murfreesboro: Union, 11 ... 19
Belhaven: Belhaven, 8 ... 19
Hertford, 11 ... 26
Chowan: Bethany, 3 ... 26

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Walter C. Ball, D.S., 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.

May

Cordova: Cordova, 11 ... 1
Rockingham, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 ... 1
Roberdell: Green Lake, 7:30 ... 1
St. Paul's: Barkers, 11 ... 8
Hay Street, SPECIAL ADVANCE MEETING, 3 to 5 ... 8
Wesley Heights: Gardners, 7:30 ... 8
Biscoe: Star, 11 ... 15
Pinebluff: Beaverdam, 3 ... 15
Parkton: Hope Mills, 7:30 ... 15
Laurinburg (preaching), 11 ... 22
Laurel Hill: Tabernacle, 3 ... 22
Rowland: Rowland, 7:30 ... 22
Red Springs (preaching), 11 ... 29
Stedman: Tabor, 3 or 7:30 (Time to be selected) ... 29

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

May

Stonewall: Bayboro, 11 ... 1
Aurora: Campbells Creek, 7:30 ... 1
District Conference: Epworth (Vanceboro Charge) ... 5
Oriental: Arapahoe, 11 ... 8
Pikeville: Saulston, 7:30 ... 8
Goldsboro Circuit: Salem, 11 ... 15
Ocracoke, 7:30 ... 18
Marshallberg, 11 ... 22
Beaufort Circuit: Core Creek, 7:30 ... 22
Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 ... 28

RALEIGH DISTRICT

H. B. Porter, D.S., 1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh

May

Raleigh: Hayes Barton, 11 ... 1
Franklinton: Wesley's, 3 ... 1
City Road-White Memorial: City Road, 7:30 ... 1
Granville: Rehobeth, 11 ... 15
Stem: Gray Rock, 3 ... 15
Millbrook: Wake Forest, 8 ... 15
Mamers: Spring Hill, 11 ... 22
Newton Grove: Hopewell, 7:30 ... 22
Princeton: Fellowship, 11 (Dedication) ... 29
Salem, 8 ... 29

June

Four Oaks: Sanders, 11 ... 5
Lillington: Pleasant Plains, 3 ... 5
Kipling: Angier, 8 ... 5
LAYMEN'S RETREAT, Louisburg College, ... 11-12
Cary, 8 ... 12
Fuquay Springs, 11 ... 19
Moncure: Buckhorn, 8 ... 19
Vance: Gillburg, 11 (Dedication) ... 26
Clayton, 8 ... 26

July

Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 11 ... 3
Louisburg Circuit: Shiloh, 11 ... 10
Raleigh, Trinity, 8 ... 10
Raleigh, Edenton St., 11 ... 17
Dunn, 8 ... 17

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

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May

Rosemary, 11 ... 1
Warrenton: Hebron, 3 ... 1
Littleton: Littleton, 11 ... 8
Warren: Prospect, 3 ... 8
Clark Street: Maple Creek, 3 ... 15
Whitakers: Speight's Chapel, 7:30 ... 15
Rich Square: Woodland, 11 ... 22
Enfield, 11 ... 29

June

Stantonsburg, Lebanon, 11 ... 5
Saint Paul, Sandy Cross, 7:30 ... 5
Weldon, 11 ... 12
Halifax, Pierce, 3 ... 12
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 ... 19

July

Marvin: White Oak, 11 ... 3
Evansdale, 7:30 ... 10
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11 ... 17

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

C. D. BARCLIFT, D.S., 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

May

Clinton, 11 ... 1
Warsaw: Turkey, 7:30 ... 1
Wilmington, Fifth Avenue, 8 ... 2
Shallotte: Village Point, 11 ... 7
Pembroke: Prospect, 11 ... 8
Lumberton Circuit: East Lumberton, 7:30 ... 8
Wilmington, Trinity, 8 ... 9
Southport, 7:30 ... 11
Roseboro: Andrews, 11 ... 15
Faison: Keeners, 7:30 ... 15
Wallace, 11 ... 22
Burgaw: Jordans, 3 ... 22
Rose Hill: Charity, 7:30 ... 22
Pembroke: Fairview, 11 ... 29
Pembroke: Bethel, 3 ... 29
Pembroke: Pleasant Grove, 7:30 ... 29

June

Chadbourn, 11 ... 5
Hallsboro: Old Dock, 8 ... 5
Pastors' School, Duke University ... 7-10
Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg College ... 11, 12
Jacksonville, 11 ... 12
Richlands: Gum Branch, 8 ... 12
Bladen: Windsor, 8 ... 19
Clinton Circuit: Epworth, 11 ... 26
Duplin: Unity, 3 ... 26
Maysville, 8 ... 26

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Book Review

Rise Up and Walk, by Percy Elliott Lindley; pp. 167. Chapman & Grimes, Boston; $2.50.

This new volume, by the popular Dean of High Point College, is a most practical and inspiring book dealing with the romance of rising, which, indeed, is the appropriate title of the first chapter. The author, who wrote Human Nature and the Church several years ago, turns now to emphasize the necessary individualism of society. Socialism, which is now challenging the attention of the whole world, has been discussed at such length during the past years, it is good to have these stories of men who dared to dream dreams, believe their finest faith, and give themselves to their highest hopes.

There are, to be sure, passages which will suggest undue emphasis on a Horatio Alger philosophy of life, but, then, the author would doubtless answer that the numerous instances of such success in our contemporary society constitute a defense of his theme.

Beyond this, however, is the remarkably fine presentation of an adequate philosophy under the caption "Where the Goal Posts Are." "God's ways," says the writer, "are to be our ways, his joys our joys, his nature our nature. We are to move toward the Supreme. Without God man need not exist, because it is for him that we are to live and move and have our being. . . . We cannot live like animals and rejoice like men. . . . Everything besides glorifying and enjoying God falls into a secondary position. . . . Man must have sanctuary, some Reality in which his thoughts take rest, some great purpose commensurate with his longings and his powers. . . . All this we find in Christ and the kingdom of heaven program which he instituted among men."

So, again the author points out, . . . "the spiritual Guest dwelling within satisfies our deepest longings, feeds our souls on the bread of heaven, and affords us a taste of life everlasting. God and man belong together, and man is forever restless and disquieted until they both unite in love and purpose. So peace and happiness, not as the world gives, comes to a person as he humbly entertains the Holy One for whose companionship the human heart was made."

Here is a book that will naturally fit the needs of thousands of youths. But it will be well for older people, too, who have lost hope or feel they are facing futility, to give heed, take courage and thank God for a religion that is relevant to life and virile enough to challenge all our talents, both for today and tomorrow.—G. RAY JORDAN, Professor of Homiletics, School of Theology, Emory University, Ga.

THE WEEK OF DEDICATION OBSERVANCE

(Reports on the Week of Dedication are being received daily at the Advance office from district superintendents. While it is too early to predict with any degree of certainty the number of churches participating or the total offering, this statement by Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive secretary, on April 12, will be of great interest to many.)

WHAT are the results of the Week of Dedication? They cannot be measured by the number of services held, nor the number of congregations that received offerings, still less by the amount of such voluntary gifts.

In fact, scores of district superintendents have sent promptly to the Advance office reports about lives dedicated at our church altars, new members received, and quickening of the spiritual life of the people. Statistically, scattered returns from various sections during the first two weeks following March 20, came from 186 district superintendents who reported that 5,737 churches held services and that 5,652 of them received offerings that amount to $313,537.

How very much this might mean if our 41,000 Methodist congregations had cooperated fully in the observance of the Week of Dedication, no one can estimate. The fact is that nearly 8,000 charges failed even to request Dedication Week materials that would help them observe this important spiritual event in the calendar of Methodism. Surely, succeeding years will find nearly all of us prepared and ready to move together!

From various communities, pictures and stories have been gleaned that graphically describe the manner in which our churches observed the Week of Dedication. More than 400 radio stations used the special transcription that was made. Snapshots were taken of studio rooms where these programs were broadcast. Nearly 500 of these radio transcriptions were furnished free by the Advance office to all who requested them.

On the basis of early returns, and assuming that at least half of our churches observed Dedication Week, the special offering should exceed one million dollars. Several large churches have reported offerings in excess of $1,000. Of the charges from which the early reports have been received, the average Week of Dedication offering is approximately $55. If 25,000 congregations measure up to this average, the money will reach onr earnest hope for this first year of the Advance.

By any standard, Methodism has taken a remarkable step forward. It is a distinctive Second Mile Advance. We now have an annual Week of Dedication conceived in prayer in answer to world need, and our own.

MISSION SPECIAL BOOKLETS BEING PUBLISHED

DURING the next six months the Methodist Church of America will publish approximately 60 different Advance booklets in which specials chosen by annual conferences and episcopal areas will be described in detail and broken down into items large and small for individual Methodists, Sunday School classes, other church groups and whole congregations.

During the week of March 27 the first of these Advance booklets went on the press. It is significant that this was the Virginia Conference booklet for it was Virginia Methodism which last year pressed forward with an Advance Program of its own before the General Conference legislation set down the formal pattern for Advance Fund For Christ and His Church.

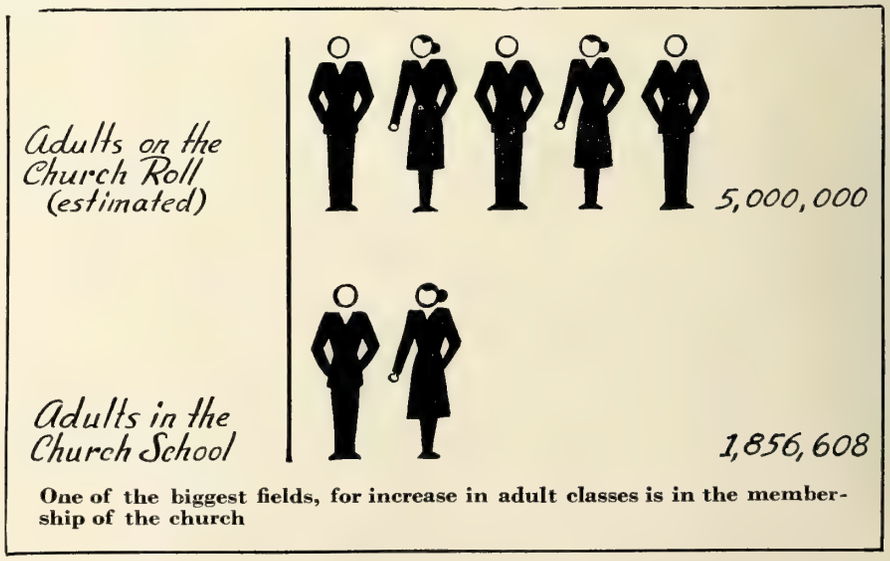
Led by Bishop W. W. Peele and a livewire Advance Committee headed by Dr. Walter C. Gum, Dr. Harold Hughes and Dr. L. Oakley Wilburn, the Virginia Methodists were the first to clearly define their program and supply the necessary materials for the printing of their Advance booklet.

Close on the heels of the Virginia Methodists are other annual conferences and episcopal areas including the Indiana Area, Atlanta Area, Ohio Area, Dallas-Fort Worth Area, **Charlotte Area,** Jacksonville Area, Los Angeles Area and Wisconsin Area. Booklets for these areas, including individual booklets for the South Carolina, Western North Carolina, Northwest Texas, North Texas, Central Texas and Florida Annual Conferences, are now in various stages of production and are slated for distribution after Easter.

Also slated for early summer publication are Advance booklets for the two Arkansas Conferences, the Birmingham Area, Detroit Area, Portland Area, Louisiana Conference, Newark Conference, **North Carolina**, Central Kansas, West Virginia Rock River, Illinois, Southern Illinois, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New Jersey, New Orleans Area, San Francisco Area, Boston and the New York Area.

All booklets will be 16 pages in length including two-color covers. The inside front cover will carry a personal letter from the resident bishop to the Methodists of the conference or area concerned. Six pages will introduce and illustrate Advance Fund Specials in the field of Foreign Missions; four pages will be given over to Home Missions and Church Extension Specials; the case for the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief will appear on one page and a general statement on the Advance Fund completes each booklet.

Editorial staffs of the three participating agencies, working in cooperation with Conference Advance Committees, are working overtime to prepare copy and pictures for these booklets. Booklet production has been set up on a priority basis with those conferences and areas first supplying all information necessary for publication getting earliest printing deadlines.



One of the biggest fields, for increase in adult classes is in the membership of the church

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Methodist Woman Leader Dies; Home Adds Life to Years; Announcements; Midway Heads Advocate List

MISS BETTIE BRITTINGHAM, EDITOR OF THE METHODIST WOMAN, PASSES

By Mrs. E. Lester Ballard

Miss Bettie Brittingham, Editor of The Methodist Woman, the official organ of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, died Friday, April 29, in a hospital in New York where she had been critically ill for several days. The funeral was held in her home church, Bethesda Methodist Church, Salisbury, Maryland, Monday, May 2, at 2 p.m.

Miss Brittingham was well known in North Carolina, having served several years with the Board of Young People's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church, when its national office was at Concord, later being moved to Durham, and still later to Westminster, Maryland, with Dr. Lawrence Little as director. Miss Brittingham traveled over the state helping to set up and teaching in leadership training schools.

A graduate of Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, and of Boston University School of Religious Education, Miss Brittingham taught for a few years and directed religious activities at Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas. While there she was elected editor of The Missionary Record, official organ of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Methodist Protestant Church, with offices at Baltimore, Maryland.

When the merger was consummated a new missionary magazine was started, The Methodist Woman, and Miss Brittingham was the first editor, continuing in that capacity until her untimely death.

TO ADD LIFE TO YEARS

By Reid Wall

We are living longer, but are we living better? The Methodist Home will be more than a haven of security to the few hundred older men and women who live there. It is affiliated with movements and forces in our Church, our State and our Nation that are working to enrich the lives of all older people. It will increasingly become the center of a philosophy and a spirit of appreciation for and service to older people out in the churches.

For those who become residents, the administration of the Home seeks to provide all the essentials of a well-rounded life. One choice member of the Home family, a lady of 95 years, often says, "This is truly the house of God. It is the gate of heaven." Spiritual qualities permeate the life of the Home. Private and public devotional experiences are part of the daily life. Ministers and congregations from over the Conference share in the Sunday vespers at 5 o'clock. During the week many church classes, guilds, youth groups, and Woman's Societies come with programs. Spacious social and picnic facilities are available. The members of the Home share these varied activities. There are also home talent shows.

The John Newton Goddard Memorial Recreation Fund is serving to enrich the creative life of the members. The craft shop calls forth varied skills of the people. The Charlotte Public Library maintains a branch in the Home.

For the members who like to garden there are hobby plots, large flower gardens, and the vegetable garden. They make a real contribution to the beauty of the Home grounds.

Good food prepared under the supervision of a graduate dietitian is especially suited to people in later maturity. The Home is famous for its good food.

The private rooms in the fireproof buildings are large and attractive.

When members become sick or disabled, they have the care of a staff of skillful nurses in the modern clinic within the Home. This clinic has on its staff a group of the best medical men in Charlotte. It is much more than an infirmary. It will be a geriatric hospital. The Golden Cross Society of the Western North Carolina Conference appropriated $10,000 to equip and operate this hospital during this year.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell says, "The mission of the church is to minister to men and women in our Lord's name from the cradle to the grave. We have done much for youth. We have built for them schools and camp grounds and athletic fields. For the fatherless we have provided homes. Now, at long last, we are making a home of refinement and security for those who are no longer young—a place where, between their active career on earth and the career which awaits them in the heavenly land, they may spend a well-earned and restful vacation. This is a beautiful and holy ministry. I commend it to all our people as an enterprise worthy of a church that claims to be a part of the body of Christ and attempts to do his work in the world."

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE TO MEET MAY 20

The W. N. C. Conference Commission on World Service and Finance will meet at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, on May 20 at 10 a.m. for the purpose of carrying out the instruction of the Conference (1948 Journal, p 146) to "study the matter of basing the apportionments for Minimum Salary Fund, the District Superintendents Fund, the Conference Claimants Fund, and the Children's Home Fund on the total amounts paid the previous year on 'Current Expenses and Incidentals,' 'Church School Administration and Supplies,' and Pastor's and Associate Pastor's Salaries,' these items now being lines 43, 44, and 46 of the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference." All interested persons are invited to meet with the Commission and present arguments for or against the proposal.—C. C. HERBERT, JR.

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The Minister Should Know

That in his parish there is probably some young man who possesses potentialities for successful ministry in the pulpit of the Christian Church. If under God's guidance the minister could help such young men discover God's plan for his life's work he would render a most noble service to both the youth and the Christian Church. The minister should never make the decision for the youth, but in numerous ways he can very certainly assist him in determining God's will for his life. Moving in mysterious ways, God often reveals his purpose to persons who in early years live under what may appear to be unfavorable conditions. The minister can definitely act as an agent for God in revealing his divine will.

With a multitude of heavy responsibilities, the minister can give attention to other areas and neglect the youth. Such neglect is inexcusable. He can maintain a cordial personal relationship with his youth but for no other purpose than that of pleasure for himself and them. He can manifest a deeper interest in them—one which will help to furnish satisfying association now and which will serve to find God's will for the future, whether it be for the ministry or some other worthy vocation.

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EDITORIAL

A Monument to Vision and Christian Generosity

Last week it was our good fortune to spend a night in the Methodist Home for the Aged. We came away with the conviction that the Methodists of Western North Carolina, known for their vision and good works, in establishing this institution have done nothing in recent years more noble or more praiseworthy.

Nestled peacefully on a 225-acre tract in a quiet place, the Home has a perfect setting. Approximately 100 acres of open land, most of which are covered with shimmering, richly green wheat, surround the exquisitely designed buildings. Beyond is a vast circle of trees, now bursting with life, so symmetrical and so stately that one has the impression that the Master Artist, who has such tender love for old people, must have created this lavishly beautiful place as a setting for a Home for the Aged. At least, hardly a lovelier spot for the Home could be found.

The architect has shown rare skill in drawing the plans for the buildings. Every need of the aged has been anticipated and adequately met. Modern in every respect, sparing nothing in comfort and convenience, discriminating in every detail, one feels that the Great Architect must have dictated the plans.

But as lovely as is this picturesque setting and as commodious and as complete as are the imposing buildings, there is something even more impressive about the Methodist Home for the Aged. And that something is the exhilarating homelike atmosphere of the place. One doesn't linger there long before he discovers that the Home has a soul. There is an atmosphere of grace and charm and genuine friendliness and love. This has been achieved by the kind of people who make up the large family—gentle, gracious, lovable, congenial people. It has also been achieved by the kind of leadership in the home. All those who minister to these aged persons are gentle, considerate, and in love with the people under their care. It is a Christian home administered by Christian hands.

House and Home

A house is built of logs and stone,
Of tiles and posts and piers;
A home is built of loving deeds
That stand a thousand years.

—Victor Hugo.

The Methodist Home for the Aged stands as a monument to the vision and boundless Christian generosity of the Methodists of Western North Carolina. What has been achieved already has been worth every sacrifice and labor of love. But the task is far from complete. The people will go on with this noble undertaking, giving generously on Mother's Day to complete the unit now under construction. They will keep on giving until they have erected a Home where multitudes of their aged loved ones and friends may spend the sunset of their earthly years in comfort and in happiness.

To Mr. J. B. Ivey and to Mr. George F. Ivey, who conceived the idea of the Home, and to the late Mr. E. M. Cole, who gave the hallowed acres, and to many other ministers and laymen too numerous to mention who have given unstintingly of their labors and prayers and means, we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude. They have begun an institution that will do incalculable good in the days ahead. They have also given to other Christian men and women an example to follow. With an increasing number of old people in our population, we commend a Home for the Aged to other Conferences of Methodism and to other communions. There is no more fitting monument to vision and boundless Christian generosity.

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Protestant Responsibility Toward Displaced Persons

Last year Congress passed a law which permits 205,000 displaced persons to find haven in the United States. Catholics and Jews have done a most commendable job in helping to resettle these hapless refugees. Protestants, with the exception of the Lutherans, have been inexcusably slow in carrying their share of this great responsibility. For example, only 1,195 of the 13,000 displaced persons entering our country by March 1 came under Protestant auspices. "If you are a Jewish DP," says Roland Elliot, director of the department of Displaced Persons for Church World Service, "you can expect to be resettled by the end of 1949. If you are a Catholic DP, your chance of resettlement over your Protestant neighbor is just about ten to one."

This is a serious situation. We would like to believe that Protestant slowness is due largely to a lack of information on the actual need. Though this is no doubt a part of the reason, the real reason lies deeper. The poor financial support that most Protestant denominations have been giving to Church World Service, Protestantism's cooperative agency for overseas relief, is partly to blame. Another reason is Protestantism's lack of real cooperation and vision. Protestant churches, even though they talk a great deal about the ecumenical church, are doing too little about it. Unfortunately, the churches are going their own way in many areas in which they need to join hands. Meanwhile, the lives of multitudes of our brothers are at stake.

The task of resettling these 205,000 displaced persons is not a responsibility for the government, but for communities and churches, as Rev. Carl Key, director of the North Carolina Council of Churches points out elsewhere in this issue of the Advocate in an article entitled "Delayed Pilgrims Knock at Our Doors."

Methodism has accepted the responsibility of resettling 2,000 displaced persons this year. Surely, the Methodists of North Carolina will want to have a share in helping to reach this goal. Virtually every charge could help to resettle one or more of these needy families.

Our forefathers were once displaced persons or pilgrims, too. They paid a terrific price to find haven in this country and to give haven to millions of others. We, their sons, cannot afford to close the doors to other worthy pilgrims who knock at our doors.

FAMILY LIVING CAN BE FUN

By Marvin Vick, Jr.*

How can family living be fun? Here are a few simple yet pertinent suggestions.

One of the greatest needs of the family today is a common denominator. We have carried our plan of departmentalization to a point where members of a common family look at each other and wonder just what unites them as a family group. Take for example the family of "Mr. X." Mr. X is the office manager for a manufacturing company in one of our average American cities. Mrs. X spends eight hours a day as a receptionist in the office of a physician in the same city. Miss X (age 18) is a senior in the consolidated high school which serves both the city and the county in which they live. She travels across the city each day to the building housing the high school. For her travel, she uses the family automobile. Master X (age 10) attends the local grade school just two blocks from the family dwelling. When the disciplines of the day have been completed, and these four individuals, related by blood, find themselves suddenly face to face at the dinner table with the beef roast as the only common element in their daily experience, there is reason for the difficulty in finding conversation. Of course, polite manners demand a certain amount of "chit chat" during the course of the meal, but what basis is there for any wholehearted interesting family participation?

More and more, we are coming to realize that the basic value of the family today is its companionship. In former years the need for protection, the rules of society, tradition, and rigid discipline were sufficient reasons for the family to be united; but today there must be a new reason for family unity. Mutual affection and comradeship must be the common denominator for the family members. This sounds so simple that we agree immediately with this thesis without question, but one visit to the domestic courts of our land, or one visit in the office of a youth counselor will suffice to prove that while we agree we are not applying the facts given.

Fathers continue to assume that their family obligations are complete when they bring home the pay check and see that all the bills are paid. Mothers continue to wonder why the school can't do more for the children. The problems of youth, as given to the counselor, quickly suggest a loneliness growing out of the failure of the home to provide companionship.

Family living can and must be fun. The board of directors, composed of all members in the family, needs to check on the dividends being declared to see that every stockholder is getting his or her share of the accrued values of the family.

The family budget must be shared. When father's hobby becomes so expensive that all members of the family must sacrifice to provide for it, mutual affection and companionship suffer. If clothing one member of the family to meet society's demands means continual sacrifice for the whole family, there is little basis for companionship. Family living can be fun when we share in planning for family spending.

Family hobbies are of utmost value in developing companionship and mutual affection. The field of sports offers vast opportunities for the family to have fun together. Given a common talent for participation, no more joyful experience can be had than family athletics. Even to share together from the spectators' position as a family unit will bring new joy to living.

The vast number of collecting hobbies given open season the year round for the family to work and play together. Regardless of the material collected, this has long been a favorite hobby for the family. The desire to collect is a common talent found in every individual, and, properly used, can provide the family with hours and hours of mutual joy and entertainment.

The opportunities for outdoor family experiences are everywhere. Picnics, trips, camping trips, fishing, and hunting are all activities available to us on a family basis. A young mother who understands the joys of family living recently remarked: "When my husband wants to go fishing, we all go and enjoy the outing together." There is no limit to the possibilities afforded the family as it develops companionship through hobbies.

Taking time out for the family can be fun. With all the demands of society today, the family hardly finds time to exist except in name. Social obligations and community recreational opportunities are stealing into the home and taking away the fun of family living. An established family night at home is a defense against this stealing. In at least one American home this is practiced and just inside the front door there is a framed notice which reads:

MONDAY IS OUR FAMILY NIGHT
WE ACCEPT NO INVITATIONS OUT
WE ENTERTAIN NO COMPANY IN
OUR FAMILY, WE FIND, IS FUN

This tells the story of a family in earnest search of happiness. Such a night must be planned and carried out regardless of other obligations. It must be planned as carefuly as any experience prepared for outside guests. Finding fun in family living may mean sacrificing some outside interest, but time will prove its worth. The church might well take notice at this point and become a crusader for the family. A community policy could well afford to be established so that it might be known far and wide TONIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT. There are no meetings. We all are staying at home in family groups.

The Christian religion has much to offer the family interested in its welfare. The religion of Jesus Christ is a family religion and can transform a house into a home if it is admitted into its presence. A family divided in its church loyalty cannot enjoy the full fellowship afforded to Christian believers nor can a partially Christian family know the satisfaction accorded a Christian home. Too frequently we witness scenes that suggest that religion is important to the growing mind, but of no value to a mature individual. As long as children are "sent" to Sunday school we can look forward to an emancipation day when they will "graduate" from the senior department to the street corner.

The Christian religion further gives the family an opportunity to serve collectively, thus uniting them in service to others. One of the greatest joys in life is found in united family action for others. The church supplies the home with a channel for such action. Recent testimony of a prominent business man in one of our North Carolina cities gives proof at this point. Standing before his civic club he said: "One of the greatest joys of my life comes on Sunday, when all my boys return home and join me in the family pew at our church." This family knows the joy of family action on the religious plane.

The common denominator that will regird the American family is companionship and mutual affection. Regardless of age, or status in the economic world, these elements can be present in family life. Money can't buy them, and social position can't demand them; but a little attention to the home and devotion to the family will provide them. We must relearn that: FAMILY LIVING CAN BE FUN.

*Pastor, Jonesboro Heights, Sanford.

Mother

Eyes that sparkle as morning dew,
Staunch as the oak the axes hew,
Kind as the rain to thirsty flow'r,
Giving her love each day, each hour.
Her shoulders bend but what cares she
When all her love is given free.

—Mrs. F. S. Ritch, 3832 Monroe Road, Charlotte, N. C.

Delayed Pilgrims Knock at Our Doors

By Carl R. Key*

Last year in June a special act of Congress made it possible to bring to the United States from some of the war torn countries 205,000 Displaced Persons, uprooted peoples who for various reasons were unable to return to their homelands at the close of the war. A Federal Displaced Persons Commission was created in August, 1948, by Executive Order to handle this special problem and the Commissioners began at once to work with the International Refugee Organization of the United Na[illegible] a large number of accredited social agencies and voluntary organizations to bring these "delayed pilgrims" to our shores. Three of the volunteer groups which have done a great deal in providing assurances, assisting in reception at the port of entry and actual resettlement are the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief.

It is impossible for displaced persons to make homes where they are now. First, the countries where D. P.'s now are located are so overcrowded and their economies so unstable that they are not able to support their own people. Beside this, many D. P.'s have been prisoners in the nations where their camps are now located. Neither they nor the people they live among would welcome them as permanent residents. The only other solution would be to leave the displaced persons permanently displaced, living unnatural, unproductive lives in camps, dependent on us and other nations for support. And this would be worse than no solution at all.

What are other countries doing for Displaced Persons? A number are receiving them as prospective citizens. In fact, we are lagging far behind in this urgent task. In the last 18 months the United Kingdom has taken in 81,000 D.P.'s, Palestine 74,000, Canada 48,500, France 24,600, Belgium 22,000, the United States 22,000, Argentina 21,000, Australia 16,000, Venezuela 12,000 and Brazil 9,500. It is now fairly well demonstrated that there is more than enough room in the United States for the 205,000 persons allowed under Public Law 774. We believe this statement is justified by the fact that up to March 26, 1949, the U. S. Commission had validated assurances to cover in excess of 115,000 persons. By the end of March nearly 15,000 displaced persons had departed for the United States. Of these, 4,200 left in February and about 6,500 in March. In April between 8,000 and 10,000 will be sent, in May between 10,000 and 11,000, and in June a minimum of 12,500. By the end of this year we will have brought in 45,000, leaving approximately 160,000 to complete the program. If this work is to be accomplished in the time alloted the minimum number to be brought to America each month is 16,000.

Fear has been expressed by quite a few people that the admission of 200,000 D. P.'s will rob many Americans of their homes and jobs. The law itself really takes care of this matter. It distinctly states that the job provided shall not displace an American worker and the housing shall not displace an American family. As a matter of fact, the skills that many Displaced Persons are able to bring to the United States will create new jobs for our own people. The Federal Displaced Persons Commission has made a careful study of the effect the arrival of this number of new citizens will have on the labor picture in the U. S. They have found, for example, that some industries in this country are on the point of dying out for lack of skilled workers and that many D. P.'s will fit into this picture. It should be remembered, too, that not all the D.P's coming will be workers. Half of them at least will be housewives and dependent children.

Protestant churches in America are lagging far behind in resettling displaced persons. Here is a responsibility and an opportunity for a community or a church or an individual to do something for these delayed pilgrims.

All North Carolinians are anxious to know what is being done in our state to meet this emergency. It should be mentioned first that a Governor's Commission on Displaced Persons has been appointed. It was set up in March to coordinate the activities of the groups in the state actively at work on resettlement. Representatives from the N. C. State Baptist Convention, the United Lutheran Church, the Jewish faith, the Catholic Church, the N. C. Council of Churches, which represents 15 Protestant denominations, the state departments of Agriculture, Public Welfare and the State Employment Commission make up the group.

As far as numbers of assurances actually received in North Carolina there are about 325 altogether. Housing opportunities for 265 families had been assured on December 31, 1948.

The types of workers among the D.P.'s are always of interest to possible sponsors. The largest percentage of these people are agricultural workers, but there are also craftsmen, domestic workers, clerical workers, teachers, nurses, doctors and others. There must be factories, jewelers, garages, hotels, apartment houses and dozens of other business concerns that could provide jobs, homes and other assistance to these future citizens.

The procedure to be followed in resettling displaced persons is as follows:

Find a job or farm work that will pay the prevailing wage. Secure a house that is livable and sanitary. Raise enough money to guarantee inland transportation from New York or New Orleans and to settle a family. That will be about $100. A great many churches could resettle one family and receive credit for it on their Advance for Christ program. Application for a Displaced Person, assuring a job, home, and travel money, may be filed through your own church Displaced Persons Committee or directly with the Federal Displaced Persons Commission, Washington, D. C. Information and assurance blanks may be secured from the N. C. Council of Churches, College Station, Durham.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that this is not a job for the government, but is the task of the community, the churches and of every individual citizen. Every interested person may be able to do something, either by himself, or by cooperating with his neighbors, fellowtownsmen or co-workers in this church to give a D. P. a real homeland and a new start in life. In fact, as a representative of organized religion let me lay this concern for the homeless on the hearts of all of our church people.

The assurance regarding public charge has caused some misunderstanding. The U. S. Commission regulation requires the filing of information proving to its satisfaction that the displaced person will not require public aid for essential food, clothing, shelter, or medical care for a cause existing prior to his entry into the United States. Both the federal and state Commissions point out that this does not mean a D. P. is ineligible for such public services to which any other citizen has access. The Federal Commission has also ruled that the public charge assurance does not constitute a legally enforceable undertaking, though it should be considered as binding by the person undertaking the responsibility.

All of us are descended from pilgrims who have continued to come to these shores since 1607. Can we afford to delay these new pilgrims much longer? Can we fail to open our hearts and our land to them?

*Director, North Carolina Council of Churches.

Bishop Harrell Praises the Home for the Aged; Methodist Church Operates 187 Hospitals, Homes

I COMMEND THE HOME FOR THE AGED

A few weeks ago I was guest for dinner at the Methodist Home for the Aged in Charlotte. I sat in its spacious living room. I walked up and down its corridors. I visited many of our guests in their rooms. Later in the evening we sat together in the dining room. There we found a homelike atmosphere, and a table abundantly supplied.

I was deeply impressed by the house, its situation and spaciousness, and by the many provisions and appointments for the comfort and welfare of those who call it home. It is an institution that every Methodist may look upon and say with pardonable pride, "It is ours." But as the spirit of a man is greater than his physical body, so the spirit of the home is more essential than the house. Everywhere I found an atmosphere of gentility and refinement. I rejoiced in the thought that the Church which I am serving is able to render such a gentle and Christ-like ministry to those whose life is in its eventime.

When dinner was ended, we gathered in the dining room for worship. It was more like family prayers than a chapel service. One of our retired ministers, a man largely responsible for the idea and ideals undergirding the institution, led us in a brief meditation. I shall never forget what he said. Speaking out of rich experience and with manifest sincerity, he told us that no period in one's life should be dreaded; that each has its particular glory and reward; and that even for the aged God has prepared especial blessings. I remembered that a wise man in Israel once said, "A hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in righteousness." And here is a home where aged may spend their remaining years with becoming dignity and in comfort.

The mission of the church is to minister to men and women in our Lord's name from the cradle to the grave. We have done much for our youth. We have built for them schools and campgrounds and athletic fields. For the fatherless we have provided homes. Now, at long last, we are making a home of refinement and security for those who are no longer young—a place where, between their active career on earth and the career which awaits them in the heavenly land, they may spend a well-earned and restful vacation.

This is a beautiful and holy ministry. I commend it to all our people as an enterprise worthy of a church that claims to be a part of the Body of Christ and attempts to do his work in the world.

COSTEN J. HARRELL,
Resident Bishop, Charlotte Area,
The Methodist Church.

"OPERATION BIG BUSINESS'

By Edmond H. Babbitt*

"Operation Big Business" could well be applied to the philanthropic work of The Methodist Church in the 187 hospitals and homes affiliated with the General Board of Hospitals and Homes.

From Wesley's interest in orphaned children stems the present work of 47 child-caring agencies which last year gave all that is implied in the term "home" to almost 6,000 boys and girls. Some of these Homes provide long-term care while others render short-term care and carry on foster home work and adoptions. Two of these homes are for pre-school children where the adoption work is extensive.

The need for more Homes is evident by the fact that more than 2,000 children had to be denied care by Methodist institutions. Dr. Carl P. Meister, executive secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, in his annual report issued February 16, 1949, called for the establishment of at least 10 more Homes in the next few years. The need is intensified by broken homes, drunkenness, desertion, and neglect.

The healing ministry which the Church carries on is of major proportions. Last year more than 1,000,000 persons were served in 71 hospitals and a patient entered a Methodist hospital every thirty seconds. Patients stayed in the hospital an average of 8.6 days and paid an average of $11.34 for their care. About half of our hospitals are operating in the red. If all the doctors on our hospital staffs lived in the same town it would be a community of at least 6,000 heads of families. Nearly 4,000 graduate nurses walk the halls of our hospitals and in 50 schools of nursing there are 4,752 students preparing for nursing careers or home making. Methodism reached out a helping hand to literally thousands of needy persons last year and gaves services, free and part-pay, amounting to $3,447,409.00. This is the equivalent of $9,445.00 every day of the year.

Twenty-six new hospital building projects are under way which will involve an expenditure of approximately $23,000,000 to complete. This is indicative of the expansion trend which is abroad in the nation. Many more of our hospitals have expansion plans in the making.

The problem of old age is pressing for a solution and in its 61 Homes for the Aged and agencies the Church is attempting to meet an ever-increasing need. For every three persons in Methodist Homes for the Aged last year there were two who made application and could not be received. Those who did receive care numbered 3,527 and they were served by 809 full-time employees, a ratio of one to every 4.3 old persons.

Types of institutions being developed for the care of the aged include domicilary cottages surrounding a main building, apartments within a main building, and care for the chronically ill. Methodism has just begun to scratch the surface in the care for the chronically ill, which group accounts for 70% of all deaths. Several institutions have incorporated the cottage plan in their expansion program.

Each year the Church provides a "Home Away from Home" for working young people and deaconesses. Approximately 750 receive this service which brings them into a Christian environment in the midst of big-city influences.

"The Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy" was organized this year and awards were made to eight persons who had made outstanding contributions of service or money to Methodist hospitals or homes. It is planned that each year one or two persons from the entire USA will be elected to this honor. Employees of institutions are not eligible. However, they are honored by the Board of Hospitals and Homes for 25 and 35 years of service.

Yes, the Church is in big business, but it is not big enough to meet the pressing needs. Dr. Meister challenges American Methodism to establish at least one institution in each Annual Conference. In the name of Christ the Church is serving needy old people, children, the sick, and youth. But hundreds of other needy persons are stretching outreached arms for help.

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MR. BELDEN | MR. CULLEN | MRS. CULLEN | MR. KRESGE



MR. COVERT | MR. DAVIS | MR. RAND | DR. HARRIS

The above eight persons have recently been named to membership in the newly-established Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy (Honor Society of the Healing and Helping Hand). Chosen by a group of impartial judges, Hall of Fame members were honored for their outstanding contributions of time, talent, and money to Methodist philanthropic institutions. Their names, occupations, and the institutions in their home cities to which they have made noteworthy contributions, follow: top row, left to right—George K. Belden, insurance agent, Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roy Cullen, philanthropists, Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas; Sebastian S. Kresge, chain store magnate, Methodist Children's Home, Society, Detroit; bottom row, left to right—Roy J. Covert, banker, Deaconess Hospital, Billings, Mont.; Walter H. Davis, Westminster, Md., automobile dealer, Asbury Methodist Home for the Aged, Gaithersburg, Md.; Frank C. Rand, shoe manufacturer, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis; Dr. Charles H. Harris, Harris Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

REV. C. T. THRIFT, 406 Bon Air Avenue, Durham, will be glad to assist in evangelistic services.

MEMBERS of the Gatesville charge have sold their parsonage and plans are on the way for a new building.

REV. C. W. BARBEE of Roxboro was one of the speakers at the 189th District Rotary meeting held at Manteo this week.

MATTHEWS METHODISTS are planning a revival May 29-June 3, with Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., as visiting preacher.

REV. LEE F. TUTTLE of Asheville assisted Rev. G. R. Stafford in evangelistic services last week at Taylorsville.

DEAN HAROLD A. BOSLEY of the Duke Divinity School was the guest preacher at First Church, Charlotte, last Sunday.

W. JASPER SMITH, lay leader of the North Carolina Conference, attended a meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of conference lay leaders at Atlanta last week. Objectives for the program of lay activities for the new quadrennium were discussed.

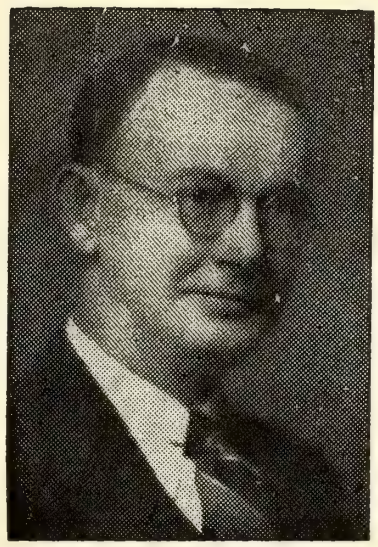
CALVARY CHURCH, Greensboro, celebrated its 25th anniversary Sunday, April 24, with the pastor, Rev. J. T. Shackford, in charge, and Rev. Phil Shore, former pastor, bringing the message. Beginning with 24 members, the church now has 437 members.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, pastor of New York's Christ Church and for more than 11 years presiding minister of NBC's "National Radio Pulpit," has been appointed the director of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, chancellor of New York University, has announced. Dr. Sockman succeeds the late Dr. James Rowland Angell.

BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT of St. Louis was elected president of the Council of Bishops for 1949-50, at the close of the five day annual session of the Council, meeting in Hotel Dennis, Atlantic City, April 25-30. He succeeds Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles. Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago was elected vice-president and, for the eleventh time, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York was chosen secretary.

OXFORD church people are thrilled at the response given to the program put on during the past week by Mr. A. S. Arnold. The Palestinian display under the title "Our Religious Heritage" fascinated our people. All ages, but especially the young people, went through the display a second time. The Bible land was made to live for the observers. Nothing that has been presented in Oxford has received more universal acclaim.—S. A. MAXWELL.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, will hold its School for Town and Country Ministers June 27 to July 15. Visiting instructors will include Professor Frank A. Lindhorst, College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif.; Mr. T. Wilson Longmore, Department of Agriculutre, Washington, D. C.; and Rev. Dutton S. Peterson, pastor of Catherine-Cayuta Parish, Odessa, New York, and field representative of the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief locating Methodist Displaced Persons. Conducted on an academic basis, this school will grant as much as four hours graduate credit. For information write Prof. John Baxter Howes, Director.



DR. T. C. JOHNSON

DR. T. C. JOHNSON, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton, has been appointed paroles commissioner of North Carolina. An experienced psychologist and sociologist and Christian leader, Dr. Johnson is well qualified for this important position. He has had wide experience in the pastorate and in public service. Churchmen throughout the State will be glad to give Dr. Johnson their full cooperation as he seeks to give Christian guidance to many men and women who get another opportunity to rebuild their lives and reestablish themselves as citizens of the community.

DR. HOWARD P. POWELL of Raleigh is the evangelist in special services this week at Edgerton Memorial Church, Selma.

REV. M. W. LAWRENCE, pastor of First Church, Elizabeth City, assisted Rev. D. L. Fouts in evangelistic services last week at First Church, Hertford.

REV. J. ELWOOD CARROLL of Wadesboro is assisting Rev. Clyde Faulkner in the Rural Workshop being held this week at Cherry Street Church, Kernersville.

SUNSET PARK CHURCH, Wilmington, has been stressing evangelism. As a result 53 new members were received into the church. The work began in February when a church school census was made. Also during the same month some ladies of the WSCS, under the leadership of Mrs. H. F. Paul, made a survey of two sections of the church community upon which the church information was incomplete. Through these two sources a large prospect list was made. On Monday and Tuesday nights of National Visitation Evangelism Week nine ministers joined an equal number of local laymen in visiting this prospect list in the name of Christ and the church. As a result of these two nights of visitation 41 members were secured. Decision Day was also observed with 11 boys and girls received into the church. The week following Easter evangelistic services were held with Rev. C. D. Barclift as guest preacher. On April 24 a membership service was held and the 43 adults were received into the church. This makes a total of 70 new members for the Sunset Park Church during the past six months.

PASTORS are requested to send their church bulletins and news items to the Advocate.

BASNIGHT MEMORIAL CHURCH, Ahoskie, will be engaged in visitation evangelism May 7-9.

MRS. CLYDE FAULKNER, wife of Rev. Clyde W. Faulkner of Kernersville, is recovering from a recent operation.

REV. W. L. HUTCHINS of Boonville has been appointed a member of the Yadkin County Public Welfare Board.

REV. C. W. ROBBINS was guest preacher at worship services at Pfeiffer Junior College Sunday, April 24.

EBENEZER CHURCH, Belmont, plans special revival services next week, May 8-13, with Dr. Clovis G. Chappell of Charlotte and Rev. W. Arthur Kale of Shelby the visiting preachers.

ROCKINGHAM AREA Methodists gathered at First Church last Sunday afternoon for an Advance for Christ meeting. Main speakers were Dr. E. H. Nease of Charlotte and Dr. Frank S. Hickman of the Duke Divinity School.

CENTENARY CHURCH, New Bern, gave special recognition to members of the choir on Sunday evening, April 24. The church is raising funds for a new pipe organ which will be installed within a year.

BIG SPRING CHURCH, near Charlotte, recently held "Ten Dollar Sunday," with more than $800 contributed. Members are in the midst of a campaign to raise $60,000 for a new church. To date $17,654.46 has been collected. Plans for the new church are now being drawn.

BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY of the Oregon Area will speak to the pastors of the Thomasville district at Memorial Church, Thomasville, Monday, May 9, at 10 a.m. Ministers of adjoining districts are invited to hear this outstanding preacher and leader of Methodism.

THE LOWESVILLE CHARGE plans two revivals during May. River Bend church will begin an annual series of evangelistic services Sunday evening, with Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., as guest preacher. Snow Hill church will begin Sunday evening, May 15, with Rev. J. L. Pittard of Belmont as visiting evangelist.

RURAL SUPPLY PASTORS may attend a three-week Pastors School at Duke University July 6-22. About 60-100 "supply pastors," laymen who have accepted rural pastorates where regular ministers are not available, from nine Southern states are expected to attend. Sponsored jointly by the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church and the Duke Divinity School, the school will offer eight courses in subjects ranging from "Christian Beliefs," and "The Minister's Message" to "Church History." Members of the faculty are: from Duke, Prof. Walton, H. E. Myers, professor of Biblical Literature; Dr. F. W. Young, assistant professor of New Testament; and Rev. George B. Ehlhardt, Divinity School registrar. Visiting faculty members: J. W. Sells, executive secretary, Rural and Radio Work, Southeastern Jurisdiction, Atlanta; and Rev. Lem Stokes, pastor, St. Johns Methodist Church, Rock Hill, S. C. Candidates are accepted on the basis of recommendations by district superintendents of the Methodist Church as approved by the Methodist Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

First Church, Asheboro, Begins Preaching Mission Sunday; Durham, Asheville District Conferences

BISHOP KENNEDY TO CONDUCT PREACHING MISSION IN ASHEBORO

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, eminent preacher, author and Methodist leader, will be the guest speaker next week in a preaching mission at First Church, Asheboro, according to Rev. Harlan L. Creech, pastor. Services begin at the 11 o'clock service Sunday and will continue through Friday with a service daily at 7:30 p.m. Rev. R. William McCulley of Winston-Salem will be in charge of the singing.

Bishop Kennedy was for many years a pastor, during which time he served at Collinsville, Conn.; San Jose, Cal.; Palo Alto, Cal.; and Lincoln, Neb. He was also director of Wesley Foundation at Stanford University and professor of Homiletics in the Pacific School of Religion. He is author of "The Pause for Reflection," "His Word Through Preaching," "Have This Mind," and "The Best of John Henry Jowett."

Elected last year to the episcopacy, Bishop Kennedy was assigned to the Oregon Area.

Large crowds are expected at all of the services.



BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY

NEW PHILLIPS CHAPEL CHURCH HOST TO DURHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By J. S. McCartt

With more than 500 persons in attendance, the Durham district conference convened at 9 o'clock, Thursday, April 21, in the Phillips Chapel church on the Swepsonville charge, with Dr. E. L. Hillman, district superintendent, presiding. After the conference was organized, Dr. J. M. Ormond conducted a devotional service. A word of welcome was given by Rev. John R. Poe, host pastor, and the response was made by Rev. R. Z. Newton of the Mt. Hermon charge.

It was a highly significant day for the Phillips Chapel congregation. Not only was it outstanding as the meeting of the district conference, but it was the occasion to celebrate the centennial in a recently completed church building. Dr. B. G. Childs, district lay leader, presided over the centennial service and gave an address on "The History of the Methodist Church in Alamance County." In his message he pointed out that Phillips Chapel had made a great contribution to the church in sending out a number of able preachers. At the close of Dr. Childs' speech, memorials were presented in memory of two of these beloved preachers, Michael Bradshaw and Samuel E. Nicks. Mrs. Michael Bradshaw of Durham unveiled an altar set presented in memory of her husband. Her son, Rev. R. W. Bradshaw of Wilson took part in the presentation. Mrs. Samuel Nicks of Hillsboro unveiled a communion set which was presented in memory of her husband. Rev. R. L. Nicks, her son, and pastor of the Burlington circuit, assisted in the service.

Following the memorial service, Rev. J. G. Phillips presented the cause of Christian education, with the following participating: Rev. C. W. Robbins, representing the North Carolina Christian Advocate; Dr. Raymond Smith, Greensboro College; Dr. Samuel M. Holton, Louisburg College; Rev. John Cline, youth work; Miss Kitty Cline, adult work; and Rev. Troy Barrett, conference director of youth work.

The missionary work of the church was presented by Rev. O. L. Hathaway, district missionary secretary, and by Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, Rev. W. L. Clegg, conference chairman of the Advance, and Mrs. E. L. Hillman.

Dr. B. G. Childs called attention to the 74 observances of laymen's day in the district with over 100 laymen participating. He introduced L. Stacy Weaver, superintendent of Durham city schools, who stated his faith as a layman, emphasizing that the struggle in the world today is one for men's minds and souls.

Rev. B. D. Critcher spoke briefly concerning the evangelistic phase of the Advance, presenting a seven-point program for the remainder of the conference year.

The conference sermon, entitled "A Faith for Today," was brought by Dean Harold A. Bosley of the Duke Divinity School.

In the afternoon session after a devotional service conducted by Rev. C. G. McCarver, special causes were presented by Rev. L. C. Larkin and five of his youngsters from the Raleigh Orphanage; by Dr. B. G. Childs, president of the Durham Methodist Society, who urged our attention to the new Methodist Hour over station WDNC at 1 p.m. each Sunday; and by M. G. Mann, representing Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc.

One of the highlights of the day's program was an address by Walter F. Anderson, director of the State Bureau of Investigation. His topic was "The Sin of Beverage Alcohol." He stated frankly that the evil could be overcome when the church people are willing to get out of the business.

Reports were heard from Rev. R. E. Brown, chairman of the courtesy committee; C. C. Durham, district treasurer; Rev. H. B. Lewis, chairman of the committee on minutes; Rev. S. J. Starnes, chairman of the committee on local preachers and accepted supplies; and from Rev. E. C. Crawford, who presented a detailed report from every charge in the district.

Five young men were licensed to preach. They are Norman A. Desrosiers, Murrell K. Glover, Joseph T. Smith, Vernon C. Tyson, and T. T. Winstead. Approximately 50 local preachers stood before the conference in a special service of recognition and dedication for the course set before them as ministers of the gospel.

During this conference year 712 new members have been received. The statistical report showed the churches to have paid over 50 per cent of the year's total budget. A total of $137,668 had been expended on building and repairs; $2,061 collected for Overseas Relief; $1,828 received for the Week of Dedication; and $954 for Camp Don Lee.

The 1950 conference will be held at Camp Springs Church on the Burlington circuit.

NEW ABERNETHY CHURCH HOST TO ASHEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By Charles D. White.

Delegates and visitors filled the beautiful new Abernethy church in West Asheville Thursday, April 28, for the Asheville District Conference. The pastor, Rev. T. A. Groce, and his fine people had well planned the entertainment.

Dr. R. Dwight Ware presided over the conference. Devotions were conducted by Rev. John C. Vernon of Tryon. Words of welcome were given by E. D. Chandler, chairman of the official board, and the response was made by J. J. Wood of the Fanning's Chapel church.

Pastors' reports, compiled by Rev. W. G. McFarland, showed increases in a number of items. Financial obligations for the year were far above the 50% mark. Thus far 281 have been received on profession of faith and 400 by transfer. Week of Dedication offering amounted to $2,028. Reports also showed that over $8,000 in Advance specials have been accepted in the district.

"The Advance for Christ and His Church" was the theme of the conference, and a special hour during the morning was given to a presentation of this. Dr. L. B. Abernethy, for whom the host church was named, spoke on the theme, as did Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson, who told of a highly successful plan which he used at Haywood Street in presenting Advance specials through a church conference to his congregation. Rev. Charles D. White, secretary of the conference, preached the Advance sermon. The layman's hour in the afternoon also stressed the Advance with a challenging address by Professor W. Horace Grigg on "The Layman's Part in the Advance." The noon sermon was delivered by Rev. Clifford H. Peace of the Hillside-Merrimon church.

The connectional interests of the church were presented by the following: Dr. H. G. Allen, the Brotherhood; Miss Dorothy Stedman, Greensboro College; Rev. Reid Wall and Dr. C. M. Pickens, the Home for the Aged; Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, the Youth Camp and the Children's Home; Rev. Cecil W. Robbins, the North Carolina Christian Advocate; Dr. E. J. Coltrane, Brevard College, and Mrs. S. M. Garren, the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Bernard Ray Fitzgerald, now serving the church at Saluda, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. John Raymond Dawkins who is serving the Emma-Riverview charge was recommended to the Annual Conference for local deacon's orders.

As a tribute to the leadership of Dr. Ware the conference voted to place a pew in the Abernethy church in his honor.

Words of appreciation were spoken for the district conference by Rev. Thad McDonald for the gracious hospitality of the thoughtful pastor and people of the host church.

The 1950 session will be held in the recently completed Elkwood church on the Asheville circuit.

Armbrust, Love to Dedicate Trinity Church; Rocky Mount, Winston-Salem, Wilmington Districts Meet

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT CONFERENCE MEETS AT PILOT MOUNTAIN

By Cecil L. Heckard

More than 300 delegates and visitors to the Winston-Salem district conference met at Pilot Mountain Methodist Church last Tuesday, with Rev. L. P. Barnett, host pastor.

Dr. H. G. Allen, district superintendent, pointed out, when time came for adjournment, that the spirit of the conference had been 'the spirit of Pilot Mountain"—a spirit of sacrifice that enabled a small membership to erect a beautiful church building and pay for it in one year. The spirit of the Methodists of the district was revealed in the routine reports which evidenced more than routine advance all along the line in the work of the church: 889 members have been added by profession of faith and transfer of membership; 108 revivals are planned for the remainder of the year; 106 vacation church schools will be conducted this summer; the Week of Dedication offering totaled $2,511; the churches of the district have accepted $18,732 in approved mission specials; each charge in the district accepted an increase of one-third in World Service apportionments; church school enrollment showed an increase of 482 for the six-month period; and reports showed 739 subscribers to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Rev. Ralph Reid, pastor of Mt. Pleasant charge, preached the conference sermon, using as his subject, "The Last Passion." He deplored the loss of evangelistic zeal among Methodists and made a powerful and stirring appeal for the "warm heart" which he showed is the predominating characteristic and the real power of Methodism.

Singers from Greensboro College brought inspiration to the afternoon session, which was as well attended as the morning session.

Among those to present Methodist causes were: Mrs. H. B. Simpson, Rev. Frank Jordan, Dr. Edgar H. Nease, O. V. Woosley, Rev. Reid Wall, Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Rev. R. M. Hauss, Dr. L. B. Abernethy, Mrs. M. G. Piland, Rev. John Jordan, Rev. Robert Carter, Rev. Delbert Byrum, Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, and Rev. R. G. Tuttle.

Miss Rose Anderson, a student at Pfeiffer College and a missionary candidate, spoke from personal experience on "Why I Chose Full-time Christian Work," and Miss Mozelle McCormick of Greensboro College spoke on "The Rural Church."

Two of the objectives adopted by the conference were: "A vacation church school within reach of every child," and "A school of missions on every charge."

The conference renewed the licenses of the following local preachers: Joseph William Lasley, Carlton G. Alspaugh (A), R. L. Billings (A), John A. Blackburn, J. E. Flynn, G. B. Gwyn, L. A. Hampton, H. W. Hudspeth, O. E. Merritt, S. A. Merritt, G. T. Moody, Mrs. Stella Price, W. M. Roberts, R. L. Spear, G. E. Flinchim, Harold Coston, C. A. Cranford, L. D. Vance, G. M. Wilson, H. A. Johnson, Dan Pike, Levi Paschal, Thomas Landon Lindsey, and P. R. Gilbert. Joseph William Lasley was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial and for deacon's orders. W. Y. Danvenport and R. L. Billings were recommended to the Annual Conference as accepted supplies.

STATESVILLE CIRCUIT CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY



At the eleven o'clock service next Sunday morning the new Trinity church on the Statesville circuit will be dedicated, with Rev. J. H. Armbrust, district superintendent of the Statesville District, and Rev. J. L. Love, pastor, in charge. Plans for the new church began eight years ago when members started raising funds through the use of the Lord's Acre plan and other means. Actual construction began about a year ago. The new church, built at a cost of $20,000, has a sanctuary, an assembly room and nine class rooms, and an oil-fired heating system. The entire indebtedness was paid last fall. Rev. J. H. Armbrust will be in charge of the dedicatory rites, and will be assisted by the pastor.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By N. W. Grant

Tuesday, April 19, was a great day for the Methodists of the Rocky Mount district. Representatives from every charge helped to make up the large congregation which filled the sanctuary of the Bethel church. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, had a full and well planned program for the day. N. W. Grant was elected secretary for the eleventh consecutive year. Space would not allow the mention of every fine experience which came to the group but special note should be made of some. Rev. R. W. Bradshaw gave a most appropriate and inspiring devotional at the beginning of the session, using the words of God to Moses when he said, "Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward," as a basis for his thought. A number of district representatives, both laymen and ministers, gave short talks on the work of the church during this year of Advance in the fields of missions, education, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Camp Don-Lee, evangelism, and lay activities.

M. G. Mann of Raleigh spoke in the interest of Retirement Homes for ministers, W. J. Smith represented the North Carolina Christian Advocate, Dr. Samuel Holton spoke for Louisburg College, and Rev. L. C. Larkin, with some of his children, represented the Methodist Orphanage.

The high experience of inspiration came at the noon hour when Dean Harold Bosley of Duke University delivered the conference sermon, centering his thoughts around "Our Faith."

In the afternoon session routine business was transacted. The conference granted license to preach to the following three young men: Joseph Johnson Flythe of Conway, William Bryan Richardson of Kenly, and Thedro Jefferson Barrett, Jr., of Garysburg. Edgar Earl Whitley, who is now serving as pastor of the Pinetops charge, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The reports from the various charges showed many accomplishments during the first half of the year.

A report of the day would not be complete without a special word concerning the part the host church played in the success of the day. Every item of service had been cared for to the fullest. The welcome by Mr. Staton was everything a welcome should be, the music was inspiring, the dinner has never been surpassed; everything and everyone helped to make the 1949 session of the Rocky Mount district conference a great one.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By C. H. Mercer

Historic old Trinity Church in Southport was filled with about 300 Methodists as the Wilmington District Conference convened on April 26. Rev. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent, presided. The devotional was led by Rev. A. D. Wood, of the Duplin circuit. Reports from the charges showed that 287 new members had been received into the church on profession of faith and 292 by transfer. A total of $1,147 had been given for overseas relief with the Week of Dedication offering amounting to $962.

Some outstanding accomplishments in building were reported. Rev. F. D. Hedden, pastor, stated that the educational building of Chestnut Street church, Lumberton, would soon be completed and ready for dedication. At Clinton $7,000 has recently been added to the fund for the building of an educational building. Rev. E. B. Fisher reported that the new $100,000 educational building at Trinity in Wilmington would soon be completed. A new building for the Singletary church on the Lumberton circuit has recently been completed. The Prospect church, a part of Pembroke parish, is nearly completed at a cost of $30,000. Building is to begin soon on Grace church in Wilmington which was destroyed by fire two years ago. The Unity church on the Duplin circuit is almost complete. The Whiteville Methodists will begin the building of a new church soon. New parsonages have been dedicated at Fairmont and on the Waccamaw circuit.

Rev. R. E. Walston, district missionary secretary, encouraged mission work in each church. He presented Rev. C. B. Dawsey, Jr., who was reared in Brazil, for an address on mission work in Brazil. He emphasized the importance of "specials" in mission work, stating that it was through this means that certain members of his family were kept on the mission field.

The conference sermon was preached by Rev. Dennis Kinlaw of Faison, who used as his subject "The Importance of Evangelism."

Rev. L. C. Larkin and several boys from his family were present with an interesting message from the Orphanage. Dr. Samuel Holton of Louisburg College emphasized the importance of the college in helping to prepare Christian leadership. J. G. Phillips of the Conference Board of Education encouraged continued emphasis upon church school attendance. Mrs. J. T. Doughtie reported for the WSCS; Rev. E. B. Fisher for the Golden Cross; Rev. K. R. Wheeler for the Board of Temperance; and Rev. J. A. Russell represented the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Dr. M. A. Waddell of Fair Bluff, an associate lay leader, gave the lay address.

A new committee was set up on District Retirement Homes with Rev. F. D. Hedden, Dr. M. A. Waddell, S. T. Thorton, Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, and Mrs. M. H. Shephard as members.

A delicious meal was served by the host church of which Rev. L. D. Hayman is pastor.

The 1950 district conference will meet at Bethesda.

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Guild Has 200 in Annual Meet; Fayetteville District Announces Zone Dates; News About Pfeiffer School

Edited by Mrs. A. H. Borland
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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE

The fifth annual session of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the North Carolina Conference convened in Rocky Mount April 9-10, with the Rocky Mount district as hostess. Miss Sarah Godfrey, conference secretary, presided.

Delegates were entertained at the New Ricks Hotel and meals were served in the dining room. Special guests were conference officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Mrs. H. I. Glass, Mrs. N. P. Edens, and Mrs. C. H. Walston. Other guests were Mrs. Eloise Woolever from the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Mrs. Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh, former president of the North Carolina Conference W. S. C. S.; Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, associate secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

The program was dedicated to Mrs. L. C. Larkin "with sincere appreciation for the years she has helped us build."

At the executive board meeting held Saturday afternoon in First Methodist Church, the rceommendations for the Guild work during 1949-50 were read and accepted. Supply work for the four quarters of the new year were approved as follows: First quarter, Miss Lena Knapp of South America; second quarter, Aldersgate, Little Rock, Ark.; third quarter, Greenville student center; and fourth quarter, Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlen of China.

The regular session of the conference was convened at dinner at 6 o'clock in the hotel, with Mrs. V. F. Bullock, Rocky Mount district secretary, presiding. Special guests for this dinner meeting were Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Grant and Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Hobbs. Approximately 200 delegates were in attendance.

The evening session in First church was opened with a communion service at which time the sacrificial offering was $165. Mrs. B. B. Slaughter led the devotional, using as her text, "Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O, woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

Miss Sarah Godfrey, newly elected conference secretary, presided over the session. Miss Kathlene Cox of Durham was elected secretary.

A new publication, "The Guild-a-Bout North Carolina," is being prepared by Miss Godfrey each quarter. The first issue was given to the delegates at the conference. A penny postcard to Miss Godfrey will bring the issue to anyone desiring to receive a copy each quarter.

Attendance of official delegates was checked by districts: Durham 25, Elizabeth City 12, Fayetteville 22, New Bern 30, Raleigh 27, Rocky Mount 53, Wilmington 9. Miss Pete Hill, newly-appointed Fayetteville district secretary, was recognized.

Pledges for the new year were as follows: Durham, $2,500; Elizabeth City, $750; Fayetteville, $1,400; New Bern, $1,350; Raleigh, $3,000; Rocky Mount, $1,379; and Wilmington, $750. Total pledges for the conference, $11,129.

The 1950 conference was invited to Duke Memorial church in Durham by Miss Kathlene Cox, Durham district secretary, and Miss Margaret Umberger, Duke Memorial president. The invitation was accepted.

Miss Eloise Woolever, executive secretary of the Woman's Division, brought the message of the evening, "The Word is Advance."

On Sunday morning at breakfast, Mrs. J. N. Needham, president of the Rocky Mount Guild, presided. Mrs. Darden Eure, president of the New Bern district W. S. C. S., gave the meditation, "Our Future."

At 11 o'clock the delegates assembled at First church for the morning worship service with the pastor, Rev. T. M. Grant, in charge. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield brought the message, telling of his work in Poland and what the contributions to World Service means to the people of Europe.

ABOUT PFEIFFER COLLEGE RETREAT

"There is nothing at all mysterious about a retreat," said Dr. Margaret Applegarth, who will lead the retreat again this year at Pfeiffer College, June 10-12, "for the very simplicity of it is its chief value. The usual church year is crowded with following the usual printed programs or with holding the usual committee sessions built around the usual full agenda—whereas the only thing necessary for a retreat is one's own self and God, in quietness and desire: quietness from the old everyday rush and noise and struggle; desire to discover in this blessed uninterrupted stillness what is the will of God for my life. Sometimes we sing this in our hymn: 'O, for a Closer Walk With God,' but it is far more exquisite to start that walking closely! Think how often our Lord felt just such a retreat was necessary in his day: 'Come ye apart and rest awhile,' and they withdrew to a solitary place."

For the Methodist women of North Carolina this "solitary place" will be Pfeiffer College, June 10-12, and the leader who will set the pattern of the thinking will again be Dr. Applegarth of New York City. "Those of us who were there last year," said Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, conference secretary of spiritual life, "will recall how striking a discovery it was to find how we resembled that little crooked woman in the text, for we too had been going to the house of God, eyes down, intent on the usual path with no least expectancy that now—here!—was the one Physician able to cure us. We also learned last year the exquisite significance of 'leaven which a woman took,' and of the hospitable mustard tree. It all added up to a very warm and sacred experience of renewal and rebirth."

THIRD ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The third annual North Carolina School of Missions and Christian Service will be held at Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, June 12-17. It is sponsored jointly by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences. The theme for 1949 is "Toward One World in Christ."

Mrs. C. M. Waggoner will again serve as dean of the school. Mrs. H. O. Lineberger is general chairman, Mrs. S. S. Holt is business manager, and Mrs. P. A. Masten is registrar.

Courses offered for credit are: "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church," taught by Dr. Margaret Applegarth; "Cooperation for a Christian Nation," taught by Mrs. W. M. Hubbard; "Japan," taught by Miss Katherine Johnson; and "Women of Scripture," by Miss Sallie E. Carroll.

Those who should attend are conference, district and local officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and all others who are interested in its development and growth. Register in the Administration Building of the college on Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 5. Reservations will be made in the order in which they are received. Registration fee may be mailed at any time to Mrs. P. A. Masten, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

Costs of the schools: Spiritual Life Retreat, registration fee is $1, and room and board, $5. School, $2, and room and board, $12. Wesleyan Service Guild Institute registration fee is $2, and board and room, $5.

Each person is asked to bring sheets, towels, pillows and pillow-cases.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT ZONE MEETINGS

Mrs. L. P. Cox, Fayetteville district promotional secretary, announces the dates and places for the spring zone meetings as follows:

Richmond, May 4, 10 o'clock, Glenwood church, lunch 75c.

Cumberland-Hoke, May 10, at 10 o'clock, Parkton, lunch 75c.

Chatham-Lee, May 11, at 10 o'clock, Siler City, bring sandwiches.

Scotland-Robeson, May 17, at 10 o'clock, Snead's Grove, lunch will be served.

Moore-Montgomery, May 19, at 10 o'clock, Aberdeen, lunch will be served.

IN SYMPATHY

Charles Cannon, father of Mrs. Russell Johnson, passed away very suddenly at his home in Marion on the 14th of April. Mrs. Johnson is the president of the Rocky Mount district. Her co-workers in the district and her friends in the North Carolina Conference extend to Mrs. Johnson their love and sympathy.

ST. PAULS FIRST SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The first annual school of missions of St. Pauls Church in Durham was held this week. Mrs. E. L. Hillman, vice-president and program chairman of the St. Pauls Woman's Society of Christian Service, acted as dean of the school. Foreign students in residence at Duke University were the Assembly speakers each evening.

The school started Sunday night, May 1, and continued through Thursday, May 5.

Courses were taught by Mrs. A. H. Borland, editor of the Woman's Page, N. C. Christian Advocate; Mrs. E. L. Hillman, member of General Board of Missions; Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of St. Pauls Church; and Rev. C. G. McCarver, pastor of Duke's Chapel.

NEWNESS OF LIFE

The Woman's Societies of Christian Service of four Burlington churches have recently completed a jurisdictional study class on "Newness of Life." The instructor was Miss Mildred Kickline, Bible teacher in the Burlington High School.

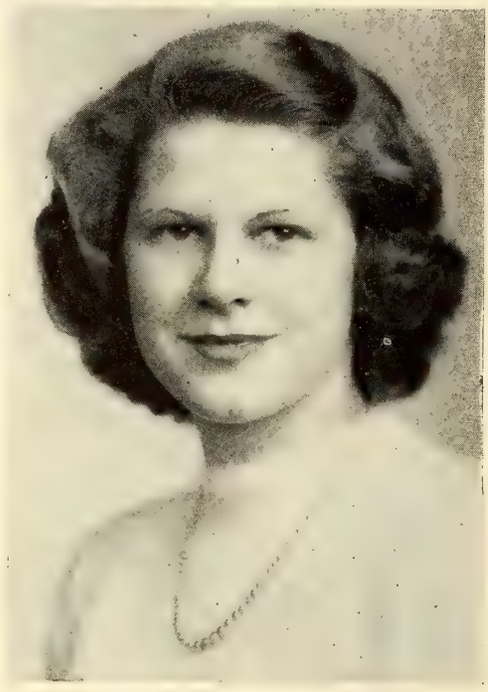
The four classes were held in each of the following churches respectively, West Burlington, Webb Avenue, Fountain Place and Davis Street. Mrs. W. C. Mosier, Durham district secretary of missionary education, was present.

Several Charges Pay in Full; Dr. H. G. Allen Religious Emphasis Speaker; Home Has Seven Ball Teams

By O. V. Woosley

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Our district conferences are not what they used to be. They are better planned and more dispatchfully directed. The district superintendents carefully select the personnel of their committees before the convening of the conference, thus enabling these committees to carefully survey the accomplishments of the district and to portray the objectives to be secured. In some instances the committees are consolidated while in others every interest is reported on. Those representing conference interests are requested to limit their presentments to brief durations, usually about five minutes. Thus the conferences proceed through very fruitful morning sessions, leaving the afternoons for briefer matters. In most cases the conferences adjourn before 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

HOME CHATTER

This scribe will have visited eight of the ten district conferences by the time this appears in print. He missed two because of conflicting engagements. What he says at a district conference is not so important as are the personal conferences he has with those interested in the Home and the children who desire to come to the Home. Brief remarks made before the conferences have to do with human interest stories, brief portrayal of facts and an expression of gratitude to our friends for their interest in our family.

THE DAM BOYS

After repeated delays, word was let go last Monday morning that our boys could go barefooted. The first to be permitted to discard their shoes were those who had picked up pieces of broken glass about on the campus, this including practically all the potential barefoot boys. A few boys who were not entitled to take off their shoes Monday went up in the cow pasture and built a dam where they took off not only their shoes but also their clothes, and immersed themselves in cold water repeatedly. This was too much for the barefoot boys and the matter was under review, causing the boys to break up the dam, build back the banks and to wear their shoes over an extended period. The dam boys are now wondering when they can be barefooted boys.

TWO NEW CHURCHES

Among the new churches that have recently been built attention may well be called to the wonderful buildings constructed at Randleman and Pilot Mountain. These churches are beautiful, commodious and serviceable. They provide for ample worshipful sanctuaries, plenty of Sunday school room and recreation halls that will serve mighty well. District conferences held in these buildings were well provided for. You will be greatly pleased when visiting these churches.

THE JOY BELL

Yes, we have some joy bell news today. The following congregations with their pastors are listed as having paid all or more than their basic apportionment. They have caused the joy bell to ring, and brethren and sisters, how we love to hear that bell ring. Note those who have brought pleasing tones to us:

Louisa, Franklin circuit, R. L. Phillips.

Pleasant Grove, Cid circuit, Paul M. Cassell.

Lebanon, High Point, D. D. Broome.

Sulphur Springs, Sulphur Springs circuit, Parker H. Hager.

Belwood circuit, six congregations; J. T. Bowman.

Centenary, Greensboro, M. Teague Hipps.

Crouse, Crouse circuit, M. A. Lewis.

Main Street, Belmont, J. G. Wilkinson.

Weddington circuit, five congregations, G. G. Adams, Jr.

Emma, Emma-Riverview, Rev. J. R. Dawkins.

Gibsonville, J. A. Lindsey.

Concord, Catawba, A. G. Lackey.

Jefferson circuit, four congregations, C. C. Murray.

ALLEN'S ALLEY

Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent of the Winston-Salem district, has just concluded a series of religious emphasis services with our boys and girls. It has been very interesting and helpful to note his ability to place religious truths before the youngsters in such a way as to enable them to listen intently and go along with understanding as to what he was saying. One evening he built them a six-room house. Over the front door was written "Opportunity." He had a "Golden Rule" hallway and the rooms were listed as "Prayer," "Faith," "Service," on one side and on the other was "Sacrifice," "Fellowship" and "Love." The youngsters would go in the front door, go in the room, come out in the hall, and back and forth. By the time they had completed the whole endeavor they could look back to the front door for the last sign which he listed as "Peace," or "Regret." The youngsters want to know when Dr. Allen can come again.

THE BALL TEAMS

We are having a lot of experiences with our ball teams this spring. Our enlarged playground facilities have enabled us to have seven competing teams, four of boys and three of girls, the girls, of course, playing softball. It is no uncommon sight to see the busses go out for games elsewhere or for busses to come in bringing visiting teams here. All the teams are listed in the win and loss column except the varsity girls, who refuse to be beaten.

PAULINE PLEASES

The picture this week is that of Pauline Griffin, sixteen years old and in the tenth grade. This young lady came to us less than a year ago with her mother who is a valued worker in our baby cottage where Pauline assists. This attractive girl is dependable and promising. She is sponsored by the Men's Bible Class of Harmony, Concord, Rev. R. Hoy Whitlow being the correspondent. Of course Pauline has a boy friend.

TWO YOUNG LADIES

One has often noticed the age limits of those in attendance upon district conferences. Very rarely do we notice many young people attending. Two young women, one from Pfeiffer College and the other from Greensboro College, not only attended the Winston-Salem district conference but spoke about why they are going into whole-time religious service. The genuineness of these youthful exponents of the Christian call, along with the soul stirring sermon of Rev. Ralph Reed, seemed to create a spiritual atmosphere that never got lost in the business of the conference.

READ AND ENJOY

"Where on earth do you get so many good looking children? They seem to come along in interminable procession. Well, all I can say is that they are a great improvement on their 'Pop.' Am sending a little Easter check for the good cause."—E. K. McLarty, Sr.

"I had the great privilege of visiting the Home last week end. I talked with Tony and several of the other boys. It sure is an inspiration to see all the children together. Thank God for a church that does such great good. Sorry I didn't get to see you."—Rev. C. C. Murray.

A SEARCHING INQUIRY

A minister of another denomination interested in another child caring institution writes to know what we are doing here to encourage young people to go into whole-time Christian service. He wants to know how many ministers we are producing and how many young ladies will go into directorship of Christian education and other whole-time work. In pointing out that we have a young ministerial student at Duke University and a fine young woman studying for directorship of Christian education at Greensboro College, we then went into much explanation as to why we don't have many more youngsters pointed in that direction. Part of our explanation may be valid. Part of it ought to be changed. One of the greatest difficulties we have here is a lack of time for meditation. Our youngsters live in large groups where there is chatter and more chatter. After all is said and done, the greatest need in stimulating the Christian call is that of having warm-hearted, consistent Christian directors.

Sunday School Lesson for MAY 8

Jesus Answers His Critics

Mark 11:27-12:40

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Jesus commanded his disciples to be wise as serpents. He deemed it a sin to be gullible, or to place ourselves at the mercy of hypocrites, or to let them imagine that they are deceiving us.

The chief priests were angry with Jesus for exposing their disgraceful graft in selling sacrifices in the precincts of the temple. What right have you, they said, an untrained Galilean carpenter, to assume such authority? Their attitude was similar to that of some pretentious highbrows today who are angry with a man who claims any authority as a teacher without having a university degree. Jesus owed it to these hypocrites to expose them. So he asked them whether the baptism of John was from heaven or from men. If they said, From heaven, he could say, Why then did you not believe in him? If they said From men, the mass of the people would be against them. So they answered, We cannot tell. Hence the reverend gentlemen had to back out of that situation with a flat tire.

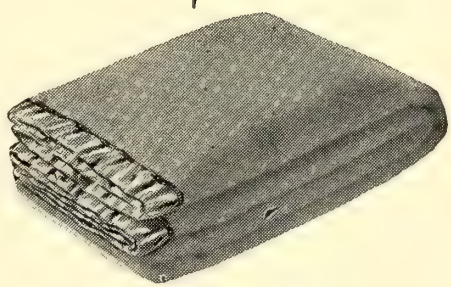
Then came the Sadducees who were the ancient representatives of the modernist who rejects the supernatural. They asked him sneeringly, whose wife a woman would be in the resurrection who had had seven husbands? Jesus told them they knew neither the Scriptures nor God. That really was something of a handicap for men who set themselves up as professional religious teachers. When they shall rise from the dead, said Jesus, they neither marry nor are given in marriage; but are as angels in heaven; and have you never read, said he, how God appeared to Moses and said, I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? How absurd to think of Him describing himself as the God of the dust and ashes of dead men!

Modern rejectors of the resurrection are caused to stumble by the same difficulty as the Sadducees: the difficulty to the imagination. They cannot see how there can be a resurrection of the body after it has been united with the dust of the earth, and perhaps taken up into other bodies. They likewise do not know the power of God, nor the Scripture which says that God gives to those who are raised up a body that beautifully expresses their personality. It is not flesh and blood that inherits the kingdom, but a transfigured body glorified by the power of the Most High (I Cor. 15:35-58).

But one sincere and important question was put to Jesus. What commandment is first of all? Jesus answered, The first is Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. Note that Jesus added "with all thy mind" to the ancient law, and thus stressed the fact that all the resources of a man's God-given intellect should be devoted to the love of God, which implies an intense interest in all the works and words of God.

And then Jesus, to bring out the fact that love to God implies love to our neighbors, adds the second great commandment: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. We cannot love God unless we love our neighbors, and no man can unselfishly and persistently love his neighbor save under the inspiration that comes from whole-hearted love to God. And Jesus has come and given us a unique and greatly itensified manifestation of God's love for us all, and hence has made it doubly possible for us to love him in return. See him on the cross as he dies for our sins! And more than that, he has given us a perfect example of loving our neighbor as ourselves, an example so unique that when he bids us to love one another as he has loved us, he calls it a new commandment.

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THE LOVELIEST GIFT

By JOAN WILDER

It was the day before Mother's Day, and the Abbot children were discussing the gifts they were going to give their mother, or rather the gifts they wished they could give her.

"I wish I could buy her those carnations at Bard's," said Tom. "But they cost fifty cents and all I have is eighteen."

Debby looked at the coins she had laid out on the table. "Thirteen cents," she announced, "and that key case at the dime store is thirty-five."

Sue sat watching her brother and sister. She rarely had any money left from her tiny allowance after she had put aside her nickel for Sunday school and bought an occasional lollipop.

Then there had been the special Sunday school Easter offering. Sue, Tom and Debby all had given their savings to help children in China. That was why their purses were so slim.

"I'm sure," said Tom at last, "that Mother would rather we gave our money to buy shoes and medicine for boys and girls in China than to buy her a present this year."

Suddenly Sue spoke. "Why can't we do something for Mother tomorrow instead of buying her presents?" she suggested.

Tom brightened. "Say, Sue, that's an idea. Isn't it, Debby?"

Debby hesitated. "Well, yes and no. A Mother's Day gift should be something very special. You see, we help Mother every day, all of us."

"But," said Sue, unwilling to give up her idea, "why can't all of us help her all day instead of doing just the things we usually do?"

"That's right, Sue," agreed Tom. "We can give her ourselves for a whole day, beginning first thing in the morning."

"We can even help with dinner," Sue added. "Set the table, clean the vegetables, wash dishes."

And since we're going to be gifts," said Debby, her imagination beginning to work, "of course we should be tied up in fancy paper with a card inside."

"I don't know about that," objected practical Tom. "It would take a lot of paper, and besides it would be hard to make us into neat looking bundles."

"At least we can try," insisted Debby.

And so the next morning early before Mother and Daddy were even awake, the children were up and dressed. There was much stifled giggling as they met in Debby's room, which was farthest from Mother's.

First they cut long strips of colored tissue paper, and then helping one another, they wound the strips around themselves from neck to waist. After that they tied the paper securely with bands of ribbon and made big bows in front.

Still giggling, they went downstairs to the kitchen where Mother was by this time starting breakfast. There they stood in a row, waiting for her to notice them.

"Ahem!" Tom cleared his throat.

"Ahem!" repeated Debby and Sue.

"Well, for goodness' sake!" exclaimed Mother, looking up. "What are you supposed to be this morning?"

"We're your Mother's Day gifts," explained Sue.

"Oh, I know that. Very precious gifts, too," Mother laughed.

"But you don't understand yet," said Tom. "Unwrap us."

So Mother untied Sue's big pink bow, and unwound the crinkly blue paper. Then she opened the envelope pinned to Sue's dress and read the card inside. It said: "To Mother—me, to help you all day."

Next Mother untied Debby's fluffy yellow ribbon, and turning her round and round, she took off the strips of green paper. There was a little envelope pinned to Debby's dress, too. Last of all she removed the sturdy red bow and white paper from Tom and read his card.

All the time the children were watching her eagerly to hear what she would say.

"Why," said Mother, putting her arms around the shoulders of all three children and smiling happily, "you're the loveliest gift I've ever had! Three fine helpers for a whole day!"

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By Dr. C. O. Johnson*

"Going to Sunday school" has been a phrase which we have come to use all together too seldom. The real significance is "attending Sunday school with the family."

The family unit in the world is the basis of all civilization. Developing the family unit is the hope of the future. No place in all our activity should we more readily and more whole-heartedly unite than in uniting as a family in attendance at the Sunday school and, of course, the worship service.

It is not wise for a parent to say to a child, "You must go to Sunday school." Much better, of course, is the other way around, to say, "Come, let us go to Sunday school."

The influence in the life of a boy or girl of the regular attendance of parents at the Sunday school, Sunday after Sunday, cannot be over estimated. Boys and girls are dependent upon us for example. It is not safe for a boy who has a father who insists on sending him to Sunday school while that father keeps an engagement on the golf course. It is no less a sin to send the family to Sunday school while the man of the house finds his way to the office to get caught up on some work which he wanted to get done before the new week started.

Nothing is so refreshing as to gather with friends of other families to study the Word of God on the Lord's Day, and then to sit in the place which is dedicated to worship and listen to the message of the pastor as he speaks for God to the hearts of men.

A knowledge of the Bible is necessary to be an educated person. The best source for this knowledge is found today in the Sunday schools of our land. Baptist Sunday schools all over the world are doing a marvelous job in teaching and training the youth of all the families and to that end, we should dedicate ourselves this year and every year to having the family placed in proper departments in our regular Sunday school and church.

Not to do that is to deny the son or daughter their rights and to send them out into the world more or less adrift. If we would but anchor ourselves and then while holding on to the anchor, reach a hand out to son or daughter and say, "Catch hold, we are going together and I shall lead the way."

This will greatly increase our Sunday school attendance, but more than that, it will increase the character of our nation and decrease the juvenile failures which come often, if not most often, from parental failure. One of the biggest failures is right here . . . not taking the family to Sunday school.

Let us resolve that in every home, there will be the leadership furnished that will see a united family on time in a Sunday school, ready to study the Word of God to learn His way of life. We shall see great results when this movement really gets under way.

Again let us say it . . . "Come, let us take the family to Sunday school today."

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Architect's Sketch

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From Gown to Game



- Religious News Service Photo



From choir practice to softball practice is the typical juxtaposition of this quintet of youths. Top photo shows them in choir vestments at St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, Norristown, Pa. They are, left to right: Robert Jowett, Kermit Angstadt, Robert Wilde, Paul Punyko and George Rodenbaugh. In their sports attire they line up Wilde, Angstadt, Rodenbaugh, Punyko and Jowett.

Beginning This Week a Series of Articles on the Surry Project

World Service Commission to Meet May 20; Letters; Lake Junaluska Schedule; Shelby Tops List

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE TO MEET MAY 20

The W. N. C. Conference Commission on World Service and Finance will meet at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, on May 20 at 10 a.m. for the purpose of carrying out the instruction of the Conference (1948 Journal, p 146) to "study the matter of basing the apportionments for Minimum Salary Fund, the District Superintendents Fund, the Conference Claimants Fund, and the Children's Home Fund on the total amounts paid the previous year on 'Current Expenses and Incidentals,' 'Church School Administration and Supplies,' and Pastor's and Associate Pastor's Salaries,' these items now being lines 43, 44, and 46 of the Pastor's Report to the Annual Conference." All interested persons are invited to meet with the Commission and present arguments for or against the proposal.—C. C. HERBERT, JR.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I am a regular reader of your Children's Story Page, and I like it very much.

I would like to make the suggestion that you permit young readers to send in their own original stories for this page. I hope you will consider this suggestion.

LILLA JO WRIGHT, age 12.
Goldston, N. C.

Editor's Note—We like Lilla Jo's suggestion and invite our young readers to send in children's stories.

Dear Editor:

The recent revival sponsored jointly by Macedonia Moravian Church and Bethlehem Methodist Church, with Dr. John Church, evangelist, was a great success. Dozens of people were blessed at the altars. Several were sanctified, many saved, and several reclaimed. At the regular service on Sunday after the revival closed, another person was sanctified. Thirteen were saved and 23 gave their names for church membership. Revivals are not a thing of the past.

JOHN OAKLEY, Pastor.
Farmington, N. C.

To the Editor:

When I pick up a newspaper, and see in screaming headlines the sordidness of mankind told in all its sickening details, I wonder where the righteous are. Then I turn to my favorite magazines, and while I find some good articles, some uplifting stories, I am again shocked at the pictures that bring the youth of the nation right to the borderline of depraved sex. Again I turn to a commentary on higher ideals in politics and civic conditions, and I begin to feel higher standards of morals are being upheld, then this hope is shattered by a glaring liquor advertisement that says it is smart to serve such and such a brand of intoxicants to your friends—all of which I know to be a lie. About this time I feel like fleeing to the wilderness and crying as Elijah did: "Lord, take my life, for there is none left to serve. Jezebel hath slain the prophets, and seeks to destroy me also."

Sick, discouraged, and ready to give up; there appeared to me a voice that said, "Cheer up, I have yet thousands of people that have not bowed to Baal." Then when I had fed on His word, drank of His promises, and rested in His love and mercy, I was refreshed and ready for service.

Over two years ago I was sent to a Methodist charge in eastern North Carolina. On the first Sunday I preached in the smallest congregation, but the attendance was good; even the people of the village of other denominations were there. The next Sunday I went to the largest congregation. About 250 people, expectant and eager, were there. The third Sunday I went to the other congregation and about 100 were there. From that day to this one, these people have been loyal. It is a delight to sit in the pulpit and watch the people gather in their respective places. Among the members are families that have worshipped here for two and three and four generations. They were trained in these Sunday schools; graduated from the local public schools; became farmers, merchants, mechanics, teachers, professional men and women. But they have kept their faith; retained their church loyalty. They are proud of their communities. They are not perfect people, but realizing their own weaknesses, they are tolerant and helpful to the weaker ones. My life's experiences have taken me from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes in the North. Therefore it means a lot to me as I go in and out among these people, that I hear but little gossip, the least I ever heard in any community. Their willingness to do their part in the church program shows a fine spirit. I do not have to beg them to take responsibility. Then, on Sundays, as we gather for worship, I see joy written on their faces, gladness in their hearts. There is communion with God, fellowship with each other, and growth in grace. Truly of such as these, scattered throughout the land, is "The salt of the earth" and these have not lost their Saviour.

WILLIAM CARROLL SHAW,
Pastor, Bath Charge, Bath, N. C.

1949 SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES LAKE JUNALUSKA

June 4-11—Student Regional Conference.
June 13-23—Caravan Training.
July 5-10—Institute of Sacred Music.
July 10-11—Hospital and Homes.
July 12-20—School of Missions.
July 19-29—Young People's Leadership Conference.
July 20-22—Laymen's Conference.
July 26-August 1—Missionary Conference.
July 29-31—Church School Superintendents.
August 1-4—District and Sub-district Directors.
August 1-7—Pastors Convocation.
August 2-5—District Superintendents.
August 3-4—Conference Secretaries, Treasurers, Statisticians.
August 4-16—Leadership School.
August 8-14—Bible Conference.
August 14-16—SE Historical Society.
August 15-21—Week of Evangelism.
August 21-28—Week of Featured Speakers.

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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

The criteria which accurately measure his success. The minister should recognize the difference between **being a success** and **making a success.** Is achievement of success to be confused with notoriety which some ministers get from spectacular methods or sensational performances? An ambitious, self-seeking minister may create the reputation of making a success of a sort by scampering feverishly throughout his parish projecting and supervising many types of activities. Some ministers are credited with success who move from a rural parish to a city one, from a small to a large parish, or from a small to a large salary. But can we agree that it is not the size nor location of his parish that accurately measures his success? It is not his income but the quality of his spiritual outflow that is the acid test of his success.

One of the unerring criteria of the minister's success is a complete dedication to God. Unless his purpose to follow Christ is strong enough to control his energies, his appetites, his desires, his time, his contacts, and his worship, he **is not** a success no matter what may be the external circumstances of his ministry.

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District Conferences Reveal Gains

It was our pleasure to attend fourteen of the seventeen district conferences which were concluded last week. In many respects they were exceptional meetings. An unusually fine spirit characterized all the conferences. If ever there was a note of discouragement or pessimism it was never noticeable. Instead, a decided note of optimism and victory, a spirit of wholesome enthusiasm and good humor and hope, ran through all the meetings. The district superintendents had carefully planned, informative and inspirational programs, well timed and well carried out. Every cause was given a sympathetic hearing.

The reports of the charges revealed achievement all along the line. District after district reported increases over last year in the number of members received into the churches. Benevolent giving is definitely up. An amazing amount of building is going on. Many new churches are under construction. Other churches have expansion or remodeling programs. The parsonage building and renovation program is simply sensational. Charge after charge reported brand new thoroughly modern parsonages. North Carolina Methodists seem to be determined to provide better homes for their parsonage families. The churches are having a most favorable year in church school enrollment and attendance.

The district conferences revealed quite clearly that the Advance for Christ and His Church is well under way in North Carolina. The churches have accepted at least a one-third increase in World Service. Satisfactory contributions have been made to overseas relief, the Week of Dedication and to the Advance Specials. Each district seems thoroughly committed to accept its share of Advance Specials as this emphasis gets under way in the months immediately ahead.

We believe the district conferences serve a worthwhile purpose. They enable the churches to take a mid-year inventory, and to gird themselves for the unfinished task ahead.

If a man is too busy to worship God twice on Sunday and on Wednesday night, he has more business than God intended he should have.—J. C. Penney.

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A New Day for Methodism in Surry County

For more than a year we had been hearing about the rural church project in Surry County. Recently, we spent a week-end surveying first-hand this unusual undertaking. We visited the lovely new parsonages constructed under the Surry program. We visited the churches completed or in process of construction. We preached on several occasions. We talked with the progressive and indefatigable district superintendent, Dr. H. G. Allen, who has given such wise and inspiring leadership to the entire program. We talked with the splendid, consecrated ministers and their wives. We talked with the rugged laymen who have poured out their money and time and energies to make this great adventure succeed. We were deeply impressed with the courage and faith and enthusiasm of all who have had a part in the Surry project. We concluded that this thrilling story should be told to give inspiration to others and to give recognition to those who have been laboring so sacrificially in a great cause. Therefore, we asked Dr. Allen to provide the Advocate with a series of articles on the Surry project. We are proud to begin the series this week. The articles are written simply and undramatically by several of the men who have contributed so much to the success of the entire program. We urge all friends of the rural church to read these articles. It is entirely possible that this project may serve as a pattern for other North Carolina counties and for other states particularly in the South. Certainly as leaders of the church search for a way to strengthen the church in rural places, they would do well to study the Surry project.

It is not too much to say that a new day for Methodism is dawning in Surry County!

Conscience and Strong Drink

Many churchmen were keenly disappointed when the legislature in its recent session did not give the people an opportunity to vote in a state-wide liquor referendum. They were equally disappointed in the pattern that developed during the last hectic days of the legislature which permits certain municipalities, in the event a county-wide referendum is not called, to vote on this matter, thus making it possible for a town or city to force upon the entire county the ABC system. The present chaotic situation seems nothing short of a tragedy.

But the supreme tragedy is not whether the state or a county or a municipality is legally wet or dry, but that so many people seem to have little conscience about strong drink. Many preachers, either through timidity or discouragement, have all but ceased to speak out against this ancient foe. So many officials and members of the church apparently have no conscience about the use of alcohol. This is more critical than our legal dilemma.

Alcohol, we believe, is basically a moral problem. Therefore, our first responsibility is to get to the individual. We must somehow awaken a conscience not only in the public generally, but in church people particularly. Our blindness and lethargy about alcohol are appalling. The liquor interests are confusing altogether too many good people.

Of course, there is no easy solution to this great problem. But we believe there will never be a solution until the conscience of our generation is awakened. We believe this can be done, first, by teaching the truth about alcohol. It can be done by helping people to lay hold of spiritual resources found only in Christ. It can be done by giving people something worthy to do. Men often drink because they have nothing better to do. If somehow the church can instill in men the love of Christ and help them to discover a worthy and inspiring purpose in life, the problem of strong drink will be much less difficult. Until this is done, there will be no workable legal solution.

Methodism in Surry County Catches Up

By Wilson Nesbitt*

"The church is 40 years behind times in Surry County," many laymen and ministers had been saying. It was true. Everyone wanted to do something but no one could see how the vicious circle of too many churches per charge, limited service by the pastor, low salaries, and low morale generally could be broken.

The first official steps were taken in 1943-44 under the direction of district and local leaders who called together laymen and ministers to discuss the situation. Surveys were made. For three years study and planning conferences were held under the leadership of the late Dr. C. C. Weaver, then superintendent of the Winston-Salem district; Dr. H. G. Allen, present superintendent; Dr. C. N. Clark, then pastor of Central church, Mount Airy; Rev. Robert C. Carter, and Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, pastors of local circuits. Dr. Allen has given invaluable leadership in presenting the possibilities of the project to the various boards and agencies of the church and to individuals who have given assistance to the program.

A reasonable guarantee of support until the proposed smaller circuits had been given a fair trial was indispensible. Only an area-wide organization with the stronger churches agreeing to help underwrite the project could provide this guarantee. When this was clearly seen by laymen in the larger churches, they readily agreed to help.

The provision of the Discipline for the organization of a Board of Missions and Church Extension on a district or sub-district basis offered a method of carrying out these needed changes. On May 21, 1946, the district superintendent, ministers, and laymen representing all the churches of the area met in Dobson and organized the Surry Board of Missions and Church Extension. Some of the provisions in the constitution and by-laws are as follows:

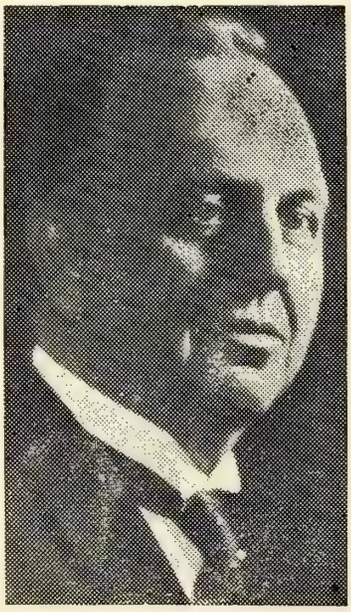
1. That the Board be composed of "all duly appointed pastors in the territory and one lay member for each 200 church members in any church; provided every church in the territory shall have at least one member."
2. That the lay members shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference in the same manner as other church officials.
3. That there shall be an executive committee composed of eight members, at least four of whom must be laymen, elected annually by the Board. Under the direction of the Executive Committee the program should be planned and promoted in such a manner as to "co-ordinate and advance the work of Methodism in Surry County and surrounding territory."

The first officers elected were as follows: Chairman: Robert M. Smith, Mount Airy; vice-chairman, Dr. E. C. Click, Elkin; secretary, Rev. Robert C. Carter, Dobson; treasurer, J. Hale Yokley, Mount Airy; members as large, Frank Freeman, Dobson; Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Elkin; Dr. C. N. Clark, Mount Airy; and Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, Level Cross.

If the church in Surry County was forty years behind the times, as many churchmen were saying a few years ago, it is now rapidly catching up. Here begins the thrilling story.

—: SEE EDITORIAL PAGE :—

With the Surry board back of them, laymen and ministers began work on a



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church program for this "Larger Parish," covering an area 35 miles long and 25 miles wide, serving 45 Methodist churches, 33 of which are in Surry County, 5 in Wilkes County, 2 in Yadkin County, and 5 in Virginia. A study of the Journal of the Western North Carolina Conference reveals that in 1941, five years before the formal organization of the Surry Board, only two of these churches were stations, namely, Central church, Mount Airy, and First church, Elkin. The other churches were grouped as follows: one two-point circuit, one three-point circuit, three six-point circuits, one seven-point circuit, and two eight-point circuits. Between 1941 and 1945 changes were made affecting the churches around Pilot Mountain and Elkin, and a new congregation was organized at Franklin Heights, near Mount Airy.

In 1946 the complete re-arrangement of circuit lines was made by the Annual Conference. Charge lines were fixed on the basis of geographical, social, and school district boundaries. Every effort was made to establish well co-ordinated units of work with circuits not having more than four churches. The present orrangement of churches is as follows: four station churches, two three-point circuits, six four-point circuits, one five-point circuit, and one six-point circuit.

To finance the program, every church, large and small, pays into a common treasury. From this fund rent for pastors not yet living in parsonages is paid and aid is given to the pastors for the promotion of the program of the church.

In every church there has been a definite increase in the finances. Using the amount paid on the preacher's salary as a criterion, the records reveal that the churches now on the Elkin circuit paid in 1941 a total of $601; in 1945 $1,025; and in 1949 $2,225. Another group of country churches, those now on the Shoals circuit, paid in 1941, $600; in 1945, $1,160; and in 1949, $2,100. Still another group of country churches, those on the New Hope circuit, paid in 1941, $290; in 1945, $1,025; and in 1949, $1,400. The churches in the towns were not without increases. For example, the church in Pilot Mountain was on a five-point circuit in 1941 and paid $640 on the preacher's salary. In 1945 it was on a two-point circuit and paid $1,500. In 1949, as a station, it is paying $3,400, and is dedicating a new $80,000 church building May 22. That this trend is area-wide is evidenced by the fact that all the churches in the project, exclusive of Central church, Mount Airy, and First Church, Elkin, paid on salaries in 1945-46, $14,385, and in 1948-49 they are paying $21,785, an increase of over 50 per cent.

Up to this point the ministers and laymen have been working to establish the organization and to mould together the churches of the various circuits into working units. Much of the energy expended has been in the field of building churches and parsonages. However, the work of evangelism and religious instruction has not been neglected. The larger usefulness of the board has been illustrated by the promotion of the Rural Life Conference held at Dobson recently and the Laymen's Fellowship Banquet held at Pilot Mountain.

The most profound results of the program are to be discovered in the attitudes and outlook of the people who feel themselves united in a common task. No longer do the churches feel they are isolated groups struggling to keep alive, but rather a part of a larger fellowship working under divine guidance.

*Pastor, Level Cross Circuit

The Advance Special Is Missions Personalized

By COSTEN J. HARRELL*

WE will not soon forget the achievements of the Crusade for Christ and the blessings which attended it. In a desperate hour our people were asked to contribute $25,000,000, over and above our regular budgets, to support the manifold and extending ministries of The Methodist Church. Loyally they have responded with more than $27,000,000.

This achievement has inspired in us a new appreciation of the strength and mission of united Methodism. Those of us who for more than five years have met with the committee whose responsibility it is to dispense Crusade funds have often wondered what would have happened to our work if these funds had not been available. Through their use we have been a Good Samaritan to hundreds of thousands along the Jericho road. Destroyed institutions have been rebuilt; other churches, schools, hospitals, in America and overseas—weakened and depleted by war—have been revitalized. Out of these funds we have been able to send new missionaries, near and far, and to bring hundreds of promising young men and women of other lands to our colleges and universities to prepare them selves for service among their own people.

But the Christian conquest of the world is long and difficult. The church has been at work for nearly 2,000 years, and still our unfinished task is larger than our achievements. If we have the Spirit of Christ, we do not consider things accomplished to be the end of our endeavors, but to advance from larger endeavors, but rather a vantage ground from which to advance from larger tasks. We go on "from Crusade to Conquest."

The General Conference was convinced that our Methodist people desired and expected that their church would open for them effectual channels by which in yet larger ways they might minister to mankind in our Saviour's name. As a result, the Advance for Christ and His Church came into being.

The method and the appeal are different. Rather than appeal for a large sum of money to be administered by a central agency, we seek to individualize and personalize the causes to which we contribute. By means of Advance Specials, we propose to connect 40,000 Methodist churches with more than 40,000 specific needs at home and abroad. The Advance calls to every Methodist church, however small its membership, to make, in addition to its regular benevolence offering, a special free-will gift to some particular person or situation in the world-wide ministry of the church. Advance Specials may be had in any amount, ranging from a few dollars to many thousands.

Church budgets will always be necessary. Our World Service funds are essential to the church's life and work. Without them our whole structure would fall to pieces. But if, in addition to these basic needs, each church is asked to assume a particular ministry, in some place of need, warm Methodist hearts will respond joyfully—and "God loveth the cheerful giver." Advance Specials assumed in large numbers by our churches will revitalize the missionary life of the whole church. We wonder whether we have not lost something out of our missionary appeal by our constant emphasis on large missionary budgets. Our Lord came to save the world, but he specialized in individual persons— a blind man, an epileptic, some fishermen, a woman who was a great sinner, and a robber in the pangs of death.

The Advance Special personalizes missions. When a congregation takes on its heart a particular need, and of its own accord reaches out its hands to relieve that need, the people experience a resurgence of spiritual power, and the whole missionary program begins to throb with life.

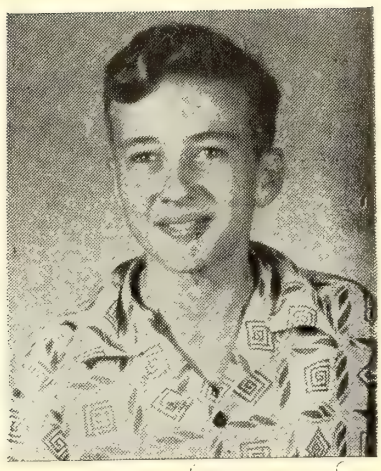
When a congregation takes on its heart a particular need, and of its own accord reaches out its hands to relieve that need, the people experience a resurgence of spiritual life. And when that congregation hears directly from the field, that congregation hears directly of what their gifts are doing, as is the plan with every Advance Special, and the whole missionary program of the church begins to throb with life. A very wise man has said that nothing is real until it becomes local.

The Advance Special offers the further advantage of a continuing program. Heretofore we have resorted largely to campaigns to raise large sums of money. We have set definite goals, and reached them. This has been great gain, but too frequently we have been inclined to consider our task completed when the goal had been reached. We have said to ourselves, "Well done, good and generous servants," and a period of lagging missionary passion has followed.

The Advance program has only a minimum goal. Its purpose is to keep before our people the tragic needs of a lost world, and to persuade them year by year to assume a definite share in the ministry of redemption. As long as the need remains, Specials will be in order. We look forward to the time when Specials from church and individuals will provide for our current missionary needs, and leave other income for expansion and capital investment.

By means of these Specials and directed ministeries, reaching across seas and continents, the whole church will more and more be bound together in the fellowship of faith and understanding, and we shall become one body. May God guide us as we take the upward and onward way!

*Presiding bishop, Charlotte Area.



Young "Specialist" to Provide Bicycle

RICHARD ARMBRUST REAVIS, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reavis of Statesville, is probably the youngest Methodist in the Statesville district and perhaps in North Carolina to take an Advance Special. Being a real boy, when Richard heard that the preachers of Poland need bicycles to do their work, he decided to give $75 to purchase a bicycle for a Polish preacher. And how is Richard to get the money? Well, he has made a good beginning. He has already asked his district superintendent, Rev. J. H. Armbrust, for $25. The youthful Methodist is a member of Broad Street church, a Boy Scout, and his hobby is fishing. He was introduced by Dr. Armbrust at the recent Statesville district conference held at New Salem church on the Cool Springs charge.

Trustees Select New Head for High Point College; Conference Gives $10,000 for Overseas Relief

DR. DENNIS H. COOKE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HIGH POINT COLLEGE

Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, head of the Education Department of Woman's College and director of the Summer School, is the new president of High Point College, succeeding Dr. Gideon I. Humphreys, who announced his retirement several months ago. Elected last Friday afternoon at a full meeting of the college board of trustees, Dr. Cooke will assume his new duties some time this summer, following the fulfillment of commitments at Woman's College and Duke University. Meanwhile, Dr. Humphreys will continue as head of the college until the new president takes over.

A native of Maiden, N. C., Dr. Cooke graduated from high school in his home community. He received A.B. and Master of Education degrees from Duke University, and a Ph.D. from Peabody College in educational administration.

His school work began at Maiden where he was principal and sixth grade teacher. He was also principal at Aberdeen for one year, and for two years was superintendent of the Masonic Orphanage School at Oxford. Following graduate work at Peabody College, he was associate professor and professor of educational administration for ten years at that institution. He served as head of the Peabody Department of Educational Administration for six years. In 1946 he came to North Carolina as president of East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, which position he held for thirteen months. In 1947 he became identified with Woman's College in Greensboro.

Dr. Cooke's writings on educational subjects have been extensive, embracing more than 100 articles in professional journals. He is also author and co-author of 24 books in the field of education. He is a member of numerous professional, academic and honorary organizations.

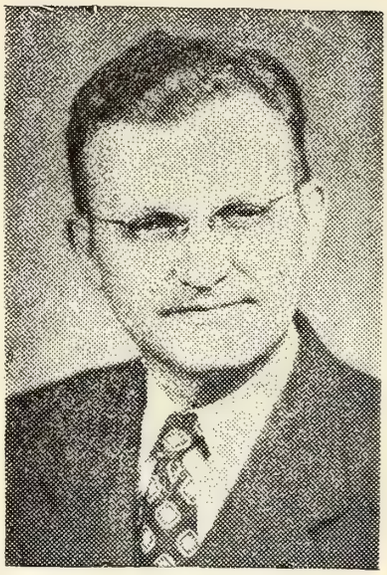
The new High Point College president married Miss Gertrude Murray of Maiden. They have two sons, Dennis, Jr., who is a sophomore at Duke, and Murray, who is a senior in the Greensboro High School.

The family, life-long Methodists, are members of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, where they have been taking an active part.

Through the Advocate Dr. Cooke has issued the following statement to the Methodists of North Carolina and to the alumni and friends of High Point College:

"To Mrs. Cooke and me the appointment to the presidency of High Point College is a real challenge to which we are pledging our full devotion, efforts, and energy. We know that the task is a difficult one, but no more difficult than the importance of the work to be done. Both of us grew up in Methodist homes and Methodist colleges. I have always been keenly interested in a type of Christian education that accepts a responsibility for helping to mold the character and lives of young people in addition to providing them thorough grounding in our racial heritage along with training for earning a livelihood. To this end I think High Point College has been serving and will continue to serve a real mission. Of course, we cannot do this job alone. We will need your full cooperation and active support in every way, and we are sure that all of you stand ready to help."

Dr. Cooke is the third president of this



DR. COOKE

25-year-old Methodist college. The late Dr. R. M. Andrews was the first president, and was succeeded by Dr. Humphreys.

H. A. Millis of High Point is chairman of the board of trustees.

BISHOP HOLT REVIEWS METHODIST GAINS SINCE UNION

NEW YORK, May 10.—Ten years ago today in Kansas City three long-separated Methodist bodies reunited to form one denomination, The Methodist Church.

"All Protestants share in the achievements of that historic uniting conference because it brought together into one church the largest groups ever to form a union in the history of the Protestant movement," Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, president of the Council of Bishops, said in a statement issued by the denomination's Commission on Public Information here.

The new body, the result of a merger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, has grown from a membership of 7,856,060 to 8,651,062.

Appraising the union, Bishop Holt said, "Through this eventful decade in which the world has been divided by war, union has held together the minds and hearts of Methodists. We have had problems, but no desertions or disaffections. Any disagreements have been over the better way to do our common task. Our serious rivalries have been rivalries of love for one another."

The Soviet danger was mentioned by Bishop Holt among other reasons for Christian unity: "We wish to make The Methodist Church an agency in the larger union of Protestantism and Christendom, not only to carry on our redemptive work, but to meet the threat of persecution of Christian brethren under Communism."

Gains during the decade include an increase in church property from $704,117,000 to $1,077,449,142; in benevolent giving of $11,552,411 in 1940 to $28,125,305; in amounts raised annually for all purposes, from $80,543,997 in 1939 to $196,435,168 in 1948.

Church (Sunday) schools have increased from 32,772 to 37,908 since union and total average attendance has risen 18 per cent in the past four years.

The number of churches, as was expected, has dropped from 46,255 to 40,397, largely due to local mergers.

The parent denomination, The Methodist Episcopal Church, was founded in the United States in 1784. It was an outgrowth of the religious movement in England of John and Charles Wesley.

Differences over inadequate representation of laymen in conferences resulted in the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church. This denomination numbered 197,000 at the time of union.

The major split came in 1844 over a bishop's possession of inherited slaves. This resulted in the organization of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This body in 1939 brought 2,911,283 members into the merger.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE SENDS $10,000 FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF

The North Carolina Conference, through Marvin J. Cowell of Rocky Mount, has forwarded to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief a check for $10,000 as the first payment on the conference's quadrennial share in Advance contributions designated for that purpose. The conference has accepted $10,000 for each year of the quadrennium for overseas relief. The churches raised this amount during February in special offerings.

Bishop Titus Lowe, executive director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, acknowledged the check.

The Richmond Area leads the 35 episcopal areas in Methodism in payments to overseas relief in connection with the Advance for Christ. The Virginia Conference recently forwarded a check for $40,000.

Bishop W. W. Peele is the presiding bishop of the Richmond Area and also chairman of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

HOBBS TO DEDICATE PINETOPS PARSONAGE SUNDAY



Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of Rocky Mount district, will dedicate the new parsonage at Pinetops on Sunday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. Construction on the parsonage began in December, 1948, and the pastor, Rev. E. E. Whitley and family, moved into the new home in March. The house, a brick veneer structure, has six rooms with tiled bath and central oil heat. It has been built at a cost of $12,322.

Plans for construction began in 1945, during the pastorate of the late Rev. J. C. Whedbee, who rendered great service in helping the congregation to raise a building fund.

The old parsonage, a five-room frame building, was sold and moved off the lot to make way for the new one. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Moseley gave additional land to enlarge the building site. This gift was made in memory of Mrs. Moseley's mother, Mary Frances Sugg Pitt.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

REV. J. C. GENTRY of Sandy Ridge is in the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, for treatment.

DR. MARK DEPP of Winston-Salem will preach at First church, Rutherfordton, May 15-20.

REV. HERMAN DUNCAN of Concord was the visiting preacher in special services last week at Central church, Albemarle.

GRAY MATTOX of Smithfield was elected president of the Raleigh district MYF in a district rally held recently at Centenary church, Smithfield.

MRS. I. H. STRAUGHAN of Pittsboro has been a constant reader of the Advocate for 55 years and states, in renewing her subscription, that she enjoys every copy.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM A ROCK, Jr., of Denver announce the birth and death of a daughter, Martha Jane, at Lourance Hospital, Mooresville. Burial was at Lewisville Methodist church cemetery, with Rev. R. V. Martin officiating.

BISHOP MARVIN A. FRANKLIN of Jackson, Miss., was elected president, and Bishop Roy H. Short of Jacksonville, Fla., was elected secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops in the annual meeting of the Council of Bishops held recently at Atlantic City.

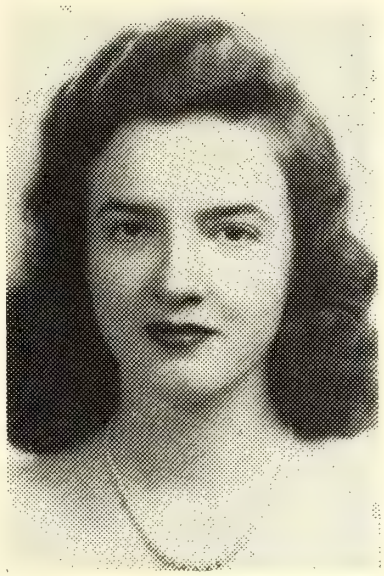
THE SURRY YOUNG ADULT Fellowship heard Dr. Samuel Levering, outstanding Friends leader, in the quarterly meeting last week at Rockford Street church, Mount Airy. George Caraway, Jr., led the devotional and Lawrence Walker, president, was in charge of the business session.

SALISBURY DISTRICT leads the 20 districts of the Charlotte Area in World Service acceptances. On an apportionment of $34,914, the 47 charges accepted $38,455, or $3,541 more than the askings. This is an increase of $10,422 or 36.6 per cent over the 1944 apportionment. Rev. Walter B. West is the district superintendent.

BETHESDA CHURCH on the Lowell charge has recently completed additional facilities to its educational building at a cost of $2,800, $450 of which was received from the Duke Endowment. The work done included two classrooms now being used for children and young people, the enlargement of the kitchen and other improvements. Revival services are being held May 8-15 at Bethesda with Rev. Roy T. Houts in charge.

MRS. JOHN E. STROUD from Mayari, Cuba, spoke at each church on the Mt. Pleasant-Cold Springs charge on Sunday, May 1. Two nights during the week she showed slides and spoke to two Women's Societies about the work she and her husband are doing. This charge has already raised over half of a $300 scholarship for a Cuban student in the Agricultural and Industrial School with which the Strouds are connected.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, in the event of war, would be able to provide the armed forces immediately with more than 1,400 chaplains, Bishop W. W. Peele, chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, told his colleagues in the annual meeting of the Council of Bishops. Reserve commissions are held by 1,150 Methodist ministers, Bishop Peele stated, with 259 in active service now.



MISS STEEDMAN

MISS DOROTHY STEEDMAN of Asheville, who will graduate this spring, will begin work soon as promotional secretary of Greensboro College. Miss Steedman has been a very outstanding leader during her college career, holding membership in the Greensboro College and the Junior Honor Societies, "Y" Cabinet during all four years, Spanish, Religious Education, Speech, and Mathematics Clubs and in the Braxton Craven Chapter of the Future Teachers of America. She has served on the literary staffs of the college newspaper, The Collegian, and the yearbook, The Echo, and has been treasurer of the Athletic Association, a freshman counselor, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., president of her class during her junior year, and president of the Y. W. C. A. during her senior year. She has served this year as vice-president of the North Carolina Methodist Student Movement, and is in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." During the past four years she has served as part-time student assistant in the College's Public Relations Office.

REV. E. LESTER BALLARD, pastor of Ogburn Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, had a unique experience last Saturday, when he united in matrimony in College Park Baptist Church, Greensboro, a young lady member of that church and a man who is a Congregational-Christian Church member from Burlington and was educated in a Presbyterian College, using the Methodist marriage ceremony.

REV. DAN S. BOWERS, an elder in the North Carolina Conference and director of religious activities at Louisburg College, will be available for service within the Conference from June 15 to August 15. He renders excellent service in youth work, director of young people's choirs, recreation, vacation schools and as a leader in worship. He is well equipped to care for a church during the vacation of a pastor. As he lived in my home and worked with me a great deal during his seminary days at Duke, I take pleasure in recommending him for summer work to any pastor or church that may desire his assistance. He may be reached at Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C.—S. E. MERCER.

REV. ROBERT M. HARDEE of Mocksville is a patient at Veterans Administration Hospital, Richmond 16, Va.

RUFFIN MUSIC LOVERS heard Robert E. Proctor of Charlotte last Sunday in an organ recital at the Methodist church.

BILTMORE CHURCH, Asheville, is holding revival services this week, with Rev. Clyde L. Collins of Canton as visiting speaker.

DR. G. RAY JORDAN of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, was the preacher at the Duke Chapel last Sunday morning.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH, on Farmington circuit, paid the budget out in full on Mother's Day. At Bethlehem 22 members were received on Mother's Day.

REV. LEON COUCH, pastor of St. Paul church, Durham, is in Jackson, Mo., May 10-15, where he is leading twelve Methodist churches of the district in "A Fellowship of Devotion."

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE M. CARVER of the Gold Hill charge, Salisbury district, announce the birth of a daughter, Martha Louise, on April 26, at the Rowan Memorial Hospital.

LILLINGTON METHODISTS will dedicate their new parsonage Sunday, with Bishop W. W. Peele in charge of the dedicatory rites. Rev. W. A. Tew is pastor of the Lillington charge.

REV. S. J. STARNES of Burlington was awarded the honor key for being the outstanding North Carolina Civitan of the year at the annual convention of the North Carolina District of Civitan International held at Asheville last week.

REV. H. H. CASH of Millbrook is the visiting preacher this week in evangelistic services at Buxton church on the Hatteras charge. Rev. Jobe Overton of Louisburg was the evangelist recently in special services at Hatteras, with seven additions to the church.

MEBANE METHODISTS opened their new $150,000 church on May 1, with an overflow congregation. On that occasion 67 members were received into the church. The new pipe organ is expected by June 1. Rev. T. B. Hough is in his eighth year as pastor.

BETHEL CHURCH, Salisbury district, received a cross and candlesticks recently in memory of J. K. and Dora Eaves, a gift of the children and Mrs. Mattie Eaves. A nursery has been opened, and church school attendance has increased 30 per cent this year. Rev. J. L. Trollinger is pastor.

JARVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH, Greenville, as part of the observance of National Family Week, held a family picnic. With more than 300 persons present, games and contests were enjoyed in the afternoon. The event was climaxed with a bountiful picnic supper on the Third Street School campus.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, Reidsville, young people honored their parents at a tea Sunday afternoon held at the church. included in the program was a film "Is Your Home Fun?" Walter Hooper led a worship service including a dedication of Christian homes. Jean Rand is president of the MYF.

Charlotte, Waynesville Districts Hold Conferences; Kipling Methodists to Dedicate Parsonage Sunday

CLYDE HOST TO WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By W. T. Medlin, Jr.

Methodists representing churches of 32 charges in seven counties, all the way from Murphy and Shooting Creek to Morning Star, attended the Waynesville district conference in the Methodist church at Clyde on April 30.

Dr. C. N. Clark of Waynesville, district superintendent, presided. Devotions were led by Rev. L. E. Mabry, pastor of First Church, Canton; and Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., pastor of the host church, welcomed the group. A welcome to the community was extended by Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of the Clyde Baptist Church.

Many of the churches reported 50 per cent or more of the budget items paid and progress was indicated in reports presented by the various committees. Breakdown of the budget showed that $31,644 of the $58,750 quota accepted for pastor's salaries during the current year has been paid during the past six months. Other items paid include: $3,663 for ministerial support; world service, $5,690; minimum salary, $436; Children's Home, $4,190; district work, $705, and college emergency fund, $287. Membership of the district, which was 10,968 in 1948, has been increased by 318, Rev. Jack Kirby of Canton, secretary of evangelism, reported.

Representatives of phases of mission work, who spoke briefly, were O. V. Woosley, Children's Home; Rev. Bob Carter, town and country churches; Mrs. J. Robert Long and Mrs. F. O. Dryman, Woman's Society of Christian Service; Rev. L. B. Abernethy, executive secretary of the board of missions; Mrs. George Culbreth, youth work; Rev. Reid Wall, Home for the Aged; Rev. C. W. Robbins, N. C. Christian Advocate.

Dr. Lee Tuttle, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, told of a camp near Hendersonville, which the Western North Carolina Conference has purchased for $57,500. The camp is to be used by Methodist young people, beginning June 17.

Dr. E. J. Coltrane, president of Brevard College, told of the plans for extension of the curriculum to offer music at a minimum fee to all musical-minded students at the college. A quartet of Brevard students gave a musical program. The cause of Greensboro College, another Methodist institution, was presented by Mrs. D. O. Satterfield, Jr.

An invitation to attend the services at Lake Junaluska Assembly was extended by Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent of the assembly.

A Baptist minister and retired World War I army colonel delivered the principal address of the day. Rev. Horace M. Williams, pastor of Oteen Baptist church, told the story of the Cherokee Indians, which he referred to as the "Trail of Tears."

At the afternoon business session, W. L. Rikard of Canton was elected district lay leader for the next six months. Assistants named were Frank Davis of Lake Junaluska, Lee Penland of Hayesville, J. C. Sorrells of Franklin, and LeRoy Sossamon of Bryson City.

Harley Wright of Canton gave the district treasurer's report and Norman Freel of Canton, report of the district board of trustees. The board was authorized to make repairs to the district parsonage in Waynesville. J. P. Kirk of Sylvia was named a member of the district trustees, succeeding Mrs. W. L. McKee of Sylvia, deceased.

Report of the resolutions committee was given by Mrs. C. O. Newell of Crabtree and other conference committees were heard.

Licenses to preach were granted to R. L. Phillips of Franklin, Donald Funderburk of Robbinsville, Benjamin Arthur Aiken of Murphy, Charles C. Mooney of Franklin, Thornton Hawkins of Canton, and R. L. Huff of Franklin.

Next district conference will be held at Franklin, the group decided. Women of the church served lunch at the school cafeteria.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By John R. Hamilton

The Charlotte district conference was held at Ansonville church April 21, with Dr. E. H. Nease, district superintendent, presiding. After the devotional service led by Rev. J. Elwood Carroll of First church, Wadesboro, the conference heard reports from all causes of the church during the morning and afternoon sessions.

From the reports it was noted that 1,604 new members had been received into the churches of the district since Conference. Of this number 501 were received on profession of faith and 1,103 by transfer of church letters. Much building and physical improvements to churches and parsonages has been accomplished this year, and one new church, St. Paul's, Charlotte, has been organized. Rev. M. E. Harbin is pastor of this church.

The conference sermon, preached by Rev. W. Arthur Kale of Central Church, Shelby, was the highlight of the conference. Using as his subject, "Setting Up the Banners for the Advance," he urged the large congregation to dedicate self completely to Christ and the mission of the church.

The conference quartet, composed of Rev. J. B. Hurley, Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., Rev. M. V. Thumm, and Rev. A. M. Faulkner, added much to the conference program by its splendid rendition of several numbers as well as leading in the congregational singing.

The district board of lay activities, composed of Charles H. Litaker, chairman, Tom M. Little, Edwin L. Jones, and Van Secrest, called upon the laymen in each county to take a definite part in the program of the Advance for Christ and His Church. This board also advocated and recommended to all laymen in the Charlott district the practice of tithing and urged that each pastor be given at least two weeks vacation from active work in the church.

Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., was recommended for admission to the Annual Conference, and L. J. Bishop, coming from the new church, St. Paul, organized just six months ago, and E. M. Hansel from Thrift church were granted licenses as local preachers.

Preliminary plans for a picnic to be held sometime in August for the ministers and their families in the district were made at a meeting of the ministers' wives. Mrs. E. H. Nease, president of the Ministers' Wives Association, presided over this meeting during the lunch hour.

The conference adjourned at 3:30 in the afternoon, following acceptance of an invitation to hold the 1950 session of the district conference at the Bethlehem church.

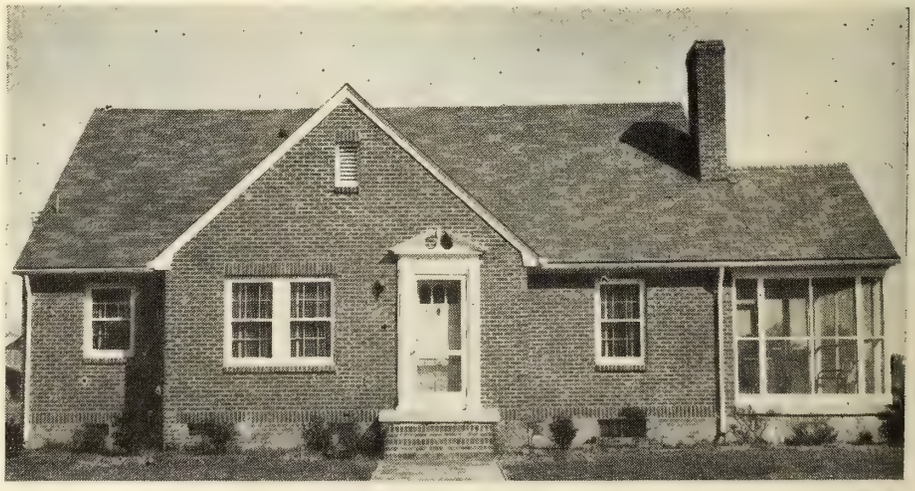
BISHOP PEELE TO DEDICATE KIPLING PARSONAGE

On Sunday afternoon, May 15, at 2:30 o'clock, Bishop W. W. Peele will dedicate the new Kipling charge parsonage, with Rev. F. R. Dail, pastor, assisting.

The parsonage is a nine-room structure, thoroughly modern throughout, and is located next to the church. It includes six rooms on the first floor, with a pastor's study, and three on the second floor. Facilities include two bath rooms, a basement, and a Lennox hot-air heating system. The house itself was built at a cost of more than $14,000.

The Kipling charge was created three and one-half years ago when the present three churches, Angier, Kipling, and Cokesbury, were taken from other charges and placed together. During this period each church has made significant improvements in its own facilities. Angier and Kipling have equipped their church school departments with modern chairs and tables, and recreation rooms have been furnished in the basement of each church. An electric organ was purchased by a young ladies Sunday school class at Kipling. An activities building is now being completed at the Cokesbury church, which will add recreation, kitchen, and rest-room facilities to that church, whose organization is more than a century old.

In addition to these improvements the charge is contributing on a par basis to World Service, and has increased the pastor's salary $1,000.



KIPLING PARSONAGE

Thomasville and Statesville District Conferences; Homecoming Set for New Laurel Hill Church Sunday

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By Byron Nifong

The Thomasville district conference was convened by Rev. George B. Clemmer, district superintendent, at 9:15 a.m., on Friday, April 22, in First church, Randleman, with Rev. A. James Clemmer, Jr., as host pastor. Rev. Howard Jordan of Midway led the devotions.

The conference was organized and the order of business was begun with the distribution of the summarized report of the individual charges. This report revealed an increase in every phase of the work over last year, the most significant of which was in membership and church school enrollment. There is an increase over last year of more than 50 per cent in accessions. There has been an increase of more than 2,000 in church school enrollment. According to the Conference Minutes, the Thomasville district has the largest church school enrollment in the Conference.

During the past year four new churches have been built, and three new educational buildings have been added. Memorial at Thomasville is ready to let the contract for a new church which will cost $450,000. Six new parsonages have been built, including the district parsonage in Thomasville, and three more will be completed this year.

Our institutions were represented as follows: Home for the Aged, Reid Wall; Children's Home, O. V. Woosley; Brevard College, E. J. Coltrane; Greensboro College, L. L. Gobbel; Board of Education, Carl H. King; Town and Country Work, Robert Carter; Conference Brotherhood, Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent of Winston-Salem District; North Carolina Christian Advocate, Rev. Cecil Robbins. On motion of Dr. S. W. Taylor, the conference gave our new editor a vote of confidence.

The morning session was climaxed with the "Layman's Hour," A. "Stuffer" Myers, district lay leader, presiding. "Stuffer" presented Paul F. Evans, conference lay leader, who in turn introduced Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University. Dr. Childs made a thrilling address on 'The Spirit of Methodism," in which he paid glowing tribute to John Wesley, and reminded us that our only hope is in Christ, and he closed with a frank observation that if we expect to Advance for Christ, we must have our Aldersgate.

Three hundred people enjoyed a delicious lunch in the church basement.

The afternoon session began with the renewing of 21 local preachers' licenses. Hoyt O. Adams, Billy C. Adams and Robert L. Oakley were granted local preachers' licenses.

Paul M. Cassell, R. F. Hilliard and John Oakley were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, pastor of Ardmore church, Winston-Salem, brought the session to a close with an inspirational address.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE MEETS AT NEW SALEM

By James C. Stokes

The Statesvile district conference convened at New Salem church, Cool Springs charge, on Friday, April 29. In spite of inclement weather, an eager gathering of nearly 300 preachers, lay delegates and visitors filled the beautiful new sanctuary, only recently completed under the fine leadership of Rev. J. M. Taylor, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Dr. J. H. Armbrust, district superintendent and adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The opening devotions, led by Rev. R. M. Varner; and by Rev. J. R. Duncan following the noon recess, contributed a fine atmosphere for further proceedings.

Among the highlights of the conference was the offer by Miss Lelia Tuttle of her beloved Tuttlefields near Lenoir to the Statesville district for use as an assembly ground and camp. The offer was favorably received and provision was made for setting up a committee to investigate the possibilities. The statistical report revealed a sharp increase over last year in accessions to membership, especially on profession of faith, the figure for this year to date being 403, while additions by certificate stood at 383. The church schools showed a gratifying gain in enrollment, advancing from 17,501 last year to 18,706. Subscriptions to the N. C. Christian Advocate advanced from 589 a year ago to 639. The financial report indicated that the halfway mark had been surpassed by approximately 10 per cent, for a grand total raised to date of $118,061. The Week of Dedication offering reported amounted to $2,048, and pledges assumed for Advance Mission Specials totaled $11,163. Picnic dinner was served by the host church.

Among those who spoke on behalf of various connectional interests were O. V. Woosley, Children's Home; Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Golden Cross; Dr. H. G. Allen, the Conference Brotherhood; Rev. Reid Wall and Dr. C. M. Pickens, Home for the Aged; Dr. E. J. Coltrane, Brevard College; Rev. Cecil Robbins, N. C. Christian Advocate; Rev. C. P. Bowles, Temperance; Rev. Robert Carter, Rural Work; Dr. Raymond Smith, Greensboro College; Mrs. T. V. Goode, Woman's Work; Rev. L. F. Tuttle, Conference Board of Education; and Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, Vacation Church Schools.

The keynote address, on the Advance for Christ and His Church, was presented by Dr. L. B. Abernethy, who spoke movingly of Christianity's task and opportunity. A young lad, Richard Armbrust Reavis of Broad Street church, Statesville, was presented as the youngest Methodist to assume a special—a bicycle for Poland. Another "young" man presented to the conference was Lee Black of Laurel Springs, who has served 63 consecutive years as a church school superintendent, and has attended district conference for the last 57 years. The passing of Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, retired, and of Rev. K. W. York, local deacon, was commemorated by a period of silent prayer.

An invitation to hold the next district conference at Triplett church, Mooresville circuit, was received and accepted.

PEACE COMMISSION ISSUES STATEMENT ON WORLD SITUATION

CHICAGO, May 2.—"A calm and objective appraisal of the merits and defects of communism" and "using every effort to terminate the 'cold war' " were called for in a statement on the international situation adopted here today by the Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church.

The statement also reaffirmed support of the Marshall Plan, urged U. S. ratification of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, but withheld support of the North Atlantic Pact.

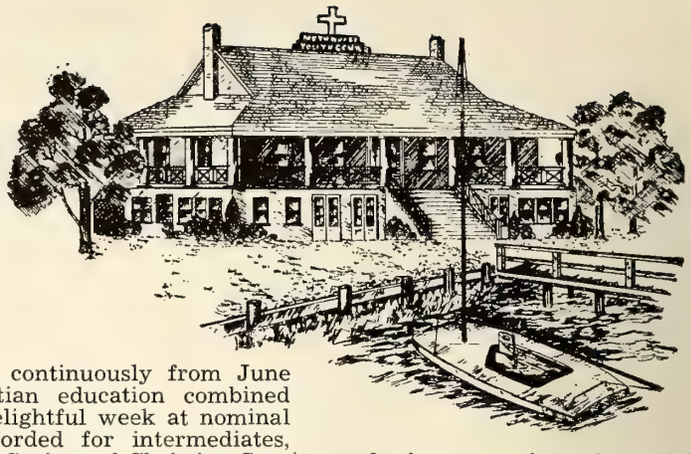
Homecoming day will be observed at the new Laurel Hill Methodist Church Sunday, with Dr. R. Dwight Ware, superintendent of the Asheville district, guest preacher. Rev. Albert F. Gordon, pastor, will be in charge of the special service. Work on the new structure began in April, 1947. Located near Candler, the new brick structure replaces a wooden building erected 88 years ago. Members of the building committee are R. L. Brooks, D. C. Allen, Oliver P. Brooks, C. W. Wise, Walter Magee, Ben F. Brooks, Jr., Percy O. Brooks, and J. W. Williamson. Work was begun while Rev. A. B. Dennis was pastor.



Methodist Youth Center

at Wrightsville Beach

will provide rich and varied program for all age groups this summer



The Methodist Youth Center at Wrightsville Beach will be open continuously from June 13 to September 8, to provide a rich and varied program of Christian education combined with camping activities, and affording for youth and adults a most delightful week at nominal cost. As seen by the schedule on this page, opportunity is being afforded for intermediates, seniors, young people, children's workers, members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and others, to enjoy a beautiful, spacious building, with its inspiring program of worship, study and recreation.

Total cost per person for a week is $14. This includes the $2 registration fee which must accompany application. Compare prices! Where could one spend an entire week at the beach for so little, or get such a program for personal enrichment?

Each week at the Center will be competently staffed. Rev. O. L. Hardwick of Elizabethtown is the business manager for the summer. B. H. Jenkins, who has served as chef for the New Hanover High School for five years, and at a Carolina Beach Hotel for eight years, has been employed to satisfy those appetites which the ocean makes more keen. Program leaders, or deans, for each week are capable, experienced leaders in Christian education. Rev. Jack Mote, of Duke University, has been secured to assist with courses, recreation, and music direction throughout the summer. In addition, each dean has included excellent counselors on his staff for his week, and among these are trained lifeguards.

Careful instructions are given about swimming and playing in the ocean, for the counselors feel the grave responsibility, and thus are constantly with the youth.



The Center faces lovely Banks Channel, and is less than 300 yards from the ocean

There are big rooms for the double-decker cots, boys downstairs and girls upstairs; a California cedar paneled dining room; wide, cool halls; and well furnished bedrooms for some of the officials, although most of the counselors sleep in with the youth in the "dormitories."

The long pier with benches and sheltered summer house is truly a worshipful vesper chapel, being in the form of a cross. Here one gets, too, the full benefit of the cool evening ocean breeze.

There is a big field back of the Center where softball and other active sports may be engaged in, and there is room near the building for campfires, council rings, folk games, pitching horseshoes, and picnicking on the specially made tables.

While the weeks are varied to suit the age groups, in general they will all provide worship, including morning watch, inspirational speakers, vesper services, fellowship prayer circles, prayer groups, and a communion service at the close; recreation—outdoor sports (not the least of which is playing in the water!), indoor games, stunt night, campfires, story-tellers' conventions, group singing, a banquet, boat rides, etc., etc.; classes, which will vary according to age groups; and interest groups in the afternoons, such as sea lore, shellcraft, craftstrip, music, banquet preparation, soap carving, etc.

One intermediate group studying the course, "Ways We Worship," will make a tour of several churches in Wilmington.

The Leadership School for the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been especially arranged with Mrs. C. D. Barclift as dean, and Mrs. A. D. Byrd, Box 270, Route 3, Wilmington, Registrar. Two courses will be taught, and day pupils will be welcome. This school starts at 2 p.m. on July 31, the first class beginning at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, and closing on August 5 after lunch. Further information may be secured by writing Mrs. Barclift, or Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Clinton, N. C.

Whereas the Center is primarily for the Wilmington district which has purchased the building, after June first applications from other parts of the conference will be considered. All applications should be sent in early, as only 35 campers may be accommodated any one week.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

As shown below, the program has been designed to afford opportunity for every age group in the church to enjoy and benefit from this summer's activities at the Center.

INTERMEDIATES
(Boys and Girls, Age 12 Through 14)

June 20-25 ..... Rev. O. L. Hardwick, Dean
July 4-9 ..... Rev. C. H. Mercer, Dean
August 8-13 ..... Rev. C. J. Andrews, Dean

SENIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE
(Boys and Girls, Ages 15 Through 23)

June 13-18 ..... Rev. Kermit Wheeler, Dean
June 27-July 2..Rev. Forrest Hedden, Rev. Daniel Lane, Deans
July 11-16 ..... Rev. O. K. Ingram, Dean
August 29-Sept. 3 ..... Rev. Kermit Wheeler, Dean

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
(For All Officers of the M. Y. F.)

August 22-27 ..... Rev. Troy Barrett, Dean

CHILDREN'S WORKERS' WEEK
(For Workers with Children of All Ages)

July 18-23 ..... Miss Doris Sutton, Dean

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

July 31-August 5 ..... Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Dean
(For further information, write to Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Clinton, N. C.

PEMBROKE PARISH YOUTH WEEK

August 15-20 ..... Rev. Linwood Blackburn, Dean

STATE COLLEGE WESLEY FOUNDATION

July 2-4 ..... Rev. Charles S. McCoy, Director

OXFORD ORPHANAGE WEEK

July 25-30 ..... Rev. W. A. Crow, Dean

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE OFFICERS

September 3-5 ..... John Meares, Dean

MINISTERS' RETREAT

September 6-8 ..... Rev. C. D. Barclift, Dean



Statesville Subdistrict Group Meets; Winston Officers Meet; Fairview Women Organize Society

Edited by Mrs. E. L. Ballard
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LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM MRS. WEAVER

"HAMLET, N. C.—Dear Friends: For your wonderful messages of love, of cheer, and 'Get Well' wishes during my recent illness, I do sincerely thank you. Since there are several hundred of them, and in order to conserve the little strength I have, I feel sure you will not object to my taking this means to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for your thoughtfulness of me.

"My heart is filled with gratitude for every expression of your love and I appreciate your messages more than you can ever know.

"While my progress seems slow, yet we feel that I am improving a little every day. I am here at my sister's recuperating in the 'Land of the Long Leaf Pine' and sunshine, and I am having every attention, so I hope soon to be well and strong and back with you again.

"With much love and thanking you again for your thoughtfulness of me.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver."

(Since writing this note of appreciation, Mrs. Weaver has been in the hospital again and was very sick for a few days, but we are glad to say she is again improving and we hope this time it is permanent.—Editor.)

SUB-DISTRICT MEETINGS—STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Sub-district No. 4 of the Statesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Jones Memorial church, Mooresville, April 21, with the chairman, Mrs. Henry Poston, presiding. Seven churches were represented, with the award for the largest number in attendance going to the society of Central church, Mooresville. All of the societies represented gave reports of work done during the year. Rev. Harold Robinson led the devotionals. Mrs. T. V. Goode, promotion secretary of the district, led the Advance Caravan, with Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle, Mrs. John Steele and Mrs. Forest Sharpe assisting. Mrs. W. L. Lazenby, district secretary of supply work, presented the work of her department and made a strong appeal for coupons for the Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem. Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, conference secretary of children's work presented the needs with the Cherokee Indians.

The highlight of the day was an address by Mrs. E. H. Ould, who was engaged in a leadership training school at Broad Street church, Statesville. An invitation for the fall meeting was extended by the Triplet church and was unanimously accepted.

The Statesville sub-district meeting was held in First Methodist church, North Wilkesboro, April 13, with approximately 75 in attendance. Mrs. Ivey Moore, chairman, presided and the devotionals were led by Mrs. Jack Brame.

Here again the Advance Caravan presented the four-point program, and the main address for the day was given by Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr.

Following the address, the women assembled in the educational building where different phases of the work were presented by the Caravan speakers, and Mrs. Lloyd Nash, Mrs. Mack Goforth, Mrs. R. L. Lazenby, Mrs. Ross Bunch, Mrs. Edd F. Gardner and Mrs. Ralph Sherrill. The next meeting will be held at Granite Falls.

EASTER OBSERVANCE

An occasion which the membership hopes to make an annual observance was at First church, North Wilkesboro, when early Easter morning the lovely cantata, "Calvary," by Wessel, was presented by the choir and a breakfast followed in the educational building.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

At an executive meeting of the Winston-Salem District Woman's Society of Christian Service April 12, it was decided to hold the district meeting at Central church, Mount Airy, May 17, and to have the Caravans to visit the sub-districts later in the summer. The personnel for two Caravans was selected with Mrs. Mark Rose, chairman of one, and Mrs. L. V. Scott, Mrs. C. E. Rozzelle, and Mrs. C. C. Weaver working with her. Mrs. E. L. Ballard was chosen chairman of another, with Mrs. H. G. Allen, Mrs. J. W. Clay and Mrs. Sam Beck.

The district is putting special emphasis on subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook and is putting these two magazines in the Y. W. C. A. in Winston-Salem.

NEW SOCIETY—THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

A Woman's Society of Christian Service has been organized at Fairview church, Mt. Vernon charge, with 16 members and every member a subscriber to The Methodist Woman. So far, this is the only society in that district reaching that goal and they are striving for 100% in membership. This is reported by Mrs. C. C. Cranford, promotion secretary of that district, as a very enthusiastic group, and we are sure Mrs. Cranford and the district president, Mrs. J. A. Spence, will do their utmost to help them reach their goal.

The district meeting will be held at Mt. Olivet church, Davidson charge, on May 11.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, secretary of children's work, is again asking that children over the conference supply materials for vacation Bible school and recreation program for the Cherokee Indians. Since the needs are many and varied and can be bought in bulk to better advantage, it was decided at the conference executive board meeting that emphasis be put on the children raising sums of money for this purpose and Mrs. Rhyne buy the materials. They will need between $250 and $300 for these materials, so send your cash donations to Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, 407 Walnut Street, Statesville.

Mrs. Dennis at Cherokee also needs materials for her sewing classes, so any group sending materials for this purpose will please mail it to Mrs. D. H. Dennis, Box 338, Cherokee, N. C.

The new coupon list is being sent out by Mrs. Rhyne and churches in the Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Thomasville, Salisbury and Statesville districts are requested to send their coupons to the Winston-Salem Bethlehem Center. Churches in Charlotte, Gastonia, Marion, Asheville and Waynesville districts are requested to send their coupons to the Charlotte Bethlehem Center.

Mrs. Charles H. Robeson of Atlanta, newly elected Jurisdiction secretary of children's work, will have charge of the workshop for this department at the School of Missions and Christian Service at Pfeiffer College in June. All secretaries of children's work are urged to attend this school and take advantage of the training the workshop will provide.

STUDY OF BIBLE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Following the study of "The Bible and Human Rights" taught by Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames at Burkhead church, Winston-Salem, March 18, a findings committee made the following report and recommendations:

Introduction: Acquiring of human rights of all people has brought about all difficulties of the world. Justice, self-respect and respect for the personality are the fundamental principles underlying Christianity, and should be the rights of all peoples regardless of race, color, or creed. We should not fear that Christian faith will be destroyed. We, materially, may be destroyed by fear, but faith is of God, therefore indestructible because it is eternal. There will always be a remnant of the faithful to carry on.

I. Historical Background — Human Rights began with Mosaic laws, in the regognition of the brotherhood of man and in self-respect and respect for other personalities. This is the base of human rights.

Early Conception of God—Moses thought He was exact, supreme, vengeful. Elijah considered Him a jealous God. Hosea worshipped Him as a loving, forgiving God. Amos thought God held him responsible for society. Christ thought of Him as God the Father, God of love, mercy and kindness, and taught His people to "Love thy neighbor as thyself" and returned to the people their self-respect, and told them to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," of Fatherhood and Brotherhood to all people.

Paul's conception was that all were God's children—not Jews alone—and he carried out Christ's command to "Go."

II. The Modern Missionary Movement—Responsible for the present unrest. (Missionaries have taught brotherhood to nonwhite peoples who have been exploited by the white race.)

Communications have made us one family, and every one's conduct is of international importance.

The World Council of Churches teaches the importance and rights of the individual, and that God is supreme.

III. Human Rights in the United States—Changes in concept of government's responsibilities for the people came about through the New Deal in 1933. Social legislation has resulted in Farm Security Administration, Labor Relations Board, Rent Control, Housing, Health, Civil Rights.

The new conflict is property rights versus human rights. The church must establish a balance between property rights and human rights.

Recommendations: 1. Take advantage of our privilege to vote. 2. Advocate equality in health, education, recreation, and business opportunity for all people.

The study was under the supervision of Mrs. L. V. Scott, district secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

Every man speaks more virtuously than he either thinks or acts.—Bacon.

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By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

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A GIFT TO OUR GRADUATES

J. C. Braswell of Rocky Mount has served on our board of trustees for the past 30 years. His loyalty and abiding love have meant much to the growth and the success of this orphanage.

In February, Mr. Braswell expressed his interest by sending us $500 to be used for new equipment in our classrooms.

Each year this Christian layman remembers the members of the graduating class in a substantial way. Recently, each member of the Senior class received a gift of $10 from their friend in Rocky Mount.

I wish to make grateful ackowledgement of this gift, and on behalf of the 18 members of the Senior class, I wish to express my sincere thanks to this faithful member of our board of trustees.

PLENTY OF POEMS

Children love to go on trips. The word has gotten out that I take children to conferences and church services who can recite or sing.

Saturday night a blue-eyed child of six came running to me at the supper hour with this proposition, "Daddy Larkin, I know how to say two poems. When can I go on a trip?" I guess I will include Louise in one of my programs this month.

One of the older girls met me after supper with a mischievous look in her eye and this announcement, "I will be glad to listen to you preach if you will take me off some Sunday," I guess I will also have to include Natalie in my party.

ACCIDENTS AND ANXIETIES

One Friday night as I ate a late supper with the baseball boys, a girl called for me to hurry to the kitchen. One of the girls had fallen down the elevator shaft. To the great relief of all of us she was able to walk, and she did not break any bones.

Later that night I was called to Rex Hospital. The nurse said one of my boys had been in a wreck on New Bern Avenue. While collecting for his newspapers on a motor bike, this young man had met with an accident.

As I held the boy's hand, Dr. Hamilton spoke from the other side of the bed. "I have three kids and they keep me upset. I was just wondering what I would do with 270 children."

In a children's home like this some are going to be sick, and others will get hurt. We do not let these cases get us down, but those who suffer will always have all the comfort and encouragement we can give. They will always have the best that we can provide in medical and hospital care.

The girl who fell and the boy who was injured have fully recovered. Our large family keeps remarkably well and for this good record we are sincerely grateful.

SOUTHPORT SHINES

On April 26, five happy boys made a trip with me to Southport. They were too excited to eat their usual breakfast. If there is anything a boy loves more than water—it is **more** water. They found plenty of water at Southport.

The pastor, Rev. L. D. Hayman of Southport, had everything nicely arranged for the district conference and also for the entertainment of the Orphanage group. Captain Harrold St. George reserved the Pilot Boat for our party. Captain Robert Willing served as master of the boat. The cruise around the harbor and out toward the ocean was wonderful. It was the first experience of this kind for our boys, and one that they will never forget.

We spent the afternoon and night in this city by the sea. Early Wednesday we were on the road again. The boys helped me with my case work at Carver's Creek, Whiteville and Lumberton. We had interviews with seven boys on our way home. These seven boys are knocking at the door of our Orphanage home.

These boys at Carver's Creek and Lumberton seemed so glad to meet and talk with these boys from our home. My boys could not understand why I did not pile them all in the car and bring them to the Orphanage. We will not have any room until the graduating class moves out some time in June.

For every kindness shown to us by the pastor and people in Southport we are truly grateful.

HONEST CONFESSION

Easter Monday night, as I left the dining hall, Mary Jane Gilbert slipped her arm about me and walked in silence a short distance. In a very serious tone she began to speak: "Daddy Larkin, people do foolish things some times, don't they?" I answered, "You are right, Mary Jane, but what do you have in mind?"

"I ate too many Easter eggs—eight in all. Then I went to supper. You know, you have to eat some of everything on the table. Now, I am sorry I ate so many eggs—if I feel any worse, I will have to go to the infirmary."

Grown-ups, as well as children, do foolish things at times. The wise person is the one who does not make the same mistake twice. Mary Jane says she will not eat over four eggs next time.

LAY LEADER TAKES UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

Two of the bright-eyed boys from our home attended the district conference at Phillips Chapel. After a bountiful serving of chicken, ham and pie, we were waiting for the afternoon session of the conference to open.

While we were standing in the church yard, Dr. Childs engaged my boys in a conversation. "Young fellows," he said, "if your dad was any good he would look under that log across the road and find some fat worms. He would then take you boys down to Haw River on a fishing trip. That would be much more interesting than going to a district conference." Then he added, "I think I will go fishing while the weather is so fine."

The lay leader started toward the river. I missed my six-year-old boy. He was following close on the heels of the would-be fisherman. I finally retrieved my boy in time for him to appear on the program of the district conference.

If Dr. Ben Childs does not arrange a fishing trip for this youngster, I am resolved to report him to his district superintendent, or the bishop.

MORE CHARGES IN FULL

We would pay special tribute to three more charges that have paid their apportionment in full:

Eno—W. C. Feltman.
Kitty Hawk—W. I. Freeman.
Roanoke—J. T. Maides, Jr.

Our sincere thanks to each pastor and his people.



MAKEPEACE COTTAGE FAMILY
Here are the children who live in the Makepeace Cottage, with some of the girls who assist with the operation of this family group.

Sunday School Lesson for MAY 15

Jesus' Teachings on Crisis

Mark 13

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Jesus was the greatest of all realists, and also the greatest of all idealists. His determination not to cherish for a moment any false hope, and to look all the grim facts in the face, gave him eyes to see that behind the apparent failure of all his efforts was the certainty of his final glorification as the Saviour of the world. Being pure in heart he would see God (Matt. 5:8), and hence was made sure that God would not fail to accomplish his mighty and gracious purposes in the world.

The fulfillment of our Lord's prediction that Jerusalem would be destroyed, shows that he was in contact with reality, and hence it gives us faith to believe that he was also in contact with reality when he predicted that the day would come when men would look up to him as the exalted Saviour of the world. And the extent to which this prophecy of his coming in the clouds has already, in a very real and spiritual sense, been fulfilled gives sure ground for believing that it will be fulfilled in a more wonderful way, and for believing that the laws of the universe are working for the glorification of Him who gave himself to die for the sins of the world.

Jesus warns us not to expect him to come again to the world as he came before. If they say, Lo, here he is! or Lo, there! believe it not; for as the lightning shineth from one end of the heaven unto the other, so shall be the coming of the Son of man.

The promise of the coming again of Christ is not on the assumption that he is absent now; it is rather a promise that he who has been with his faithful ones from the beginning, and whose power is working in human life as constantly as the power of gravitation, will in due time be manifested to the whole world. Electricity has been in the world from the beginning, but most men sensed it only in lightning flashes; but now through the discoveries of its laws electricity lights our homes and performs a thousand other services. Its presence is manifest to all.

This is a faint picture of the future manifestation of Christ to the world. We cannot imagine how marvelously present he will seem when all industry, commerce, and the whole of our educational program will be carried on in harmony with his teachings. The thought of it fairly dazzles us. Jesus said that the manifestations of the fact that his teachings are the laws of the universe will come suddenly and at the most unexpected times. And certainly his comings in judgment have been startling and sudden surprises. Both world wars came upon us like a thief in the night. Who expected Pearl Harbor? Of course in a sense they did not come suddenly at all; they only hatched suddenly. And we can believe that if we pray and strive persistently, seasons of great blessing will also hatch suddenly. The high reservoirs that have been filled by the pumping of patient effort will suddenly overflow with floods of blessing.

But these words about the coming manifestation of Christ apply not only to the nations, but are always fulfilled in the lives of every one of us. If our lamps are burning by reason of watchfulness and prayer, if through the study of the Scriptures we have convictions on which we can act at every crisis with decisive promptness, we are sure to survive the tests and to have great opportunities, and to be ushered into feasts of rejoicing. Jesus says that the Son of Man will gird himself as a table waiter to serve those servants of his who make use of their talents, and are prepared to see and to seize the opportunities he provides (Luke 12:35-37).

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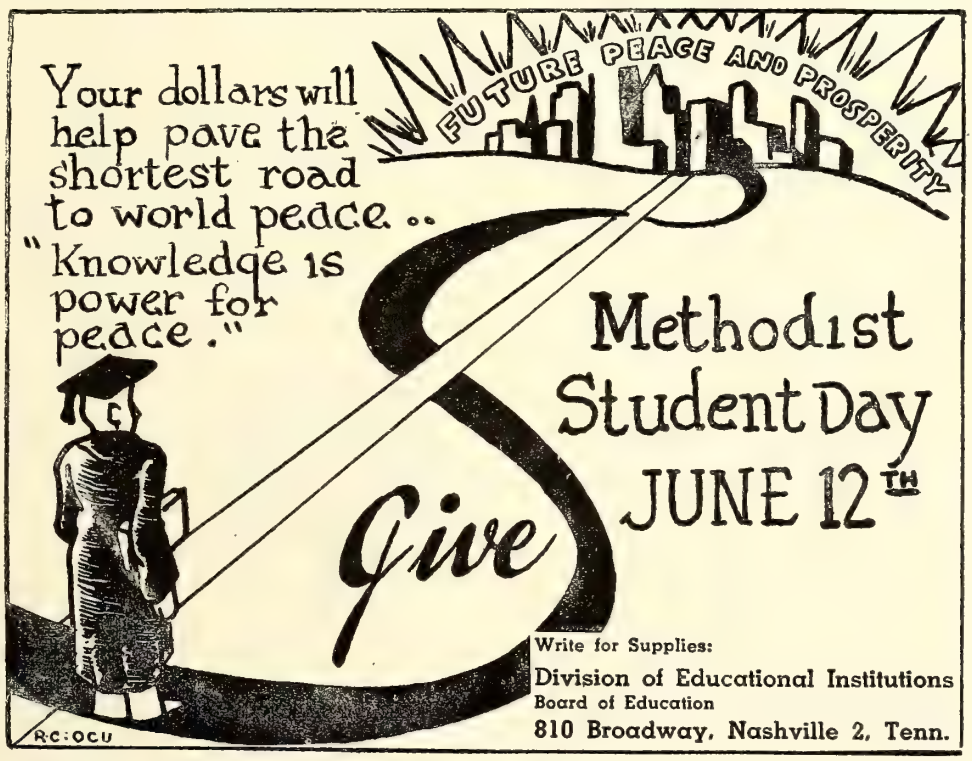
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SAMMY LEE

By RUTH SPEECE

In a log cabin on Knitting Mill Hill a little Negro boy called Sammy Lee lived with his father, his mother, and three small sisters. The cabin was old, and in winter snow sifted in through the chinks while the cold north wind whistled through broken window-panes. Sammy and his sisters shivered in their thin patched clothes, but there was no money to buy new ones, for father was sick and mother worked hard in the mill to buy bread and molasses for them to eat.

Sammy wouldn't have minded the cold house and thin clothes so much if the other boys had been kind, but they weren't. If he stopped to watch them play ball they threw stones at him and cried, "Get along, black boy. We don't want you here." So Sammy had no one to play with, and he was very lonely.

One summer day the white boys were building a dam in the creek. Sammy Lee had been on an errand for his father and was coming back along the hot dusty road. Down in the woods he could hear the boys laughing as they splashed about. How he longed to wade into the cool water with them! But he must hurry home. Even if he had time to stop, they would only chase him away again. Suddenly a little girl's voice screamed, "Clifford! Clifford! Help me!" Sammy Lee plunged through the bushes and saw that Clifford's little sister had waded too far out in the water and stumbled into a deep hole washed out by the spring rains.

Clifford's face was very white, and he stood as though turned to stone. "Save her somebody," he whispered hoarsely. "I can't swim!" No one moved except the small Negro. Quick as a flash he jumped into the stream and started for the little girl. In midstream the water flower faster. Twice he was knocked from his feet and flung against the rocks, but he struggled onward. The boys on the bank watched breathlessly, and Clifford began to pray softly, "Dear Jesus, help him, please. Forgive me for being so unkind just because his skin is a different color. Jesus, save Annetta."

Now Sammy Lee was swimming. The little girl's dress had caught on a snag. He was going to reach her in time.

When he opened his eyes he was lying on the bank and a crowd of people had gathered. Dimly he remembered pulling the girl ashore, then everything had gone black. "Are you all right?" a man was asking.

"Sure," he answered. "The girl—is she—?"

"Yes, thanks to you, she is safe," the man replied. "They are taking her home."

If you went to visit Sammy Lee now you wouldn't find him living in the little shack. As a "thank you" gift, Annetta's parents have built for his family a pretty little house, all painted white. With a warm home, good food, and plenty of rest and sunlight, Sammy's father is much better and is able to do the housework and take care of the children while his mother is busy with her new job. Their new-found friends have found a place for her as cook in a college where her hours are shorter, the work more pleasant, and she earns more money. And the white children are kind to Sammy and his sisters, for, through Sammy's brave deed, they have learned that color doesn't matter. What really counts is the kind of heart we have underneath our skin.

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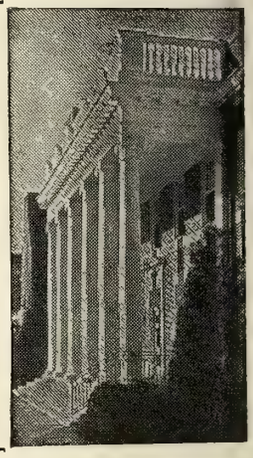
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May

South Fork, Plateau, 11 ... 15
Vale, Maedonia, 2:30 ... 15
Fallston, Lawndale, 7 ... 18
Rock Springs: Mt. Pleasant, 11 ... 22
Crouse, Crouse, 3 ... 22
Polkville, Rehoboth, 11 ... 29
Lowell, South Point, 7:30 ... 29

June

Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 11 ... 12
Gastonia, East End, 7:30 ... 12
Stanley, 11 ... 19
Gastonia, Trinity, 7:30 ... 19
Lincoln Circuit, McKendree, 11 ... 26
Gastonia, Bradley Memorial, 7:30 ... 26

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May

Fairview (Avery), night ... 12
Minneapolis, night ... 13
Linville (Elk Park), 10 ... 15
Newland, 11 ... 15
Forest Home and Montezuma at Montezuma, 3 ... 15
Banner Elk and Elk Park at Elk Park, night ... 15
Spruce Pine, 11 ... 22

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May

Norwood Circuit: Randall's, 11 ... 15
New London Circuit: Bethany, 7:30 ... 15
Salisbury: Main Street, 11 ... 22
Long Street-Yadkin: Long Street, 7:30 ... 22
Bethel, 11 ... 29
Midland: Pine Bluff, 3 ... 29

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May

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Randleman, First, 11 ... 15
Randleman Circuit: New Salem, 3 ... 15
Farmington: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 ... 16
Davidson: Centenary, 7:30 ... 17
Denton Circuit: First, 7:30 ... 18
South Davidson: Lineberry, 7:30 ... 19
Thomasville, Memorial, 11 ... 22
Advance: Bailey's Chapel, 7:30 ... 22
Greer-Mount Carmel: Mount Carmel, 7:30 ... 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 ... 25
Mount Vernon: Mount Pleasant, 11 ... 29
Old Union, 3 ... 29

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Level Cross: Rockford, 11 ... 15
Level Cross: Parsonage Dedication (Surry Project), 3 ... 15
Pilot Mountain: Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 11 ... 22
Franklin Heights, Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 3:30 ... 22
Kernersville, Main St., 11, ... 29
Kernersville Circuit: Cherry Street, 3 ... 29

June

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Burlington, Webb Avenue, 7:30 ... 15
Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 ... 22
Bynum, Ebenezer, 3 ... 22
Durham, Carr, 7:30 ... 22
Graham: Graham, 11 ... 29
Haw River, Haw River, 7:30 ... 29

June

Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg, Saturday and Sunday ... 11-12
Burlington, Davis Street, 11 ... 19
Mebane, Mebane, 7:30 ... 19
Roxboro, Grace, 11 ... 26
Mt. Tirzah, Mt. Tirzah, 3 ... 26
Durham, Bethany, 7:30 ... 26

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

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May

Swan Quarter: Soule, 11 ... 15
Mattamuskeet: Watson's Chapel, 8 ... 15
Kinnakeet: Fair Haven, 8 ... 17
Hatteras: Buxton, 8 ... 18
Washington, 11 ... 22
Bath: Bath, 4 ... 22
Stumpy Point: Stumpy Point, 11 ... 29
Manteo, 8 ... 29

June

Columbia: Cedar Grove, 11 ... 5
Creswell: Mount Hermon, 8 ... 5
Plymouth, 11 ... 12
Roper: Siloam, 3 ... 12
Murfreesboro: Union, 11 ... 19
Belhaven: Belhaven, 8 ... 19
Hertford, 11 ... 26
Chowan: Bethany, 3 ... 26

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May

Biscoe: Star, 11 ... 15
Pinebluff: Beaverdam, 3 ... 15
Parkton: Hope Mills, 7:30 ... 15
Laurinburg (preaching), 11 ... 22
Laurel Hill: Tabernacle, 3 ... 22
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May

Goldsboro Circuit: Salem, 11 ... 15
Ocracoke, 7:30 ... 18
Marshallberg, 11 ... 22
Beaufort Circuit: Core Creek, 7:30 ... 22
Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 ... 28

June

Newport High School, 11 ... 5
Straits: Smyrna, 7:30 ... 5
Convocation ... 7-10
Walstonburg: Arthur, 11 ... 12
Mount Olive Circuit: Bethel, 11 ... 18
Kinston, Queen Street, 11 ... 19
Vanceboro: Chapman's, 11 ... 25
Marshallberg, 11 ... 26
Atlantic: Sealevel, 7:30 ... 26

July

Hookerton: Frizzelle Memorial, 11 ... 3
Morehead Circuit: Camp Glenn, 11 ... 10
Morehead City, First, 8 ... 10
Newport: Oak Grove, 11 ... 17
Beaufort, 11 ... 24
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August

Greenville, Jarvis Memorial, 11 ... 7

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May

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May

Roseboro: Andrews, 11 ... 15
Faison: Keeners, 7:30 ... 15
Wallace, 11 ... 22
Burgaw: Jordans, 3 ... 22
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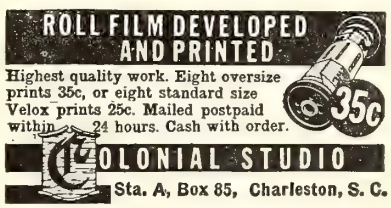
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Advance Progress Reported to Council of Bishops

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Methodist bishops heard good news here concerning the Advance for Christ and His Church. In the presentation of the denomination's current four-year plan to their Council, which met here April 26-30, the church's leaders were told that the Week of Dedication had been observed by more than 20,000 churches, that $704,292 has already been reported from the Day of Dedication offering with half of these churches still to be heard from, that 80 per cent of the annual conferences have set their goals for specials to a total of $19,000,000 for the quadrennium and that the plans for the 75 great mass meetings next fall are operating on schedule.

Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, general chairman of the Advance, and the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, executive director, described progress to date. Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, N. C., chairman of the committee on the financial phase, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, chairman of the teaching and preaching program, both presented reports. Bishop Harrell's committee met here April 25.

With respect to the first financial objective set by the General Conference, an increase of 33 and one-third per cent of World Service above the apportionment of the last quadrennium, Dr. Mohn reported that nearly all the annual conferences have accepted the goal, but remittances have reached only 50 per cent of this increase.

"Personalizing gifts, as is possible through the offering of "specials" to local churches, permits the beneficiary to know the donor," Bishop Harrell stated. "It is our prediction that if this method of appeal really takes fire, our missionary program will be supported with more enthusiasm and larger means than at any time in our history." The Advance committees of the annual conferences have set their goals. The agencies have provided information concerning the "specials" opportunities. The next step is the action program operating through the bisops, district superintendents and pastors, in obtaining the acceptance of the projects in the local churches.

Reporting in terms of actual money received to date on Advance specials Bishop Harrell said: "The Foreign Division reports Advance Specials contributions received through February 28 to be $860,337, an increase of $244,402 over the amount received during the same period a year ago." The Home Division has received $51,383 on Advance specials through March 31 and Overseas Relief Advance specials in cash have been $77,777.

Plans for the network of mass meetings across the country next fall which will officially launch the study of "Our Faith" are practically complete. Charts were displayed on which were shown the 75 cities where these intensive one-day programs will take place and the names of the six-person teams responsible for the program. Three bishops, one pastor, a layman and a laywoman will speak in each of these centers from which will stem the church-wide teaching and preaching missions.

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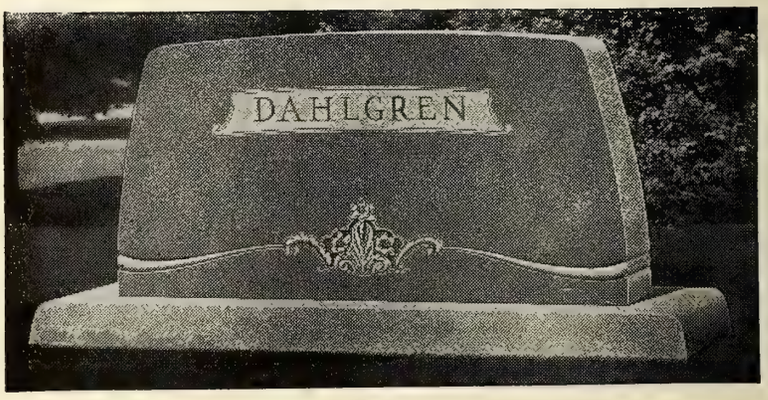
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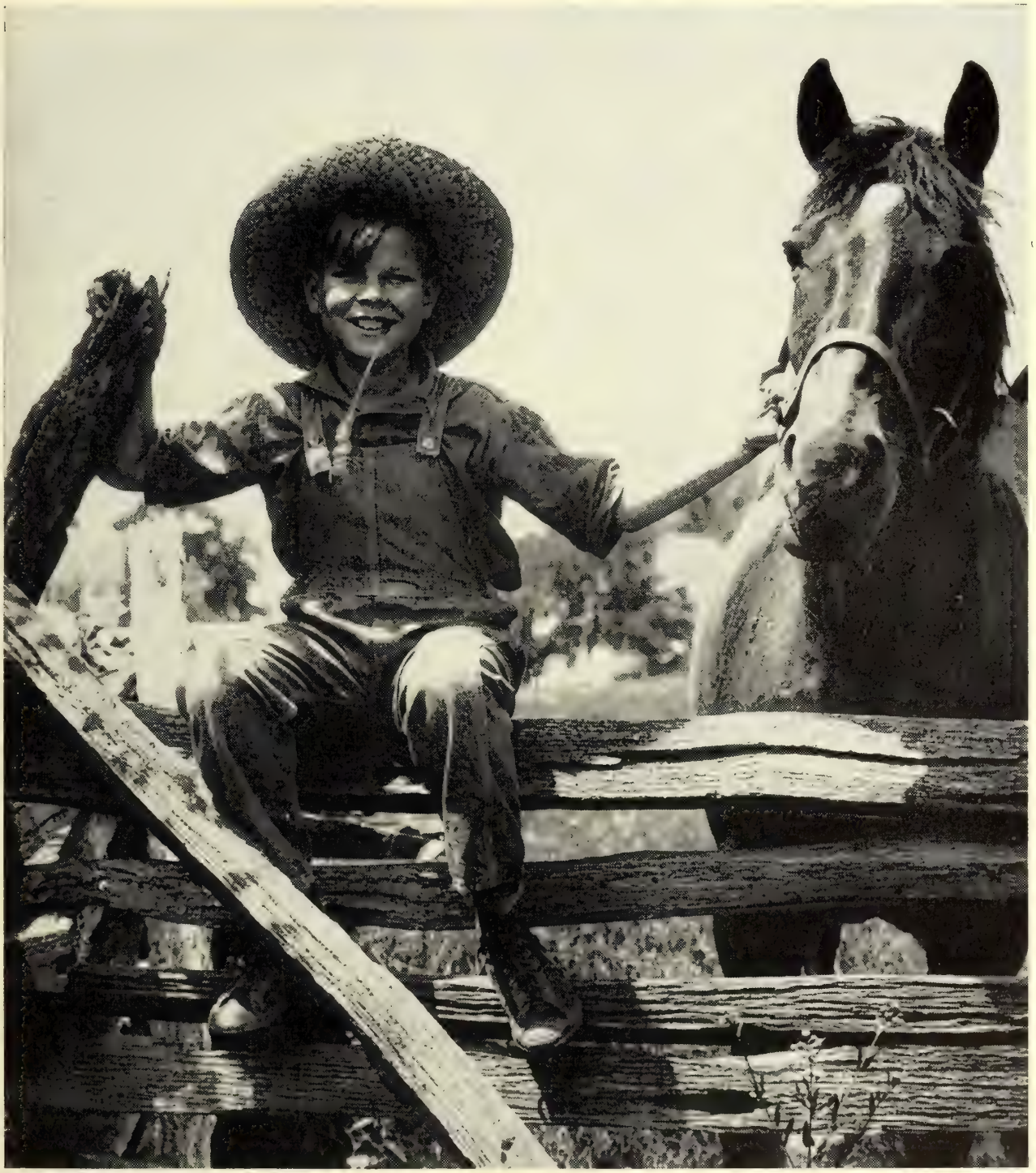
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By Ewing Galloway

SUNDAY, MAY 22, IS RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

June Is Month to Help Resettle Displaced Persons; Announcements; Correspondence; Ormond Series

CUBA NEEDS MISSIONARIES

Dear Editor:

Rev. Garfield Evans was invited out in the country from Holguin, Cuba, where he and family are missionaries, to a place where they wanted 35 infants baptized. He went and after the service they had a cock fight to celebrate the baptism.

Recently he was invited again to another place in the country to baptize 17 infants. He told them that he would go if they would promise to see that both parents of each child were present at the baptism and that they would not have a cock fight or dance after the service. They promised. He went, taking two helpers with them. They had the service. The people kept their promise. The place where the service was held was a liquor and gambling joint, with about 100 present. Some of the men were drunk. These people haven't had a chance.

A few days ago we had the pleasure of entertaining a good man and his wife from Philadelphia, Pa. They were traveling over the country and on their way to visit Jamaica and other islands. After leaving they wrote back about one town they visited, saying they walked over the city, on the border where many poor people lived and said that this one place needed 100 missionaries and that would only scratch the surface.

Recently a Christian from the states traveled all over Cuba to the large cities. He told us that Cuba needed 1,000 missionaries. Readers of the Advocate, will you join us in praying to our Heavenly Father that He, with your help, will send 1,000 missionaries to Cuba that these people may hear of "The Man of Galilee?"

Mrs. Gilbert A. Evans,
Apt. 151 Holguin Ots, Cuba.

"ACT NOW—SAVE DP'S"

June, 1949, has been designated as "DP Action Month." The need for such a month lies in figures recently released by the Displaced Persons Commission in Washington. While there are assurances before the Commission for 80,886 families, only 14 per cent were provided by Protestant and Orthodox churches, although 33 per cent of the Displaced Persons in European camps are members of Protestant and Orthodox faiths. Further figures emphasize the need for Protestart action on this problem: 60 per cent of the assurances in Washington are of Roman Catholic origination, against 49 per cent Roman Catholics in camp, and the 26 per cent of assurance from Jewish people exceeds the 18 per cent Jewish population in the camps in Europe.

The critical need for concerted Protestant action is increased by the proportion of visas issued by our government to Protestant and Orthodox families; its continuance at 25 per cent is rapidly exhausting the present supply of assurances.

Methodists thus far have provided, through MCOR alone, assurances for approximately 600 persons. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has planned to resettle in 1949 at least 2,000 persons. As the largest Protestant church in America, Methodism has always led in answering interdenominational appeals. In recent months the leadership of our Town and Country Commission in each annual conference—for example, the Wisconsin Conference Town and Country Commission has sent assurances for seven DP families—has been excellent, but the time to rest on our laurels is not yet here.

Complete information as to resettlement may be secured from the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York. June 26 will be DP REPORT DAY.

END OF THE FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the General Commission on World Service and Finance ends May 31. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Treasurer, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill., is very eager that all church treasurers remit World Service funds in their hands to the Conference Treasurer, not later than that date. I am sure that our pastors and church treasurers will co-operate with Dr. Lugg in his request, and do as he has asked.

COSTEN J. HARRELL.

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June 13-23—Caravan Training.
July 5-10—Institute of Sacred Music.
July 10-11—Hospitals and Homes.
July 12-20—School of Missions.
July 19-29—Young People's Leadership Conference.
July 20-22—Laymen's Conference.
July 26-August 1 — Missionary Conference.
July 29-31—Church School Superintendents.
August 1-4—District and Subdistrict Directors.
August 1-7—Pastors' Convocation.
August 2-5—District Superintendents.
August 3 - 4 — Conference Secretaries, Treasurers, Statisticians.
August 4-16—Leadership School.
August 8-14—Bible Conference.
August 14-16—SE Historical Society.
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August 21-28—Week of Featured Speakers.

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On one occasion when Queen Victoria had heard Mr. Paderewski give a piano recital, she said to him, "Mr. Paderewski, you are a genius." His reply was, "Your honor, perhaps, but long before I was a genius I was a drudge."

Dr. U. S. Brown, in "If the Minister is to Succeed, pointedly writes: "There is still plenty of room on the road that leads to success for the preacher who has acquired wisdom without egotism—who is competent yet courteous—who is winsome without fawning—who is fearless yet friendly—who is courageous yet loving—who can direct yet refrain from dictating—who can teach without being offensively dogmatic—who is patient yet persistent—who has learned to serve without humiliating those whom he benefits—who is satisfied not with a dole, but whose joy is faithfully ministering to the needs of folks, in the name of the Christ. Such a personality wins."

A CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY

The Methodist Orphanage is celebrating its 50th anniversary. It is fitting that the friends of the institution show their loyalty in a concrete way. The conference should enlarge the orphanage in order that it might minister to additional needy children. I am suggesting that fifty friends give $1,000 each, making a total of $50,000 as a significant climax for fifty years of unselfish service to thousands of underprivileged children.

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EDITORIAL

Better Days for the Rural Church

Rural Life Sunday, observed annually since 1929 to emphasize the meaning of Christianity for rural people, is a good time to take stock of the rural church, particularly estimating its prospects for the immediate years ahead. What of the future of the rural church?

To begin with, it should be stated that the rural church is not a distinct area of the church life, separate and apart from the whole. It is a part of the whole. More than ever before rural life is intricately woven into the very fabric of the total life of our nation. The line that separates rural life from urban life is rapidly disappearing. Thus the rural church will be affected by what happens to the church at large. Moreover, it should be stated the rural church is not a problem child of the church. It is a going concern. Nevertheless, the rural church—that is, the church in the open country and in small towns—faces some problems that are peculiarly its own.

First, there is the problem of shifting population. The trend has been, and still is, away from the open country and small towns into larger urban centers. The rural church has felt that trend quite heavily. Many country churches, once centers of activity and culture, in recent years have become weak and struggling. Rev. M. R. Chambers, quoting figures from the North Carolina Conference Journal, points out elsewhere upon these pages this week that 32 rural churches in the North Carolina Conference, with a membership of 1,747 in 1944, by 1948 had only 1,253 members. This is a net loss of 494 members in four years. This is a disturbing loss. Perhaps there are several explanations. One of the chief reasons, we feel sure, is the fact that the people have been moving out of these communities.

Another grave problem confronting the rural church is the continuing ministerial shortage. The immediate outlook for the entire church is critical enough. It is more critical for the rural church. The shortage falls heaviest here. Moreover, seminaries are producing only about 60 per cent as many ministers as are needed. This means that many rural charges, if given a pastor at all, will be compelled to take men who have not had the advantage of seminary training and men who cannot meet the educational requirement for admission on trial. Of all places, the rural church needs competent leadership. Nowhere is it more deeply appreciated or more loyally followed.

Almighty God, whose firm hand steadies the earth against man's misuse: teach us, we pray, so to share and enjoy the bounty of the soil and sun that our carelessness may never lead to hunger, and our greediness may never lead to waste; through Him who is the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—Maurice G. Faulkes, in Town and Country.

We believe, however, the prospects for the rural church are more promising than unpromising. On the whole, no field holds out a greater challenge or a larger opportunity than the rural field. We do not claim to be able to read the signs of the times. But we believe there is substantial evidence.

For one thing, a new attitude toward the rural church is in the making. This new attitude is found in the people themselves. They are developing a spirit of self-confidence. They are gaining stature in their own eyes. They are rapidly losing the rural complex. They have a growing appreciation of their own significance in the total life of the church. There is also a new attitude toward the rural church on the part of many church leaders and many ministers. More attention is being given the rural church in program planning. Seminaries are preparing more men for the rural ministry. Many able young men are choosing this field for their life's work. Throughout the church there is a growing appreciation of the rural church.

Again, rural life is becoming increasingly more attractive. Farm income is much better. If farm people work together and consolidate their recent gains they need never face the economic problems they experienced in the thirties. Educational opportunities for rural youth are improving all the time. Rural people are justly getting better roads. Farm families are acquiring most of the conveniences of the city, and without many of its inconveniences. More and more the splendid young people who have been furnishing so much of the leadership for the urban church, following graduation from college, are returning to the rural communities to become leaders in the church and civic affairs. Never has rural life been so attractive as it is now. It is entirely possible that the increased attractiveness of rural life will lead to a movement back to the soil.

Still again, lay leadership in rural churches is steadily improving. Many rural churches are staffed by people who are as capable and as well prepared as are the people in any church. Many country churches are carrying programs as full and as comprehensive as the city church.

Finally, rural churches are rapidly acquiring improved physical facilities. The small, unkempt, dilapidated, one-room church buildings are rapidly disappearing. In their places are rising lovely new buildings—worshipful, modern in every respect and adequate for all purposes. Scores of these churches are found in North Carolina. In rural Surry County alone a $175,000 building program is under way.

The problems of the rural church are far from solved. Pastors and people still face many discouraging moments. Most rural churches will perhaps remain small. Perhaps spectacular results will not be achieved. But there is far more cause for optimism than pessimism. No one needs to pity the rural church or rural people or the rural minister. Christianity in small places is on the march. No one who lives in the country need be discouraged. No minister who serves a rural charge needs to discount the importance of his work. Great things are happening in the rural church.

We do not profess to be an expert on rural affairs. But we do feel that the immediate years ahead are full of hope and promise.



New Hope Parsonage

New Parsonages in the Surry Project

By ROBERT C. CARTER*

THE first task in putting the ideals of the Surry Board into practice was the regrouping of the churches into small charges. When this had been done, it was found that five of the new charges would be without parsonages. This would have been enough to cause many district superintendents and interested laymen to give up and call the project visionary and impractical. The larger circuits had hardly been making ends meet down through the years. How were these new, small charges to build so many parsonages, raise their budgets and get on their feet organizationally, all at once? Seldom have faith, vision, sacrifice and hard work by laymen and ministers taken a longer leap.

In addition to the five new parsonages needed, another had to be completed and two others needed to be moved so as to be nearer the center of their circuits.

The members of the Elkin circuit had already begun work on their parsonage when the Project was set up. Ronda, Grassy Creek, Ebenezer, Roaring River, and Maple Springs churches, under the leadership of Rev. I. J. Terrell, soon finished the home for their pastor. It is a lovely frame, 6-room home with bath, standing on a nicely wooded rise overlooking the Elkin-North Wilkesboro highway about three miles west of Elkin. Since Rev. Dewey Smith succeeded Mr. Terrell the grounds of the parsonage have been landscaped and other improvements made.

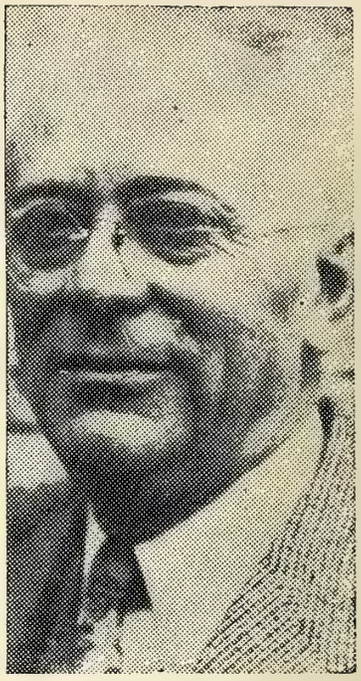
The New Hope circuit was a new charge without a parsonage. But the New Hope church owned a 10-acre tract of heavily wooded land. The members of the church cut the timber, brought in a mill and sawed the logs. There was lumber enough for all the framing and some of the finished work in the parsonage. What was left over sold for $500. In a comparatively short time a beautiful brick-veneer, 7-room home with bath and full basement was ready for the preacher. Rev. G. B. Gwyn's leadership in this project made it very fitting that he should be the first occupant of this parsonage.



Dr. H. G. Allen
Superintendent, Winston Salem District

When the Shoals circuit was established, Rev. R. E. Ward became pastor. He had to live in a small apartment while the parsonage was being built. It was constructed on a 5¾-acre lot near the Shoals consolidated school and near the center of the new charge. Logs were donated by members and friends. Rev. H. A. Johnson, a former pastor of some of these churches, hauled the logs to his sawmill, had them cut and returned the lumber to the building site. Within a year, Mr. Ward was occupying a modern brick-veneer parsonage which has seven rooms and bath.

Rev. Wilson Nesbitt moved from the Dobson parsonage into a small apartment when he went to the newly-created Level Cross circuit. But soon, on a lot a few hundred yards south of Level Cross on the Siloam highway, the new parsonage began to rise. When completed, it contained six rooms and bath on the first floor, and room for two additional rooms and bath on the second floor.



Dr. C. N. Clark
Former pastor of Central Church, Mount Airy, who helped to launch the Surry Project. Now superintendent, Waynesville District

The Salem and Oak Grove charges both had parsonages when the circuits were established, but neither was within the bounds of the charge. During the first year, the Oak Grove circuit sold its parsonage and bought a new one in the center of the charge.

Within the past few months, members of First church, Elkin, have voted to build a new parsonage.

The directors of the Surry Project realize that the building of parsonages is not an end in itself. It is only a step in preparation for the doing of more intensive work by ministers who are reasonably well housed and freed from worries about their families' comfort and physical welfare.

The laymen of the Surry Project are justly proud of building parsonages valued at $53,000 in this short time. They are thankful for all the outside aid they have received and have tried to prove that, given a chance, they would build for Methodism and the Kingdom of God according to their ability.



Level Cross Parsonage



Elkin Circuit Parsonage

*Pastor, Dobson Circuit.

The Rural Church and Ministry

By B. B. SLAUGHTER*

METHODISM is largely rural, especially in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, which is 73 per cent rural. Our church is more widely spread over the country than any other, and, therefore, our responsibilities and opportunities are greater. Our problem is how to man, support and sustain the rural church with capable, trained and effective ministerial leadership.

The law of supply and demand operates in the ministry as well as in other vocations. The salary scale in rural work is far less than in the city. The city churches are willing to pay the price and get the most effective preachers, whereas the rural churches are slow to increase salaries and provide needed conveniences. For ten years or more we have had a shortage of preachers. In 1946, we had 336 less effective pastors than we had two years prior; in the meantime 372 new charges were created. Our seminaries graduate only 60 per cent enough preachers to fill replacements. This shortage has hit the rural church hardest; and we have had to call in more and more supply preachers to fill in the gap.

In our church at large 650 charges are served by supply pastors, and, if we allow only 500 to the charge that means we have 325,000 members who are denied Holy Communion. In our conference last year we had 66 charges (78 this year) served by supplies and men on trial, representing a membership of 22,000 who are denied Communion. This situation causes the rural people to discount the preacher and gives him a complex.

Many rural churches have inadequate buildings and equipment. Membership and attendance in rural areas are usually smaller, and the pastor does not get the inspiration and encouragement to do his best. He cannot count on chickens and eggs, ham and potatoes to make up the difference in salary as he once did. He must travel more and his car costs him more to operate.

Rural parsonages, by and large, are badly in need of repair. School facilities and staffs and other modern conveniences are usually not as good as in the city. A large percentage of trained country youth go to the city to find work. Forty per cent of the farmers in our Jurisdiction are tenants and often shift from community to community. The pastor cannot count on stable and permanent leadership, even when the tenant takes active interest in the church. In many instances, the rural pastor does not stay long enough to learn the people and their needs. He does not stay long enough to build up the work in building and equipment, organization and program, morale and spiritual strength. Many charges have too many churches. This makes it impossible to give enough time to any one church. It tends to give him an inferiority complex and keeps him from rendering the full measure of his time, talent and energy to the work because it does not seem to count.

If a preacher succeeds in rural work, he is usually shifted to the city; if he proves ineffective, he is given or kept on rural work; if a charge is to have a supply, it is a rural charge; if a charge is to be left without a preacher, it is a rural charge; if a rural charge gets a capable, alert and effective preacher, you will hear some laymen say, "We know we cannot keep him; he is too good for us." Yet many charges resent being served by supplies. They, as well as the preacher, lose face and prestige.

The church's program material, promotion and financial systems are made largely with the city church in view.

In the Southeast, which is still predominantly rural, Methodism has a definite responsibility to the rural church. Here are some practical suggestions how the church can meet that responsibility.

Many rural ministers have the feeling that the pastors of the city churches get the prominent places on the conference program, boards, committees, commissions and trusteeships. This makes the rural minister feel he is ignored, unappreciated or discriminated against. A check-up, however, will show that a large per cent of rural ministers in our conference do participate in the conference program.

How are we going to get away from that feeling toward our rural work?

Our first and greatest need is trained, effective ministerial leadership for all rural work. Approximately 45 per cent of our ministers come from rural areas and small towns. Most of them come from farmers' and preachers families, and so they should be easily qualified for rural work and be interested in rural people.

Our seminaries must train students for instead of away from the rural ministry. All ministerial students should have rural sociology and training since nearly all begin their ministry in rural areas.

We, as ministers, need to interview personally our finest youth and lay upon their minds and hearts the claims of the gospel; we should preach occasional sermons on the call to preach. We need to emphasize the call, and our youth must feel "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Our youth camps and assemblies are now doing a fine job enlisting youth for the ministry and other types of full-time Christian service.

Our rural churches must be made adequate in building and equipment, organization and program. At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Town and Country Commission, a recommendation was made to levy a 2 per cent assessment on the 1946-47 budget for rural church extension, so that we may have proper building and equipment in rural areas. We need not only proper building and equipment, but organization, program, and materials for worship, instruction, promotion, adapted to rural needs. Our rural parsonages need to be modernized or new ones erected and modernly equipped. We, as ministers, must be interested in and appreciate rural work, life and people.

We have set up a minimum salary scale to help and encourage rural work, and we need to increase that minimum until the wide difference between the city and rural scale is brought more nearly in line.

We must have longer term pastorates in rural charges in order to give time to cultivate and develop the charge. It would be well to have all divinity school graduates to serve an interneship on a larger parish plan such as Walstonburg.

Short term and correspondence schools should be provided to prepare supply pastors for conference membership. The rule adopted at our last General Conference denying supplies and men on trial the privilege of administering communion should be rescinded at the next session. Anyone good enough and qualified to minister the Living Word is good enough and qualified to administer its symbols. The last General Conference did amend the Discipline: (a) to allow the years served as full-time supply to count on his service record for retired allowance; (b) authorized the set up of short term schools to enable supplies to meet the minimum requirements for conference membership.

Lastly, all of us must change our attitude toward rural work and workers. We need to rid ourselves of personal pride and selfish ambition in seeking first places and tallest steeples. None must feel too big, too smart, or too intellectual to serve and give his best where need is greatest and long term results most promising.

*Superintendent, New Bern District.

Pilot Mountain Methodists to Dedicate Lovely New Church Sunday; Rev. Frank B. Joyner Passes

REV. FRANK B. JOYNER DIES FOLLOWING LINGERING ILLNESS

Rev. Frank Belton Joyner, 48, member of the North Carolina Conference, died early Sunday morning at his home in Siler City, following an illness extending over several years. For six years, until his superannuation last fall, he was pastor of First Church, Siler City. Prior to this he held pastorates at Fairmont, Chadbourn, Faison, Cary and Kenly.

A native of Nash County, Mr. Joyner was the son of a Methodist minister, Rev. L. H. Joyner and Mrs. Myla Pippin Joyner. Educated at Duke and Boston University, he joined the North Carolina Conference at Durham in 1926, and was ordained elder in 1930. An able preacher and a faithful pastor, he was loved by all the people he has served. He was active in conference affairs, and was held in high esteem by his fellow ministers. He was past president of the Siler City Rotary Club and was prominent in civic affairs until declining health forced him to restrict his activities.

Funeral services were held at First Church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Rev. E. R. Clegg, pastor, in charge, assisted by Rev. H. R. Ashmore of Yanceyville and Rev. W. L. Clegg of Burlington. Burial was in the family plot in Oakwood cemetery, Siler City.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Miss Mary Wilkinson of Charlotte; two daughters, Miss Mary Beth Joyner, director of Christian Education at First church, Henderson, and Peggy Ann of the home; one son, Frank Belton, Jr., of the home; his parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Joyner of Sanford; two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Godfrey of Sanford, Mrs. P. B. Hardee of Durham; and one brother, Paul W. Joyner of Fayetteville.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral services, including many ministers.

REBURIAL SERVICE FOR SGT. DEAL

Graveside services for Staff Sgt. Fred F. Deal, Jr., will be conducted at Weddington church, Union County, on Sunday afternoon, May 22, at 3:30 o'clock. Sgt. Deal was a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps, and was killed in action in the European theatre of war during 1944. He was born and reared in the Weddington community, where he attended church and where he joined in early life. His education was received at Waxhaw High School, graduating in 1938, and at Brevard Junior College, where he completed his work in 1940. Sgt. Deal entered the armed services in August, 1942.

The military burial service will be conducted by Chaplain Mitchell Faulkner, pastor of Pineville Methodist circuit, and G. G. Adams, Jr., pastor at Weddington.

SEEK METHODIST YOUTH FOR CHURCH VOCATIONS

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The agency created by The Methodist Church to meet the continuous demand for personnel to staff its churches and institutions held a two-day meeting of its executive committee here recently under the presidency of Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Des Moines, Iowa.

Known as the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations this organization represents nine of the denomination's boards.

BISHOP HARRELL TO DEDICATE PILOT MOUNTAIN CHURCH SUNDAY

The lovely new First Methodist Church of Pilot Mountain will be dedicated in special services Sunday morning, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte in charge of the dedicatory rites. Bishop Harrell will also preach the sermon at the eleven o'clock service. He will be assisted by Rev. Lee P. Barnett, pastor, and Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent of the Winston-Salem district. Participating also in the special occasion will be two former pastors, Rev. C. B. Ross of Spindale and Rev. C. C. Washam of Andrews, and J. A. Pell, Jr., representing the church board of trustees.

Built at a cost of approximately $90,000, including furnishings, funds for the new church were started several years ago. Actual construction, however, did not begin until April, 1948. The first service was held in the new church in December, and the church was formally opened on Easter Sunday this year, with cornerstone laying exercises held that afternoon.

The beautiful new church, modified Gothic in design, is located on a new lot, and replaces a wooden structure which the congregation had outgrown. It is complete with a worshipful sanctuary, a large social room, class rooms, pastor's study and other rooms. Modern in every respect, it has excellent furnishings and equipment.

Members of the building committee include A. P. Fulk, chairman; O. W. Smith, secretary-treasurer; P. E. Simmons, R. B. Davis, P. G. Wall, Jr., R. J. Boaz and J. A. Pell, Jr.

For years the church was part of a six-point circuit, but recently has been made a station. The membership stands at about 250.

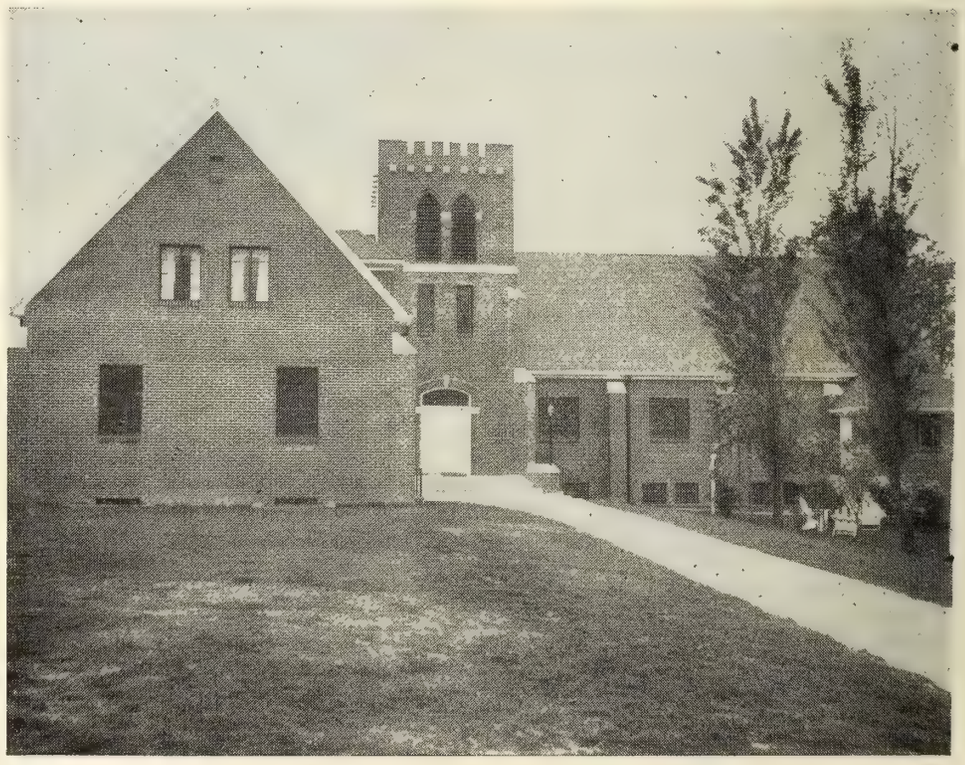


BISHOP HARRELL



REV. L. P. BARNETT

(Below) New Church at Pilot Mountain



NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

REV. DENNIS KINLAW of Faison will assist Rev. F. F. Warren in revival services the week of May 23, on the Clinton circuit at Epworth church.

CENTENARY CHURCH, Smithfield, is making plans for Homecoming on Sunday, June 19. H. C. Woodall is general chairman.

DR. OSCAR T. OLSON, pastor of Epworth-Euclid church in Cleveland, Ohio, was elected chairman of the Commission on Ministerial Training at its annual meeting held recently in Nashville, Tenn.

REV. H. G. CUTHRELL, pastor of St. Paul's church, Maxton, Sunday, May 8, preached the sermon in a special Masonic service held in the Edward Christian Church near Aurora. All the Masons of the vicinity attended this service in a body.

JARVIS MEMORIAL church joined other Greenville churches recently in a visitation evangelistic campaign. The results were gratifying. The campaign brought the denominations closer together, united many families in one church, and had fine spiritual effects on the church.

DR. RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church, is spending seven weeks in Japan consulting with Japanese educators, Christian churchmen, and government officials on plans for the proposed Japan Christian University for which a campus has already been purchased outside Tokyo.

SOUTH ROSEMARY Methodists have begun construction on a sanctuary, the first unit in their new church. The structure will cost over $20,000. The church, organized in January 1948, has a membership of 150. Rev. John T. Maides is pastor. Rev. W. R. Stevens, pastor of Rosemary church, has aided the young congregation.

FRANKLIN MEMORIAL church, Morehead City, observed Family Week with a program each evening, Monday through Friday. Speakers included G. T. Windell, whose subject was "Education and the Family"; Dr. John Morris, who spoke on "Health and the Family," Harvey Hamilton, Jr., whose topic was "Problems of the Home"; and Rev. L. A. Tilley, who discussed "Religion and the Home." Rev. W. D. Caviness is pastor.

FIRST STREET church, Albemarle, was the scene of cornerstone laying exercises for the new educational building last Sunday. Dr. Walter West, superintendent of the Salisbury district, was in charge and was assisted by the pastor, Rev. Karl Koestline, and two former pastors, Rev. C. C. Benton and Rev. G. N. Dulin, both of Charlotte. The building, named for T. M. Denning, veteran member of First Street church, was finished last fall at a cost of $65,000. With the improved facilities, church school enrollment has reached 400.

DIVINE STREET church, Dunn, observed Family Week May 1-8, beginning with Childhood Sunday. The junior choir occupied the choir loft and led in worship. Wednesday night was church night which began with a picnic supper. Recreation was led by Mrs. Early and a recreational film was shown. The church sponsored the radio drama, "All Good Things Begin at Home," which was broadcast over Station WCKB, Dunn. Family Week was concluded May 8 with the observance of Family Night at the evening service.



MISS MARION CRAIG, (above) of Wadesboro will be program director this summer at the Methodist camp for intermediate boys and girls near Hendersonville. Miss Craig, formerly director of Christian education at Main Street church, Gastonia, is now a graduate student at Northwestern University.

DR. THOMAS B. LUGG, treasurer of the Methodist Church, urges all local treasurers to send in Advance and World Service funds before May 31, the end of the church's fiscal year. On an apportionment of $7,903,379 during the eleven months so far $5,762,476 has been remitted. This leaves a balance of $2,140,902 due during May. World Service funds should be forwarded to the conference treasurer.

THE STATESVILLE DISTRICT Conference, held recently, recommended four young men to the Annual Conference for admission on trial: Robert P. Crawley, William C. Crummett, Jacob Golden, and Alvin Austin Wilson. Four men were granted local preachers licenses: Donald Harold Hawkins, Glenn McCulley, Graves N. Pilkinton, and Lonnie Templeton. Twenty had their local license renewed.

REV. J. T. GREENE of Battleboro conducted a marriage and family life institute this week at the Weldon Methodist church. The institute included lectures and discussions for the high school students and classes for the adults. The institute is sponsored by the Methodist and Baptist churches, Junior Woman's Club, high school faculty, book clubs, and P. T. A. The institute closed Wednesday night.

BATTLEBORO METHODIST CHURCH is having an organ dedication and homecoming service Sunday morning, May 22, at 11 o'clock. The organ, a series 50 Wurlitzer, is the gift of Mrs. Ivan M. Procter of Raleigh, Mrs. John M. Donlan of Rocky Mount, Miss Jennie Procter of Raleigh, Dr. Ivan M. Procter, Raleigh, Frank Procter, Baltimore, Robert Procter, Detroit, and William Procter, Raleigh. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the Rocky Mount district, will be in charge of the dedication of the organ and will preach the sermon. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Greene, will preside and will be assisted by H. N. Davenport, chairman of the official board.

MRS. H. S. BOSTIAN of China Grove, in renewing her subscription to the Advocate, states that she has been a reader of this periodical for 50 years.

REV. PAUL HARDIN, JR., of High Point will be the speaker at the annual Jamestown Community Memorial Service at Jamestown Methodist church next Sunday afternoon, May 22, at 3 o'clock.

FIRST CHURCH, Charlotte, is sponsoring a camp for its young people this summer at Camp Juniper, Cheraw, S. C. From June 26 to July 2 seniors and young people will attend. From July 2 to 9 a younger group will attend.

FIRST CHURCH, Morganton, has dedicated a cross, the gift of Mrs. C. V. Burleson, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson I. Gillam, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Anderson.

FIRST CHURCH, Morehead City, during National Family Week, held a banquet for the young adults, with Dean Harold A. Bosley of the Duke Divinity School as speaker. Dean Bosley also preached at First Church on Sunday morning, May 8.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Maxton, observed National Family Week with special services emphasizing the Christian family as a means in helping to build a world of brotherhood and peace. On Friday evening a family picnic supper was held on the lawn of the church, and afterwards all enjoyed a program of music and singing.

REV. C. W. BATES of Liberty writes that when he was pastor at Lebanon church, High Point, he performed the marriage ceremony of a Baptist bride and a Catholic groom. The best man was a Primitive Baptist, the matron of honor was a member of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. The only Methodist was the bride's mother.

REV. R. L. FORBIS, pastor of Lenoir circuit, continues to receive new members into the church. He has received 35 by vows and 9 by letter since conference. Revivals of power attend his ministry. Much remodeling and additional facilities in his parsonage and churches are in process. This charge has assumed a $100 special to clothe two students in Poland.

REV. GARLAND EVANS HOPKINS, associate secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and its adviser on the relation of business and government to missions, sailed recently for a five-months visitation to and study of conditions in the nations of the Near East and the Middle East, some of them within the so-called "iron curtain." He will study especially the status of the churches in these countries, and on his return will make his findings available to all American Protestantism.

METHODISTS in the Benson area have just closed a school for Christian workers at the Benson church. Participating charges included Dunn, Erwin, and Newton Grove. Rev. O. K. Ingram taught a course on church school administration; Rev. W. A. Tew of Lillington, the life of Christ; Rev. J. W. Lineberger of Fuquay Springs, Christian faith and belief, and church music, Rev. F. R. Dail of Kipling. Rev. R. L. Hethcox of Newton Grove was the main speaker, and Rev. J. K. Ormond of the host church was director of recreation. Attendance was excellent.

Begins Survey of Rural Church in North Carolina Conference; Zion Church Plans Celebration Sunday

MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF RURAL CHURCHES IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

By M. R. Chambers*

According to the published Minutes, in 1948 more than one-third of the rural churches in the North Carolina Conference did not receive a single member on profession of faith. There were 244 such churches last year, as compared with 225 in 1947; 172 in 1946; and 228 in 1945. Approximately 710 churches in the conference may be classified as rural.

Another one-third, or 243 churches, received at least one person each year during the same period. The others have received members one or more years, but not every year. Ministers on large circuits frequently are unable to hold revivals every year in each church.

It was found that 43 churches have not received a member on profession of faith in two years, while 20 more have not received a member in three years. There are 32 which have not had a single addition on profession of faith in four years. The present study does not go back earlier than 1945.

During the same period, 23 have received only one member each, 24 have received two, and 20 have received three each. This makes a total of 99 churches which received an average of less than one member per year. Ninety-five others received a total of from four to seven each, or less than two members per year.

Totals were computed for the four-year period rather than for a single year. During that time, 258 churches received less than 10 members each. Almost as many, 211, received between 10 and 20 each, while 120 received from 20 to 30, and 66 received between 30 and 40. There were 55 churches which received 40 or more, or an average of 10 or more per year. Twenty-four of that number received 50 or more each in the four years.

The 32 churches whose altars have not witnessed the assuming of church vows by a single person in four years had an aggregate membership of 1,747 five years ago. Thirteen had each a membership of 50 or over, five had over 75 and two had over 100 members each. Twenty-three, or almost three-fourths of these, had church schools, while eight had Woman's Societies of Christian Service.

By 1948, the aggregate membership of these churches had decreased to 1,253. Only seven had over 50 members each, four of these having over 75, and only one having over 100 members. Four churches seem to be in the process of abandonment at the present time, and five others have less than 25 members each, as compared with two in 1944.

The number of church schools in this group has dropped to 14. On the other hand, there are now nine Woman's Societies of Christian Service.

It may be that in these local situations, these church schools and women's societies can become the rallying point to save their churches. This writer was once able to reorganize an abandoned church in which there were three women, a mother and her two daughters, who had refused to relinquish their missionary society, as it was called at that time. They convened every month in one of their homes, conducted the program, and sent their reports and offerings to the proper officials. With this little group as a nucleus, the church was reopened as a preaching place, although on such a large circuit it meant that the preaching schedule included four sermons each on two Sundays every month.

Teachers were found who were willing to organize a church school. That church entertained the summer quarterly conference as the opening service of a successful revival. Within a few years the church was fully active, and now two self-supporting charges grow where only a very weak one grew before.

Many factors have contributed to this decline of so many of our rural churches. Size of circuits, distance of the church from the parsonage, tenure of pastors, and population shifts are only a few of them. Something is surely wrong when so many churches, however small in membership, go on year after year without making a single convert, especially where they have church schools and the women are organized into societies of Christian Service!

*Research Secretary, Conference Commission on Town and Country Work.

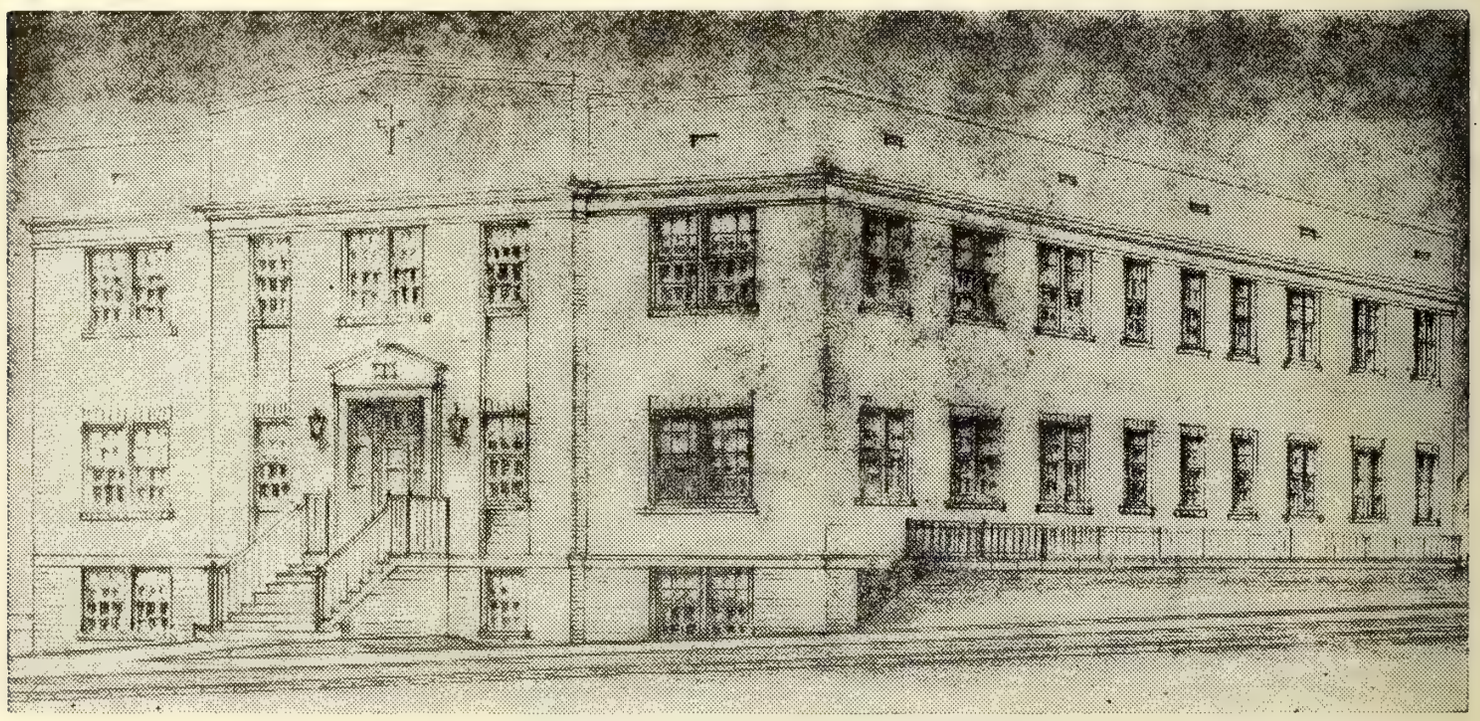
RURAL CHURCH TO CELEBRATE 121ST ANNIVERSARY

Mount Zion Church of Cornelius will celebrate its 121st anniversary next Sunday at homecoming services. Rev. E. M. Avett, a former pastor, will preach at the eleven o'clock service and a visiting speaker will teach the large men's Bible class at the Sunday school hour. At the noon hour dinner will be served outdoors. Rev. Byron Shankle is pastor.

With a present membership of 820, Mount Zion is the largest rural church in the Western North Carolina Conference and one of the largest in the entire South. The men's Bible class has a membership of 160. Woodrow Washam is president of the class and Ben M. Brown is teacher.

The present church building, the third during its 121 years, was erected in 1903. Since then several improvements have been made. In 1919 a gallery was added and the rear of the church was partitioned into class rooms. In 1942 a new educational building was constructed. Last year around $2,000 was spent on beautifying the cemetery and church grounds. A brick parsonage was constructed several years ago on the front of the church lot.

The church is rich in religious history, and many members, former members and friends are expected to attend the special services Sunday.



NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING, FIRST CHURCH, LENOIR

An educational building at the First Methodist Church of Lenoir, N. C., is under construction. The building will have 30 assembly and class rooms and will cost approximately $95,000. Better than $60,000 is cash in hand. Work will be completed by October 1. Considerable remodeling and repair will be given the present church building during the time of the construction of the new building. G. C. Courtney is president of the board of trustees and chairman of the Building committee. R. T. Greer is chairman of the finance committee. F. C. Smathers is pastor of the church.

Greensboro College Announces Commencement; New Bern, Greensboro District Conference Reports

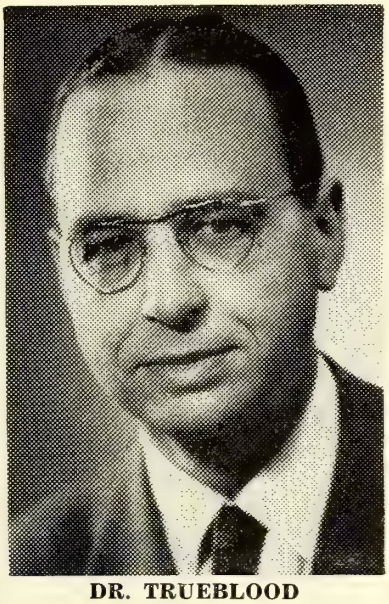
PEELE AND TRUEBLOOD TO ADDRESS GREENSBORO COLLEGE GRADUATING CLASS

Bishop W. W. Peele of the Richmond Area of The Methodist Church, and Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, college professor and author, will be principal speakers in Greenboro College graduation week activities. Bishop Peele will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 29, in West Market Street church. Dr. Trueblood will speak at commencement exercises Monday, May 30.

The author of several books, including



BISHOP PEELE



DR. TRUEBLOOD

"The Predicament of Modern Man" and "Foundations for Reconstruction," Dr. Trueblood was educated at Brown University, Hartford Theological Seminary, and Harvard, receiving his Ph.D. degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1934. He has served as professor at Haverford (Pa.) College, Harvard, Stanford University, Garrett Bible Seminary, and Guilford College, where he was professor of philosophy and dean of men 1927-30.

Bishop Peele, who holds a D.D. degree from Trinity College and a LL.D. from Randolph-Macon College, was ordained a Methodist minister in 1906 and subsequently served as pastor of St. Johns, Gibson, Aberdeen, and Biscoe churches, Edenton Street church, Raleigh; Trinity church, Durham; and First Church, Charlotte. He was elected bishop in 1938 following a year of service as presiding elder of the Greensboro district. He is a trustee of Duke University and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Theta Phi.

METHODISTS OF NEW BERN DISTRICT HAVE MEETING

By W. D. Caviness

The New Bern district conference met at the Epworth church on the Vanceboro charge on May 5. Approximately 300 ministers and laymen gathered for one of the finest coferences in the history of the church in the New Bern district. Rev. B. B. Slaughter, district superintendent, said that as a whole the reports were the best he had ever received at a district conference.

The devotional was led by Rev. C. W. Goldston, pastor of Daniels Memorial church, Goldsboro. W. D. Caviness, pastor of the Morehead circuit, was elected secretary of the conference. Rev. A. L. Chaplin, of Mount Olive gave the report on missions and district specials. Along with this report, Mr. Slaughter showed the drawing of the proposed church at Havelock, which may be used as a district special. Since last November when a minister was assigned to this work the attendance has increased so that there are 132 enrolled in the church school. A Woman's Society of Christian Service and a Methodist Youth Fellowship have also been organized and attendance at the morning worship service exceeds 200 each Sunday.

Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Jarvis Memorial church, Greenville, spoke on personalized specials. He reported that this conference had raised its quota of $10,000 for overseas relief. Rev. J. D. A. Autry and Rev. W. D. Caviness gave the reports on the educational work. Something new in the way of camps is announced for the senior adults (those over 65) to be held at Louisburg July 8-10 and a New Bern district young adult retreat to be held July 23-24.

H. I. Glass of Queen Street church in Kinston, gave the report on evangelism. The committee made the following recommendation:

1. That an adequate program of evangelism be set up in every church, including surveys, revivals, visitation, formation of fishermen's clubs, etc.
2. That transportation be arranged for all seeking such aid.
3. That evangelistic goals be set in every church.
4. That "Responsibility" and "Prospect" lists be made and kept in every charge.
5. That "Membership" Sunday be observed in every church.
6. That every pastor furnish his people with evangelistic literature.

Rev. J. D. Young of Snow Hill gave a report on mass evangelism.

Rev. C. M. Mitchell of the Beaufort circuit gave the report on temperance and moral reform. The churches were urged to support the campaign for moral improvement by preaching and teaching, putting on plays, that Commitment Day be observed in every church, and that high caliber Christian men who will take a stand against alcohol and gambling be urged to run for the next General Assembly.

Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School preached the conference sermon.

Rev. D. W. Charlton of the Goldsboro circuit gave the afternoon devotional following a most delicious dinner served on the grounds.

Rev. R. L. Jerome of New Bern had the report on license. George Dubose, Claude Barrett, Jr., and Alton Mason were licensed to preach.

James David Andrews, Wilfong Clarke, Jr., Owen Fitzgerald, Alexander Harper, Langill Watson, J. G. Armstrong and Courtland Barrie Duckworth were given renewal of license.

Rev. R. L. Bame gave the report on Golden Cross.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By C. W. Bates

The Greensboro district conference was held Sunday afternoon and night, May 1, in Carraway Memorial church, Greensboro, Rev. T. W. Hager, pastor.

The sessions started off at a high level with a most helpful devotional address given by Chaplain Beebe, retired, on the subject, "Having the Mind of Christ."

Following the address, the conference was organized with the election of secretaries and the appointment of committees.

In rapid succession, our presiding officer, Dr. W. A. Lambeth, introduced a number of representatives of our various boards and institutions, all of them bringing encouraging reports.

One of the highlights of the session was the introduction and adoption of a plan proposed by a committee representing the Greensboro Methodist ministers, whereby it will be possible to erect or purchase a home for the editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. The resolution, addressed to the Board of Publication, was unanimously adopted. It is hoped that both of the Annual Conferences will favor the plan and make it possible for the editor to have a home in Greensboro, where the Advocate is printed.

The conference voted to recommend five young men to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. They are Garland Howard Allred, Joseph Ray Petrie, Ernest Dillard Page, Roy Clayton Putnam, and James Dixon Turner.

It also granted license to preach to the following: Alvin Wray Amick, Floyd Grayson Bottoms, Chester Darrell Brown, and Early Clifford Shoaf.

The committee on findings presented a long list of improvements on the various charges. New churches, educational buildings, parsonage are being built in many parts of the district. There has been a healthy growth in membership, and the finances of the district are in fine shape for the first half of the year.

Featured speaker of the conference was Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University.

With the exception of two charges, delegates were present from every charge in the district, so many of them, in fact, that the church, while fairly large, could not hold them all.

A bountiful supper was served by the ladies of the church in the basement.

Conference voted to accept the invitation of Brother Higgins to hold the next session at Bethlehem church, near Pleasant Garden.

METHODIST YOUTH CAMP

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

For Intermediate Boys and Girls—12, 13, 14 Years of Age

First Period **June 18-24**	**Third Period** **July 2-8**	**Fifth Period** **July 16-22**
Second Period **June 25-July 1**	**Fourth Period** **July 9-15**	**Sixth Period** **July 23-29**

July 30-Aug. 5

Winston District Camp

Register with
Mrs. M. G. Piland, Jr.
630 Efird St.
Montview
Winston-Salem
North Carolina



August 6-13

Greensboro District Camp

Register with
Miss Hollyce Highfill
Box 1193
Greensboro
North Carolina

As indicated above, the camp will be operated for six weeks for eight of the districts, as follows: Asheville, Charlotte, Gastonia, Marion, Salisbury, Statesville, Thomasville, and Waynesville. Registrations will be received in general from these eight districts by Miss Summersett until all places are taken for the six periods as scheduled. Registration cards will be mailed to ministers of these districts from the conference office.

Both the Greensboro and Winston-Salem districts have had district camps before. Building on this experience, these two groups will hold district camps this summer. It is hoped that a schedule of district camps may be developed for the entire conference by next year. Registration cards for the Greensboro and Winston-Salem districts will be mailed by Miss Hollyce Highfill and Mrs. M. G. Piland, Jr.

Church School Day This Year Brings a New Appeal

We now have a camp of our own. We are ready for an enlarged camping program for our intermediate boys and girls. We need $11,000 from the Church School Day Offering to complete paying for the camp and to make certain adjustments in camp facilities. We feel that the same interest and generous response of the past two years will be continued and increased. We are calling on each local church school to help in realizing this our first objective as soon as possible. Designate your offering for the camp fund and send it to Miss Elizabeth Summerset, Box 828, Salisbury.

W. A. KALE, President
Board of Education

LEE F. TUTTLE, Chairman
Camp Trustees

CARL H. KING, Executive Secretary

With Our Women in the North Carolina Conference

Kenly Society Enlists All Women; Durham District Elects New Officers; Blackburn Addresses Group

Edited by Mrs. A. H. Borland
2010 Pershing St., Durham, N. C.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT HAS 100 PER CENT SOCIETY

Kenly Woman's Society of Christian Service has been very alert and has already reached Goal I of the Advance program. Every woman member of the church is now a member of the woman's society. This society is the first in the Rocky Mount district reaching this goal. Mrs. H. M. Grizzard made the report to the district secretary of promotion a few days after the zone meeting on April 12.

A BUSY SECRETARY OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. R. W. Morgan, secretary of literature and publications of the Durham district, has sent the following announcement, which is a tribute to the fine work done by one of the local secretaries:

"We have some very busy and faithful secretaries of literature and publications in the Durham district," writes Mrs. Morgan, "but one of them has done such an outstanding piece of work her first year in office that I would like to make mention of her. She is Mrs. Wallace Lee of Duke Memorial church in Durham. The subscriptions to the "World Outlook" and "Methodist Woman" for 1947 were 97; Mrs. Lee turned in 175 for 1948. Since that report went in, she has 312 subscriptions. In fact, Mrs. Lee says that by May 20 she plans to have over 350."

Congratulations to Mrs. Lee for the fine work she is doing!

DEATH OF MISS BRITTINGHAM

On Friday, April 29, occurred the death of Miss Bettie S. Brittingham, editor of "Methodist Woman." The funeral was held May 2 in her home in Salisbury, Md. Miss Brittingham will be remembered as one of the guest speakers at the conference in Wilmington in 1947. The women throughout the conference will be grieved to hear of her death and will be joining with other women throughout the church in sending love and sympathy to her mother, Mrs. Emma Brittingham, 405 Wailes St., Salisbury, Md.

LIST OF LOCAL OFFICERS MUST BE SENT TO DISTRICT PROMOTION SECRETARIES

Attention, all local presidents and promotion secretaries! The complete list of local officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild must be sent to the district promotion secretaries right away as the mailing lists are now being made up, and it is necessary to have all the lists. New materials are coming in every day and must be sent to the new officers for immediate action.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT DURHAM DISTRICT MEETING

The Durham district meeting was held in Salem church on the Swepsonville charge on Thursday, April 28. Mrs. G. B. Robbins, the district president, presided, with Mrs. A. H. Borland acting as secretary. There were approximately 225 present. The caravan speakers were Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, Mrs. A. H. Borland, Mrs. E. L. Hillman, and Mrs. A. M. Gates. Miss Margaret Billingsly was the inspirational speaker.

Mrs. W. C. Mosier, 211 Highland Ave., Burlington, was elected the new secretary of missionary education and service. Mrs. A. H. Borland is the new district treasurer. Mrs. E. L. Hillman, 114 Watts St., Durham, is the new secretary of missionary personnel.

ZONE MEETINGS IN WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary of the Wilmington district, announces zone meetings and officers' training days as follows: **Columbus** at Wannanish church, May 18, at 10 a.m.; **Lumberton** at Wesley Chapel, May 18, 2:30 p.m.; **New Hanover** at Youth Center, Wrightsville Beach, May 19, 10 a.m.; **Jones-Onslow** at Richlands, May 19, 2:30 p.m.; **Duplin** at Wallace, May 24, 10 a.m.; and **Sampson** at Goshen, May 24, 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Laura K. Sutton is the new secretary of student work for the Wilmington district and will assume her duties after June 1.

LINWOOD BLACKBURN SPEAKER AT WILMINGTON DISTRICT MEETING

Rev. Linwood Blackburn, former missionary to Africa, who is now living at Pembroke, was one of the guest speakers at the Wilmington district meeting held in Rose Hill church on April 19. The four goals were presented by Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Mrs. J. M. Jerome, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, and Mrs. C. D. Barclift. Miss Margaret Billingsly was the inspirational speaker.

The Ida Hankins Trophy, awarded each year to the society in the district attaining the greatest percentage of increase in membership, was won by Grace church in Wilmington. Mrs. James Murdock, vice-president, presided over the session. Approximately 250 were present.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT MEETING IN ROANOKE RAPIDS

The Rocky Mount District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in Roanoke Rapids on Friday, April 22, with Mrs. Rom Parker, vice-president, presiding. The Advance program was discussed by Mrs. Henry Maddrey, Mrs. Fred L. Johnson, Mrs. D. L. Fouts, and Mrs. J. H. Cutchin. Miss Margaret Billingsly was the inspirational speaker. Mrs. J. C. Burwell conducted the closing consecration service. The district accepted the invitation of Wilson to meet there in 1950.

RICHMOND ZONE MEETING, FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Richmond zone of the Fayetteville district met in Glenwood church, East Rockingham, May 4, with Mrs. Fred Dickinson, zone leader, presiding. Rev. W. B. Petteway, pastor of the East Rockingham circuit, gave the opening devotional. The Advance goals were presented by Mrs. L. P. Cox, Mrs. D. E. Earnhardt, Mrs. Mack Wallace and Mrs. Earl D. Bruton.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

Recommendations for organization and promotion were adopted at the conference in Burlington and have been sent to all local promotion secretaries by Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, conference promotion secretary. We recommend:

1. That a circuit shall be considered organized only when every church on the circuit shall have one or more of the following: (a) A Woman's Society of Christian Service, (b) a Wesleyan Service Guild, (c) an individual member or group of members enrolled in the circuit society.
2. That the Woman's Society encourage securing individual members in isolated communities—these to be "key women" in forming a W.S.C.S. of W.S.G.—such individual members to be the responsibility of the district promotion secretary and members of the district society.
3. That the Advance Caravans, composed of four conference or district officers, be "briefed" on the four points of the Advance program and be sent to all district and zone meetings.
4. That the Conference School of Christian Service, in clinic and workshops, promote the Advance program.
5. That quotations from the Advance Clipper be given every month at the general business meetings and circle meetings of the W.S.C.S.
6. That changes in organization of the W.S.C.S. be carefully noted and this information be channeled rapidly to the local society.
7. That the individual member of the local society be made more aware of the fact that she is a part of the jurisdiction, conference, district, and local society; and that the success of the woman's work depends on each woman in each society.
8. That we cooperate at all times with the Wesleyan Service Guild in its plans for organization and promotion: that we strive to have a guild as well as a society, in every church.
9. That we strive to secure financial increases this quadrennium, as set forth in the Advance program.
10. That our goal continue to be enlistment of every woman in the Methodist Church in the Woman's Society of Christian Service or the Wesleyan Service Guild.

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Registrations for the North Carolina School of Missions and Christian Service must be sent in right away to Mrs. Sallie Masten, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C. Spiritual Life Retreat is $1; School is $2; and the Wesleyan Service Guild Institute is $2.

THE MISSION OVERSEAS

The mass migration between India and Pakistan has ended, but there follows in its wake a suffering and loss that will be felt for years to come, according to Church World Service which has been administering relief to the sufferers on both sides of the line on behalf of American Protestant churches. "The children who lived through the upheaval will always bear scars in their minds if not on their bodies," says a CWS reporter.

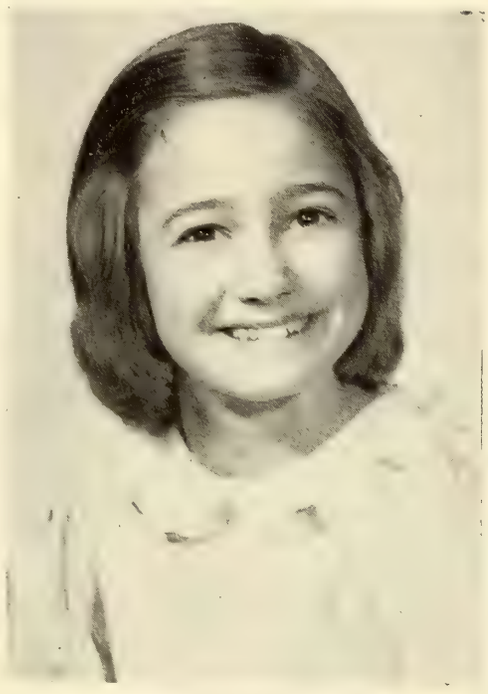
Protestant church members in 1948 gave an average of $23.71 for church purposes, approximately $2 per person more than in 1947, according to figures compiled from the statistics of 52 denominations compiled by the United Stewardship Council.

Gifts to Home Appreciated; Three Churches Ring Bell; Ball Teams Win; Grammar School Closing

By O. V. Woosley

The Children's Home
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

A home for the homeless. Owned and maintained by the Western North Carolina Conference
O. V. WOOSLEY, Superintendent



Betsy Beats the Blues

THE MAN SAID

"I have never seen so many calls for money. In our church we have had one call after another with a good deal of pressure put upon us. We hardly get through being steamed up for one good cause until another looms in sight. It is the same way in our town. One drive follows another." This man was not making his statements in a complaining way, but simply stating what to him was a continual lot of opportunities to share with others. He ended his statement by saying: "Of course I will want to remember the children when the fifth Sunday comes around."

THE CHILD SAID

The evening study hour had been held and the little junior age girls had just held their worship service preparatory for going to bed. It was one of those evening services in which the children so gladly take part. The little girls in their clean pajamas had gone to their bedrooms and the home mother was ready to be with herself for a little bit before going into slumber land, when a lovely little youngster tapped on the door and asked for just a few words with her home mother to say, "I just wanted to come down to tell you again how happy I am to have a home here where I can live and learn so well. Please tell Pop to tell the people that we are so thankful for our Home and for an opportunity to live in it."

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

It is not out of place to remind our contributing friends that The Children's Home has been given to an overwhelming extent to our Methodist people. Eighteen of our twenty-two brick buildings have been constructed by friends who provided the money for their building and in most instances their first furnishings. Other buildings are to be constructed, gifts of donors who want to provide for the future ongoing of the work the Children's Home is to do. Our Children's Home has been largely donated to us. Our challenge is to provide for the children who have been selected for living in our Home. They have a lot of faith in us. We will keep faith with them. Doubtless our friends will say that we will not only keep faith with the children but will keep faith with those who have so liberally invested their funds here to make a home for the homeless.

WE NEED 'EM

Some weeks ago Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Needham came to see us. It will be recalled that Brother Sam, after investing his resources so heavily in the building of the wonderful church plant at Randleman, superannuated at last Conference in order to regain his health. Not finding a home in town, the Needhams went out into Forsyth County to the old home place where there were no electric lights or other conveniences, not even a good road across the creek. There they sat by the fire many long evenings, looking at one another and thinking. Mrs. Needham joined Brookstown Church, a good rural congregation, and with the good women there invested her talents in a very effective way. Yesterday with other good women she delivered to us twenty-six lovely pillow slips and the first payment on the sponsoring of little Richard Perdue. We need the Needhams, and the other good people who associate with them, every day and every hour.

THE JOY BELLS

It must have been raining too much everywhere during the past while, else the joy bell would have rung more frequently. As it is we have three ringings, meaning that three congregations have contributed their total askings to The Children's Home for the present conference year. They have been very meaningful to us. Note them with their pastor in charge:

Bollinger's Chapel, Connelly Springs Circuit, J. W. Parker.

Mt. Pleasant, Morganton Circuit, H. O. Huss.

Yadkin, Long St.-Yadkin, G. W. Clay.

THE FARM WORK

The continued wet weather has hindered our spring planting quite a bit, particularly the farm work. The truck farmers have gotten along pretty well with their plantings and the truck is growing off nicely. Nothing has yet been planted on the big farm, though there is a lot of land prepared for planting. Part of the first alfalfa cutting has been spoiled by the continued rains. It is hoped that on the law of averages there will be some fair days coming up and the rest of the alfalfa can be saved and a lot of planting can be done. Our big small grain crop is promising.

WELL SPONSORED

The picture this week is that of Betsy Carpenter, soon ten years old and doing well in the fourth grade. Betsy, with two older sisters, joined our family less than a year ago, and after a very severe strain on their emotional temperaments, they having lost both parents, all three are happy in their living here. Betsy lives in the High Point Building with a lot of other happy girls. She is sponsored by the Frances E. Willard class of Pleasant Garden, Miss Ada Michael being the correspondent.

THE BALL GAMES

Our seven ball teams continue to play games between showers. One recent afternoon five different competitive games were played, it so happening on that particular afternoon all five of them were won. The four boys' teams play with a hard ball and the three girls' teams play with a soft ball. So far the girls' varsity team has won eleven consecutive games this season, the record showing that for six successive years they have won all their games.

SPONSORED CHILDREN

Practically all of our children are sponsored. We are never quite sure about all of them, since some sponsors are at times a bit late in sending in their cash payments for our securing clothing for their child. We never remind sponsors of their opportunity to forward payments, but rather leave the matter entirely to their volition. It occasionally happens that a sponsoring group overlooks the matter and fails to notify us. When such is done for the length of a year we allocate the child to some other inquiring sponsors. Infrequently it happens that sponsors will remind themselves of their child after we have allocated him to another group. In such instances we discuss the matter with both groups and arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. It is remarkable how well sponsoring groups look after their sponsored children. We think this is as it should be. Cash payments are made at will, though they are usually made on a semi-annual basis, spring and fall.

INTAKE PRESSURE

We are having many calls for investigation relative to the acceptance of additional children. We are investigating these calls as fast as we can. A visit today was made to three boys, eight, ten and twelve years of age. Their father is in the tuberculosis sanatorium and their mother is waiting for the placement of her boys to be also admitted. The father, a World War veteran, and the mother, a good homemaker, can recover more rapidly with the assurance that their boys are provided for. No relatives seem to be able to enter the picture with any assurance.

THE LAST LAP

By the time this appears in print our grammar grade school, conducted here on the Home grounds, will have completed its sessions for the present scholastic year. The high school has another month to go, its beginning last fall having been delayed some four weeks later than the beginning of our local school. The grades of the grammar grade students have shown up remarkably well. The same is true with most of the high school youngsters, though some are dangerously on the borderland of failure, one big boy having to be taken off the ball team because of having failed two subjects during the past six weeks. The last lap of scholastic endeavor is being run. The last one in the first eight grades have been won.

Sunday School Lesson for MAY 22

With Jesus in the Upper Room

Mark 14: 12-26; Luke 22: 7-38

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

One reason why Jesus especially desired to celebrate the Passover with his disciples before he suffered, was that it was so perfectly adapted to be transformed into a world feast symbolizing what he had come to do for mankind. As the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the door posts in remembrance of how at the first Passover the blood was a sign to the destroying angel to pass over the homes of the Israelites, so his blood was to be shed to save all believers from destruction; and just as the Passover feast recalled the night Israel was led out of slavery, so Jesus was to lead mankind from the slavery of sin into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

But our Lord was unspeakably troubled by the fact that there was a traitor in the midst. He pointed him out to Peter and John by an act of special oriental courtesy —he gave him the sop. It may have been a last attempt to soften his heart, but Judas was not responsive to the kindly act, and John tells us that as he hardened himself against this gracious overture, the very devil entered into him and he went out and it was night. The darkness revealed by the open door, as Judas left, symbolized the night into which his soul entered.

Some of the apostles were so little impressed by the solemnity of that last Passover that there was strife among them which should be the greatest. Jesus did not condemn their ambition. Indeed, he said to them, Ye have continued with me in my temptations, and I appoint unto you a kingdom, and ye shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. This promise was not fulfilled in the letter, but it has been more than fulfilled in the spirit. Think of the majestic place in history which these apostles hold as the authoritative interpreters of the Son of God to the world! What Jesus condemned was their misconception of the way to attain greatness. John tells us that he illustrated the true way by washing the disciples' feet.

Jesus said, when he passed the bread and the wine, This is my body broken for you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you. One can hardly over-emphasize the fact that to be a Christian is more than looking to Jesus as an example. It is a perpetual partaking through faith of his very life. In view of the fact that we were all so needy that we could only be saved through the suffering and death of our Lord, the sacrament ought to be like a physician's antiseptic to cleanse us from all feeling that we are above the closest association with any fellow mortal.

Jesus said, As oft as ye meet together, do this in remembrance of me. The emphasis is not on the constant performance of the rite; it is rather on making every social gathering of Christians when they partake of God's mercies a reminder of the fact that this food is given them as a symbol that Christ is the bread of life; and not only that, but that they should also deem the good words and examples of one another as a kind of sacrament through which they receive the grace of Christ. We can scarcely imagine how wonderfully our intellectual and spiritual life would be quickened if we all looked into every brother's face as a possible messenger of Christ and a channel for his healing power.

Before Jesus and the apostles left the upper room, they sang a hymn. And well may we also raise a hymn of praise for his sacrificial love which purchased for us infinite possibilities of blessing, and assures us that the heart of the universe is on our side if we only trust and obey.

GOD IN NATURE

"Do I love God?" she meekly asked;
"He's far away and hard to find."
Just then a raindrop kissed her cheek,
"Oh, thank you, God, you must be kind."

She saw young leaves spring from the trees,
And jonquils bloom above the sod;
She heard a robin call his mate.
She cried, "In nature I've found God."

—Margaret Johnson.

In Memoriam

ROBERT E. MUMPOWER

BLACK MOUNTAIN.—Funeral services for Robert E. Mumpower, retired business man and lifelong Methodist, were held Sunday, March 6, in the Black Mountain Methodist Church.

Mr. Mumpower took an active interest in the total life of our community. He was a Mason, a member of the committee for Bible in the public schools, and in 1932 was elected grand councillor of the Carolinas for the United Commercial Travelers. The church, however, commanded his first love and loyalty. His long and useful service as steward, trustee, and treasurer deserves recognition.

Mr. Mumpower left to his family, his friends, and his church the priceless legacy of an untarnished name and a record of service that has won for him the plaudit of his Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—THAD McDONALD, JR.

COOLIDGE G. MORRIS

WASHINGTON.—Whereas God in His infinite wisdom did on Saturday morning, April 8, 1949, take from our midst our dear brother and friend, Coolidge G. Morris, and

Whereas Brother Morris was a genuine Christian and a most valuable member of the First Methodist Church, Washington, North Carolina, having served continuously for over a quarter of a century either as a member of the board of stewards or as a member of the board of trustees, and

Whereas Brother Morris gave unselfishly himself and his means to the program of the church and found his greatest joy in working with young people, having served as superintendent of the young people's department in the Sunday school, as teacher, and as adviser to the Epworth League and later the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and

Whereas Brother Morris served joyously as "Minister-at-Large" in this and neighboring counties, often traveling many miles at his own expense in order that a waiting congregation have an opportunity to hear the gospel or "Good News," as he affectionately called it, and

Whereas Brother Morris in his church, in his business, and in his play gave himself to the limit, none of his reactions being halfway responses, his rugged physical body being matched by an indomitable spirit within, and his love and zeal for his God and church knowing no limitations, and

Whereas Brother Morris in his community, in his State, and in his nation, was a bold and ardent champion of the right as he saw it, his convictions so clear-cut that of him it was said, "You always knew where Mr. Morris stood," and

Whereas Brother Morris served as Interracial Chairman in the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, for a number of years and by example and leadership contributed more to racial understanding, cooperation, and good will than any other person, his Negro friends loving him for this as a true Christian brother;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That we, the members of the board of stewards of First Methodist Church in regular session on this the 11th day of April, 1949, pay this tribute of respect to our departed brother; that we express to his wife and his children our love and sympathy; that we commend to others his example as a Christian citizen; that we record our appreciation for the privilege of being co-laborers in the church with this splendid husband and father, this ardent churchman, and this genuine Christian to whom life was a real experience of joy and happiness. "Be a Ray of Sunshine," his favorite hymn, aptly expresses his motive for living.

And be it further resolved, That we send a copy of these resolutions to his family and that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—C. FREEMAN HEATH, Pastor; E. FRANK RUBLE, S. S. Superintendent; J. W. ODEN, Superintendent, Young People's Department.

GEORGE EDGAR BURNS

ANSONVILLE.—Whereas God in his infinite grace and mercy has seen fit to remove from among us our brother and friend, George Edgar Burns, and whereas this friend was so deeply entrenched in the admiration and affection of us all; therefore, be it resolved:

That we deeply mourn his passing and that we sorrow over his continued affliction for so long before his passing; that we hold in solemn remembrance his deep faith and his practice of the Christian way of life; that we remember lovingly his work as Sunday school worker, especially that of teacher of the Men's Bible Class for so many years and his faithfulness to duty in many other church offices; that we hold before the present generation as an example this pillar of the Church universal; that his contribution to the civic, social, and economic life of his community be held before us as illustrating the well balanced life; that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones, who cherished him and cared for him so tenderly over his extended illness; and

That we send to them a copy of these resolutions, also a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, a copy to the local county paper, and a copy be placed on the church record.—THE ANSONVILLE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

MRS. LALAH R. BRACEY

FAIRMONT.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Trinity Methodist Church, Fairmont, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved member, Mrs. Lalah R. Bracey, who passed away on Friday, March 11, 1949. In her going our Society has lost a faithful and consecrated member. Her loyal devotion to church, friends and home will ever stand as a living memorial to her beautiful Christian life.

In appreciation of her consecrated life and Christian service we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and extend sympathy to the family.

Resolved, That this tribute be entered in the records of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a copy be sent to her family, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—MRS. C. A. FLOYD, MRS. CARL A. THOMPSON.

MRS. ALICE SLOAN TILLEY

GRANITE FALLS.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Granite Falls Methodist Church wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our beloved member, Mrs. Alice Sloan Tilley, who passed away on Sunday, December 26, 1948. In her going our Society and our church have lost a faithful and loyal member.

Mrs. Tilley was gentle and modest by nature, a faithful companion, a loving mother, and a good neighbor. It was an inspiration to see her patience and cheerfulness while she was confined to her home with illness, and to feel the reflection of her beautiful Christian life. Truly, to know her was to love her.—MRS. LULA HICKMAN, MRS. P. G. MOORE.

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The Green Cat

On the very first warm, sunny day of the year the postman brought Ann Mason a letter. Dickey Brent, her next door neighbor, was there when the letter arrived.

"It's from Aunt Lucy!" cried Anne joyfully. "She always writes on a typewriter."

Dickey remembered Anne's pretty young aunt who had several times driven out in her car to see the little girl.

The two children took the letter in to Anne's mother. It turned out to be a very puzzling letter.

Aunt Lucy was going on a long journey she said. That was easy enough to understand. "And I am going to send you my little green cat to stay at your house while I am gone." Aunt Lucy had written that too. And what could it mean?

"Her little green cat," exclaimed mother.

"Why, Lucy never owned a cat in her life."

"She would hardly own a green cat anyway," observed father, who had been listening.

"Who ever heard of a green cat?" scoffed Dickey. "I never did—not even in a circus."

"She says we must make it work for us," mother went on. "What a strange way to speak of a cat!"

But Anne was determined to make the best of things. "Well," she said, "Malta and Fluff are pretty lazy, you know, and there are lots of mice. I think it will be fine to have a new cat."

"Not a freak cat"—began Dickey, but mother interrupted.

"Oh, here's a postscript on the last sheet. Lucy says, 'Your daddy will know how to attend to it. Tell him to call at 105 Broad Street and get it the next time he is in town.' "

Father seemed rather red in the face. "Well, upon my word!' he said. "What's come over Lucy, I should like to know."

"There's something queer about this," mother said. "Well, when you go to town on Thursday with Dick's father you can clear up the mystery. I suppose Lucy meant to say white cat or black cat, of course."

"Broad Street is a business street," father went on grumbling. "I shouldn't think she'd leave a cat of any color there."

All that morning Dickey chuckled about the green cat that was coming.

But Anne took the matter very seriously. "It must be a strange bluish-gray, and Aunt Lucy just calls it green," she said. "Oh, I'm crazy to see it! I wish Thursday would come."

At the breakfast table on Thursday father said, "Look here, Anne, don't you want to go up town with me and help bring home that everlasting cat?"

Anne was delighted, of course. What could be pleasanter than to go to town in Mr. Brent's car and bring a green cat home?

That afternoon Dickey, full of curiosity, watched impatiently for her return. When he saw his father's car coming he hurried over to the Mason's yard. When the car drew up at the gate there was little Anne, sitting very straight on the front seat beside Dicky's father. Her own father was nowhere to be seen.

Anne's eyes were sparkling as she clambered down.

"Where's your father?" Dickey asked. "And where's your Aunt Lucy's green"—

"Coming," said Anne. "Look." She turned and pointed toward a cloud of dust.

Before Dick could say anything more a second car drew up at the gate. Anne's father, looking much pleased about something, got out.

Dickey was dazed. "But where's the green cat?" he insisted.

Anne could not keep her chuckles any longer. "It isn't a green cat; it's a green car." she said. "O Dickey, Aunt Lucy wrote a 't' instead of an 'r.' It was her car that she was talking about; she has had it painted—it's green under all that dust. And she wants us to use it while she's away. Now, isn't that fun?"

Anne's father looked a little uncomfortable. "It wasn't much fun going around inquiring for a green cat. However, all's well that ends well."

Malta and Fluff came down the walk and rubbed, purring against Anne's legs.

"See how pleased they are," Anne said. "I do believe they had been dreading that extra cat."

Dick rubbed his forehead. "Well, I'm pleased too," he said. "But I should like to have seen a green cat, all the same."—Daisy D. Stephenson in The Youth's Companion.

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ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

R. Dwight Ware, D. S., 20 Watauga St., Asheville, N. C. Telephone 7056

May

Edneyville, 11 ... 22
Mills River: Fannings, 4 ... 22
Brevard, 11 ... 29

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Edgar H. Nease, D.S., 1100 Queens Rd., Charlotte 7, N. C. Telephone 4-7489

June

Weddington: Hebron, 11 ... 5
Waxhaw: Mineral Springs, 11 ... 26

July

Charlotte, First, 11 ... 3
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Johns, 3 ... 10
Hawthorne Lane, 11 ... 17
Pineville: Marvin, 3 ... 17
Unionville: Bethel, 7:30 ... 17
Union County Preachers, 10 ... 18
Monroe, Central, 8 ... 18
Huntersville, 8 ... 19
North Monroe-Benton Heights, 8 ... 20
Cole Memorial, 8 ... 21
Calvary, 8 ... 22
Ansonville: Concord, 11 ... 24
Prospect: Mount Carmel, 3 ... 24
Marshville, 7:30 ... 24
Anson County Preachers, 10 ... 25
Wadesboro, 8 ... 25
Belmont Park, 8 ... 27
Big Spring, 7:30 ... 28
Hickory Grove, 8 ... 29
Weddington, 8 ... 30
Peachland: Mount Moriah, 11 ... 31
Lilesville: Forestville, 7:30 ... 31

August

New Hope-Bethel: Bethel, 11 ... 7
Indian Trail-Stallings: Grace, 2:30 ... 7
Mouzon, 8 ... 7
Hawthorne Lane, 8 ... 8
Matthews, 8 ... 9
St. James, 8 ... 10
Trinity, 8 ... 11
Duncan Memorial, 7 ... 12
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Brevard Street, 7 ... 17
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Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting, 11 ... 21
Polkton: Poplar Hill, 3 ... 21
Pleasant Grove, 8 ... 21
Bethlehem, 8 ... 22
Homestead, 8 ... 23
Morven: Sandy Plain, 3 ... 28
Thrift, 8 ... 28
Spencer Memorial, 8 ... 29
St. Johns, 8 ... 30
St. Paul, 8 ... 31

September

Davidson-Fairview, 7:30 ... 1
Purcell, 7 ... 2
Morris Field, 8:30 ... 2
Asbury-Oak Grove, 11 ... 4
Monroe Circuit: Trinity, 2:30 ... 4
Moores Chapel, 7:30 ... 4
First, 7:30 ... 5
Waxhaw, 7:30 ... 6
Chadwick, 7:15 ... 7
Wesley Heights, 8:30 ... 7
Central Avenue, 7:30 ... 8
Dilworth, 7:30 ... 9
Myers Park, 7:30 ... 12

GASTONIA DISTRICT

W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

May

Rock Springs: Mt. Pleasant, 11 ... 22
Crouse, Crouse, 3 ... 22
Polkville, Rehoboth, 11 ... 29
Lowell, South Point, 7:30 ... 29

June

Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 11 ... 12
Gastonia, East End, 7:30 ... 12
Stanley, 11 ... 19
Gastonia, Trinity, 7:30 ... 19
Lincoln Circuit, McKendree, 11 ... 26
Gastonia, Bradley Memorial, 7:30 ... 26

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury

May

Salisbury: Main Street, 11 ... 22
Long Street-Yadkin: Long Street, 7:30 ... 22
Bethel, 11 ... 29
Midland: Pine Bluff, 3 ... 29

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

George B. Clemmer, D.S., 11 Mock St., Thomasville, N. C. Telephone, 304

May

Thomasville, Memorial, 11 ... 22
Advance: Bailey's Chapel, 7:30 ... 22
Greer-Mount Carmel: Mount Carmel, 7:30 ... 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 ... 25
Mount Vernon: Mount Pleasant, 11 ... 29
Old Union, 3 ... 29

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

H. G. Allen, D.S., 898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

Pilot Mountain: Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 11 ... 22
Franklin Heights, Church Dedication (Surry Project), Bishop Costen J. Harrell, 3:30 ... 22
Kernersville, Main St., 11, ... 29
Kernersville Circuit: Cherry Street, 3 ... 29

June

Surry Project Evangelistic Week ... 20-24

July

Yadkin Evangelistic Week ... 10-15

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RICHMOND AREA

Bishop W. W. Peele, Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

DURHAM DISTRICT

E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts Street, Durham, N. C.

May

Pittsboro, Chatham, 11 ... 22
Bynum, Ebenezer, 3 ... 22
Durham, Carr, 7:30 ... 22
Graham: Graham, 11 ... 29
Haw River, Haw River, 7:30 ... 29

June

Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg, Saturday and Sunday ... 11-12
Burlington, Davis Street, 11 ... 19
Mebane, Mebane, 7:30 ... 19
Roxboro, Grace, 11 ... 26
Mt. Tirzah, Mt. Tirzah, 3 ... 26
Durham, Bethany, 7:30 ... 26

May

Washington, 11 ... 22
Bath: Bath, 4 ... 22

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D. S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

May

Stumpy Point: Stumpy Point, 11 ... 29
Manteo, 8 ... 29

June

Columbia: Cedar Grove, 11 ... 5
Creswell: Mount Hermon, 8 ... 5
Plymouth, 11 ... 12
Roper: Siloam, 3 ... 12
Murfreesboro: Union, 11 ... 19
Belhaven: Belhaven, 8 ... 19
Hertford, 11 ... 26
Chowan: Bethany, 3 ... 26

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Walter C. Ball, D.S., 1019 Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.

May

Laurinburg (preaching), 11 ... 22
Laurel Hill: Tabernacle, 3 ... 22
Rowland: Rowland, 7:30 ... 22
Red Springs (preaching), 11 ... 29
Stedman: Tabor, 3 or 7:30 (Time to be selected) ... 29

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

May

Marshallberg, 11 ... 22
Beaufort Circuit: Core Creek, 7:30 ... 22
Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 ... 28

June

Newport High School, 11 ... 5
Straits: Smyrna, 7:30 ... 5
Convocation ... 7-10
Walstonburg: Arthur, 11 ... 12
Mount Olive Circuit: Bethel, 11 ... 18
Kinston, Queen Street, 11 ... 19
Vanceboro: Chapman's, 11 ... 25
Marshallberg, 11 ... 26
Atlantic: Sealevel, 7:30 ... 26

July

Hookerton: Frizzelle Memorial, 11 ... 3
Morehead Circuit: Camp Glenn, 11 ... 10
Morehead City, First, 8 ... 10
Newport: Oak Grove, 11 ... 17
Beaufort, 11 ... 24
Goldsboro, St. Paul, 11 ... 31

August

Greenville, Jarvis Memorial, 11 ... 7

RALEIGH DISTRICT

H. B. Porter, D.S., 1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh

May

Mamers: Spring Hill, 11 ... 22
Newton Grove: Hopewell, 7:30 ... 22
Princeton: Fellowship, 11 (Dedication) ... 29
Salem, 8 ... 29

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

A. J. Hobbs, D.S., 803 Sycamore St., Rocky Mount, N. C. Telephone 2804

May

Rich Square: Woodland, 11 ... 22
Enfield, 11 ... 29

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

C. D. BARCLIFT, D.S., 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

May

Wallace, 11 ... 22
Burgaw: Jordans, 3 ... 22
Rose Hill: Charity, 7:30 ... 22
Pembroke: Fairview, 11 ... 29
Pembroke: Bethel, 3 ... 29
Pembroke: Pleasant Grove, 7:30 ... 29

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LAKE JUNALUSKA NEWS

By J. B. Ivey and Mrs. Helen Carter

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And you will be happy to find that a brand new sewer line has been laid all along the lakeside front, taking the sewerage from all the cottages across the Lake at the dam and emptying it into the main line. The Lake now will have no chance of bringing contaminated matter from that source.

The wedding bells have been ringing for the Junaluska young people. Miss Mary Jane Edwards, daughter of Dr. C. S. Edwards, will be married soon to Mr. Jack Klopp. Announcements have been made of the marriage of Miss Louise Holcomb to Mr. Albert Cade on June 3. On April 23, Miss Elizabeth Oliver, well known at Lake Junaluska as assistant to Rev. Carl King in the Sunday school work, was married to Rev. Robert Early, the Methodist pastor at Highlands.

The new bulletin describing the new year's program is just from the press. It is beautiful. If you haven't received a copy, write Lake Junaluska Assembly to send you several extra copies to give to friends who may be interested. The office will also be interested in new names and addresses to whom to send the 1949 program.

The children's playground director this year will be Miss Louise Moore of Nashville, Tenn. Miss Moore has had special training for this work and we predict an interesting summer for the children. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The same capable young man who was director of the Shuffle Board will be in charge again this year. Mr. Cuthbert Ishee will again be director of recreation.

Rev. Lee Tuttle is building a nice cottage on the high point back of Lakeside Lodge. The workmen are very busy and expect to have the home ready about June 1. Also in front of the Tuttle location is the Jackson Cottage bought by Mr. Edwin Jones of Charlotte. They are having the home completely remodeled, and you will hardly recognize the old place. The tall overgrown shrubbery has been removed, the trees have been pruned and the yard planted with Rhodendron.

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MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 30

Tribute to Dr. Turrentine; Correspondence; Changes In Appointments; Announcements

HIGH ON THE RAMPARTS

By L. B. HAYES

I did not get to his funeral and it is a bit too late to say good-bye, but I still see and feel him. We lived as friendly neighbors for ten years and he was my first presiding elder and mentor. Straight and tall he stood; strong and clean his life; abiding and redeeming his memory.

This I remember: I gave him a few dollars on PE's salary at Tate Chapel near Bessemer City. He stopped and carefully put it down in his book, with this wise remark: "Brother Hayes, you are a young preacher; may I say that when anyone gives you money, you should immediately make a correct record of it—put it down in your book."

This, too, he taught me to say: ed-u-cation, pronouncing every syllable. "The soul of education is the education of the soul"—a favorite and true saying. I heard him use it several times.

He let me call him "Sam." When I first tried it, I almost choked and the Civitan Club was shocked; but he liked it and chuckled heartily. The club had a rabbit-hunt picnic on the Sedgefield grounds. The bunnies were plentiful but the day was damp. Dr. Sam had both his celebrated rubbers and umbrella. In reporting the hunt the papers said, "Sam Turrentine caught one single-handed. He was standing under a tree holding his umbrella when a rabbit saw him and took shelter with him." We teased him about that for many years and he never failed to laugh at the alleged incident.

Today I reached for his book, **A Romance of Education,** a fine factual history of Greensboro College, and there on the fly leaf in his bold hand were the words: "With best wishes to my dear old friend, Dr. L. B. Hayes, whom I highly esteem as 'My son in the Gospel.'

Affectionately,
S. B. Turrentine.

April 17, 1946."

Tall straight man, high on the ramparts, your standard waves! Vale!

APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

Why can't we raise the price of the Advocate, thus enlarging the paper to accommodate every department each week?

The editorial in March 10th issue, "The Emphasis is on Dedication," is by far the best editorial I have ever read, and the number alone is worth the yearly subscription price of the paper. The Easter number is worth more than another two dollars—Bishop Harrell's "Continuing Life" and Bishop Peele's "Death—a Life to Life" are both marvelous messages.

I am enclosing a money order for $4, two of which is in appreciation of the above referred to copies of the Advocate, and two to extend my subscription to April 17, 1950.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Will R. Smith.

PRAISE FOR RIVER BEND

Dear Editor:

Last week I was with M. C. Ellerbe at River Bend church on the Lowesville charge for a series of evangelistic services, and was so struck with the accomplishments and the spirit of the membership that I should like to say a word of commendation. It was immensely impressive to feel the pride in the church and the quiet willingness with which the people carry on its work.

The new building, usefully and very attractively designed to serve the community of about 85 families, begun in 1949, was completed for district conference in the spring of 1948, and by September of this year, the leaders confidently affirm, the last payment on the debt will be made. That is no small achievement for 100 families.

The great steam plant at River Bend generates electricity for homes and factories many miles around. The little church raising its spire proudly against a backdrop of green trees is a symbol of another and more enduring kind of power that is created in the hearts of men.

J. G. Huggin.

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Rev. B. A. Sisk, pastor of East End Church, Gastonia, has asked to be relieved of his work June 1. This action is taken because of an illness which attacked him last winter. All of us, especially his friends in East End church, hope that this illness will be only temporary and will be followed by great improvement in health. Mr. and Mrs. Sisk will live for the present near his old home in Burke County. His mailing address will be Route 2, Morganton.

Bishop Harrell has authorized the following changes in appointments: J. L. Pittard, now at Ebenezer church, Belmont, will go to East End; and Jerry Murray, who receives his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Duke commencement, will go to Ebenezer, beginning June 12.

W. A. Stanbury, Supt.,
Gastonia District.

1949 SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

June 4-11 — Student Regional Conference.
June 13-23—Caravan Training.
July 5-10—Institute of Sacred Music.
July 10-12—Hospitals and Homes.
July 12-20—School of Missions.
July 19-29—Young People's Leadership Conference.
July 20-22—Laymen's Conference.
July 26-August 1 — Missionary Conference.
July 29-31—Church School Superintendents.
August 1-4—District and Subdistrict Directors.
August 1-7—Pastors' Convocation.
August 2-5—District Superintendents.
August 3 - 4 — Conference Secretaries, Treasurers, Statisticians.
August 4-16—Leadership School.
August 8-14—Bible Conference.
August 14-16—SE Historical Society.
August 15-21—Week of Evangelism.
August 21-28—Week of Featured Speakers.

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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That the significance of his ministry is affected by the quality of his home life. Just as his personal character and conduct either strengthens or weakens his preaching and teaching, so in no small degree does his home life determine his usefulness to the homes of his parish. The church must recognize its mission to the family, but let it be known that the policy and power of the church will be largely shaped by the minister's family.

Busy, nervous ministers have been known to show signs of irritability and impatience in their homes. If they do their efforts to appear as saints in the pulpit are fruitless. The minister in many ways can lead the community toward a proper evaluation of the Christian family in educating children and youth and in elevating the home to a position of influence for culture and wholesome human relationships. His own home should demonstrate genuine piety, but prudery, never. If a member of the minister's family is guilty of an impropriety, it is usually magnified out of proportion. His children are rarely, if ever, worse than children in other homes, in spite of the opinion held by some persons.

END OF THE FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the General Commission on World Service and Finance ends May 31. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Treasurer, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill., is very eager that all church treasurers remit World Service funds in their hands to the Conference Treasurer, not later than that date. I am sure that our pastors and church treasurers will co-operate with Dr. Lugg in his request, and do as he has asked.

COSTEN J. HARRELL.

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EDITORIAL

A Vote in Behalf of Our Children and Our Rural People

On June 4 North Carolina voters will decide by ballot whether or not to authorize the State to issue in bonds $25,000,000 for school plant construction and repairs and $200,000,000 for secondary roads. The sheer enormity of the sums involved raises two vital questions. First, do we actually need to spend $225,000,000 to bring our school plants and our roads up to standard? Secondly, if it is established that we need to spend that amount, can we afford it?

The State Education Commission, an impartial group of citizens appointed by ex-Governor Cherry to study our schools, is perhaps best qualified to answer the question concerning the needs of the schools. The Commission has found that $150,000,000 is needed to bring our school plants to minimum standards, with $100,000,000 urgently needed now. The Commission reports: "All the counties, even those in the upper economic brackets, are greatly in need of additional facilities to accommodate present, as well as anticipated increased enrollment because of high birth rates. . . . In many of the less fortunate counties, the school housing situation is extremely deplorable. Many school plants were poorly planned and cheaply constructed, and are now obsolete, lacking in essential features for modern education and community needs. They are in a poor state of repair, dark, dirty, unsafe, and with little or no recreational space." In 1943-1944 the nation as a whole had $341 in school property evaluation for each enrolled child, while North Carolina's evaluation stood only at $156 for each enrolled child. Studies show that 72 out of our 100 counties do not have sufficient borrowing capacity for schools. Thus it is apparent that the need is urgent, and that most counties can get better school plants only through State aid.

What is the situation with reference to our secondary roads? Of the 63,000 miles of roads within the State only 16,000 are paved. This leaves 47,000 miles of unpaved roads. Only one-third of the road mileage traveled by school buses is paved. During the winter of 1945, due to bad weather and impassable roads, 150,000 school children lost eleven or more days from school. Most of our rural people still live on unpaved roads.

If the road bond issue carries, over a period of several years, 12,000 miles of roads will be paved, and 35,000 miles will be put in all weather condition. When the program is completed, practically every family will be within one or two miles of a paved road.

Can we afford to spend $225,000,000 for school plants and for secondary roads? The school bonds will be paid from the State's general fund, and should work no hardship on any group. The road bonds are to be liquidated by levying one cent a gallon on gasoline. This is calculated to yield about $7,000,000 a year, and will cost the average motorist around $10 a year. Additional funds available in a few years from the highway sinking fund will add enough revenue to pay off the bonds in 20 years.

Can we afford it? Sales Management, reputable magazine on marketing, reveals that North Carolina leads the South Atlantic States in effective buying income, with a per family buying income in 1948 of $3,882. The buying income for the entire State stood at $3,487,827,000.

We do believe we can afford it. Therefore, in the light of the pressing need both for better school plants and for better roads and in the light of our material resources and the methods to be used to liquidate the bonds, we heartily support both bond issues. We believe they are wise and sound and forward-looking. We believe they offer aid to those who need it most—our children and our rural people. In helping to provide better buildings for our school children and better roads for our rural people, the whole State goes forward.

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication, deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind: that with steadfast thoughts, and kindled affections, we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
—The Book of Worship.

If Only He Had Read a Different Book

The entire nation was deeply shocked and grieved Sunday to learn that James V. Forrestal, former secretary of defense, had ended his life by plunging from the sixteenth floor of the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md. Circumstances surrounding Mr. Forrestal's untimely death are not fully known, but it has been revealed that he had been suffering from a psychoneurotic condition brought on by the strain of overwork. In his room was an anthology of poetry, opened at two gloomy selections from the Greek poets Sophocles and Euripides. Mr. Forrestal had been copying Sophocles' "Chorus to Ajax," which relates to the agonies of the legendary Greek warrior, Ajax, who, following wide acclaim for heroism in battle, had lost his mind. Just beyond the point where the ex-cabinet official had stopped copying appear these lines: "When reason's day sets rayless, joyless, quenched in cold decay, better to die and sleep the never-waking sleep than linger on and dare to live when the soul's life is gone." Apparently impelled by these tragic, fateful words, a broken, hopeless man leaped to his death.

Churchmen everywhere are grieved that the price of public service has come so high. They are grieved that a man who has rendered such distinguished service to his country should come to such a bitter end. They are more grieved, however, that somehow, before arduous tasks and heavy responsibilities snapped his brilliant mind, Mr. Forrestal did not turn to Christ for guidance and strength rather than to the Greek tragedian, Sophocles. They wish that somehow he could have turned to the Book of Life rather than to a poem of despair. Other men, broken in body and mind, have found in Him hope for their pessimism, faith for their uncertainty and joy for their tears. Many a man, tempted to end it all, has found life in Christ. St. Paul, who had known both tragedy and triumph, put it this way: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Church Building in the Surry Project

By ROBERT C. CARTER

At the time so many parsonages in the Surry Project were being built the church buildings were also being improved. Carter's Chapel on the Salem Circuit was literally propped with poles to keep it from falling. With Rev. W. B. A. Culp as their leader, the members of this church tore down the old building and in its place constructed an adequate, attractive place of worship. For several years the abandonment of this church had been discussed. Now with a new church the congregation is growing and Methodism is continuing to serve in this area.

Before the Surry Project was organized the need for a Methodist Church in Franklin Heights had been recognized. Rev. E. M. Graham of the Rockford Street Church, Mount Airy, began the work of organizing the new church and in March 1945 the new congregation was formed. Plans were immediately drawn for the church building. Rev. J. E. Rink succeeded Mr. Graham and under his leadership the building was begun. In the reorganization of the circuits of Surry County, Franklin Heights became a point on the circuit given its name. Rev. John Jordan took over the new charge and has now completed the Franklin Heights church. The sanctuary will seat approximately 300 persons. There is a full basement under the sanctuary for church school assemblies and social gatherings. A large kitchen adjoins it. Adequate church school rooms house the various classes. The church is valued at $40,000. It was dedicated May 22nd.

In January 1947 Epworth Memorial, another church on the Franklin Heights Circuit, began construction of a basement. In a little over a year the work was completed and the church had two additional Sunday school rooms, a social room and an oil furnace. This work was valued at $3,500.

At Zion Church, the third point on the Franklin Heights Circuit, the members had been collecting a building fund for several years. In May 1948 discussions began on whether the old church should be repaired or a new one built. It was finally decided that a new church should be built. In the fall about $3,500 was pledged and in December construction was begun on a lot directly across Piper Gap Road from the old church. The basement of the new church is now being used for services. The members themselves are doing the finishing work on the sanctuary. To date approximately $7,500 has been spent. The auditorium will seat about 90 persons when completed. This brick veneer building will have five class rooms, a social room and a central heating system, and will cost approximately $10,000.

The Level Cross church was a one room frame building which needed a great deal of repair. But instead of repairing, it was decided to build a new church. This church had only 42 members, 20 of whom were young people and children. The members of this church were also helping to erect a new parsonage for their new charge. Soon the old building had been torn down. A store building on adjoining property was purchased and used for Sunday school and church services. When the parsonage was completed, work was begun on the church. The store building was turned around and placed so that it could be used as a part of the new church. Construction of the auditorium was begun in January 1948. The old and new parts of the building will be made into one, all being brick-veneered. It will have a large social hall, kitchen, rest rooms, four additional Sunday school rooms and an auditorium that will seat approximately 200, and will cost about $15,000.

On the Elkin circuit several of the churches needed more adequate buildings. In 1947 the members of the Roaring River Church tore down their old building and constructed a new one room church, which has already been dedicated.

The Maple Springs church on this circuit has added two Sunday school rooms and has begun brick-veneering the whole building.

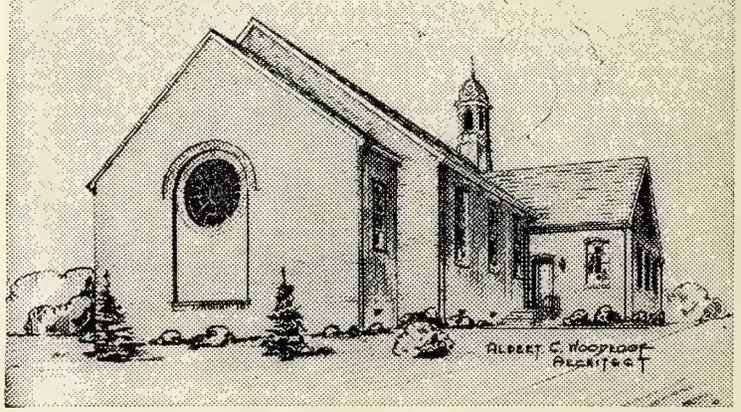
The Grassy Creek Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dewey Smith, has a new concrete block educational building, containing a social hall, kitchen and room for classes. All the labor and some of the materials were donated. Plans are also being made to enlarge the auditorium of the church.

At Charity, on the Elkin circuit, the one room building was inadequate. The members drew up their plans for a concrete block brick veneer plant. The auditorium will seat about 150 and five classrooms in the full basement will take care of the Sunday school classes. An oil furnace is to be installed. The members of this church believe in paying as they go. At the present time the walls are up and the roof will be put on as soon as funds are available.

Members of the Ebenezer Church, on the Elkin circuit, are raising money to improve their plant. About $1,200 is already on hand.

The story of the building of the Pilot Mountain Church was told in the account of its dedication on May 22nd. This beautiful $90,000 plant will be an inspiration to our whole area. The people of Pilot Mountain would have built it whether there had been a Surry Project or not. However, through the Project, the small rural churches which had been on the Pilot Mountain Circuit in years past were taken care of in the rearrangement of circuit lines and the Pilot Mountain Church was left free as a station. Both town and country churches were benefitted.

For several years the members of the Pleasant Ridge Church and the Union Hill Church in western Surry County had felt the loss of members by death and the moving of members to other places. In August 1947, under the leadership of Rev. Marvin Hoyle, the churches agreed to unite, sell both church building and erect a new church at the community center of Mountain Park. The Union Hill property was sold last year. Members of both churches are now holding services in the Pleasant Ridge



Franklin Heights Church, one of the new churches in the Surry Project

Church. Ground was broken in May 1949 and the new church will soon be rising from its foundations.

All this adds up to eight new church buildings begun in less than five years. Four have been dedicated. Two others will probably be completed by the end of the Conference Year. Extensive repairs have been made on three other buildings and smaller improvements made in the plants of a number of the other churches.

A conservative estimate of the value of the improvements made to church buildings in the period from 1945-1949 is $175,000. Church and parsonage improvements together would represent approximately $225,000 for this period. When it is remembered that Pilot Mountain with 184 active members is the largest church involved in the improvements the figures become even more impressive. The laymen of Surry County have responded in a wonderfully liberal way to the call to build.

The members of Central Church, Mount Airy, have given liberally to the building of these churches and parsonages in various parts of the county. Much credit must also be given to Dr. H. G. Allen for raising a large amount to be used in these construction jobs. Thanks is also due to the Duke Foundation and the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Teamwork is the secret of these accomplishments. If the 3,618 active members of the churches in the Surry Project had been called on to raise $225,000 for a building fund in five years they might not have undertaken it. But working together, taking each task as it came up, and seeing each through to a successful conclusion, this job is being done.

Brick and glass and slate, comfortable pews, carpets, and carved altars do not make a church. But when these things represent the sweat, the hard-earned dollars, the thought, the prayers of a people there is something holy about them. When they become centers of worship, inspiration, activity, and education for their communities the true church is born. The challenge to Methodism in Surry County now is to work as dilligently in using these newly built tools as they have in bringing them into being.

We Help Resettle a DP Family

By CHARLES A. REAP*

I know of no greater challenge or field of service today for a church or community than to open the heart of Christian kindness and the helpful hand of the good neighbor to displaced persons who have suffered so much from war in Europe. Nor can I conceive of any finer example than the good people of Aquadale Methodist Church, under Rev. I. P. Rutledge, displayed last week when a Latvian refugee family, Robeznieks by name, came into their midst. This is the second family that I have sponsored thus far, and I am convinced the people of a church and community can give the refugee a touch of the American way of freedom and good neighbor far beyond the ability of a single sponsor.

The Robeznieks family is composed of five members: Karl, 53, his wife, Berta, 47, son, Herbert, 17, son, Karl, Jr., 16, and daughter, Silvia, 8. He is a graduate of the school of forestry, University of Riga. They owned a good farm, home and livestock. After the defeat of Germany the communists entered Latvia for the second time and tried to force every one to bow to communism. The Robeznieks were robbed of their home and everything, but escaped while 35,000 Latvians, including two of their brothers, were shot or rounded up as slaves and sent to Siberia.

The Sunday before these people were due to arrive, I called Pastor Rutledge of the Norwood Circuit and told him these refugees would be coming to live near his Aquadale Church. He asked me to come down and tell the people about it. I told the good people that the family would be destitute, having been robbed of all, and that perhaps they could not even speak English, but all the world could understand the language of Christian kindness and good neighbors.



The Robeznieks family in front of the Aquadale Methodist Church on their first Sunday in America

Mrs. Reap and I met the family in Salisbury and took them to the little farm house. They were exhausted, lonely, and with the horrors of eight years of war and hard camp life still with them, they feared an isolated farmhouse in America.

Soon the good people of Aquadale Methodist church came to the new home of the Robeznieks with a real pounding. As bedding, towels, clothing and other items were brought in, Mrs. Robeznieks stood with tears streaming down her face, but did not touch them until a good lady started unwrapping them, tying aprons around her, giving dresses to the little girl, and other useful articles. Mrs. Robeznieks, through her tears, said, "Danke Schon, Danke Schon," (Thank you very much). As bread, meat, cans of fruits, butter, eggs and other foods were placed on the table Mrs. Robeznieks, through her tears, repeated "Danke Schon" many times and said it was more food than she had seen in Germany for a year. The Robeznieks said this showed they were among friends and good people and they had no more fears. These good deeds of the church people gave the destitute refugees new courage and hope and great faith in the new life before them. Although they spoke their native Latvian and German language, the Aquadale people spoke a universal language of kindness to them and they understood.

These refugees were Lutherans, but there was not a Lutheran Church in eight or ten miles of them. Their first Sunday they attended Aquadale Methodist Church. It was their first peaceful church service in eight years aside from war or camp, and as Mrs. Robeznieks wept, other ladies around her reached for their handkerchiefs. Mrs. Lee Poplin brought them a chicken dinner to take home with them, but Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Whitley took the entire family home with them for dinner, suggesting that they keep the other food for the evening meal. As Mrs. Reap and I turned to leave them after taking them to church, little Silvia ran, threw her arms around my neck and said, "Gott geben Sie Frohlichkeit in dein Herz," (God give you happiness in your heart).

It was made plain to Mr. and Mrs. Robeznieks that there was no desire to take them from the Lutheran Church, and effort would be made to take them to the church. Their immediate reply was that they loved Pastor Rutledge and these good people very much, and had no further desires or fears. They are also doing good work on the farm.

I was much interested in this matter before and since the Displaced Persons law was passed. By the act 40 per cent of the refugees are expected to come to Southern and Western farms. I do not think it is altogether an altruistic matter with us. I believe we need them on many of our Southern farms. Half a century ago this same stock went into Wisconsin, Iowa, and other western States and have made leading dairying

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Outstanding Speakers to Address Duke Convocation; Spray Methodists Plan for Evangelistic Mission

1500 MINISTERS EXPECTED FOR CONVOCATION AT DUKE

Durham.—More than 1500 ministers of all denominations will meet at Duke University June 7-10, at the second annual Christian Convocation, Dr. Harold A. Bosley has announced.

The four-day refresher course for ministers includes a roster of speakers of national reputation in religion and world affairs.

Visiting ministers will participate in special courses and workshops under the direction of outstanding religious educators.

The convocation is an outgrowth of the N. C. Pastors School and the N. C. Rural Church Institute which united last year under the joint sponsorship of the N. C. Council of Churches and the Duke Divinity School.

Prominent visiting lecturers who will participate are: Dr. E. S. Brightman, professor of philosophy, Boston University; Mrs. W. R. Reed, director of Children's Work, Western N. C. Conference, Methodist Church; Dr. J. W. Sells, extension secretary, S. E. Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Thomas A. Tripp, director, Town and County Department of Rural Church, Congregational Christian Church; Dr. Walter W. Towner, director, department of general church school work, Methodist General Board of Education; Rev. Robert J. McCracken, pastor, Riverside Church, N. Y.; Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte; Owen Lattimore, noted author and authority on the Far East; Dr. Donald H. Andrews, professor of chemistry, Johns Hopkins University; Bishop W. W. Peele of Richmond; and Rev. O. V. Caudill, director, planning and building synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian Church.



Rev. Joseph Brookshire

Members of the Duke University staff who will speak are Dr. Russell L. Dicks, associate professor of pastoral care; Dr. A. J. Walton, associate professor of practical theology; and Dr. Calvin B. Hoover, professor of economics.

Courses to be offered at the convocation are: Philosophy of Religion, Pastoral Counseling, Vacation Church Schools, Rural Church Work, Religious Education and Evangelism.

Directors of the convocation are Dean Bosley, chairman; Rev. George B. Ehlhardt, registrar and librarian, Divinity School, vice-chairman; and Dr. H. E. Spence, professor of Biblical Literature, dean of the pastors' school.

BROOKSHIRE TO LEAD SPRAY EVANGELISTIC SERIES

Rev. Joseph Brookshire of Lexington, Ky., will be the preacher in an evangelistic mission at the Spray Methodist church, June 5-19, according to Rev. C. Moody Smith, pastor. Services will begin on Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service and will continue each evening at 7:45 o'clock. Mrs. Brookshire will assist in the music.

Mr. Brookshire, an approved evangelist of the Methodist Church, is a graduate of Asbury College and Theological Seminary and a member of the Kentucky Conference. He has been successful in evangelistic work throughout the nation, and comes highly recommended. In addition, he is a baritone soloist and song leader. He has won wide acclaim for his speaking and singing ability, and is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He is experienced in radio work and does considerable broadcasting in connection with his evangelistic work.

Intensive preparation is being made for the evangelistic mission, Mr. Smith announces. Various committees have been appointed, with the following serving as chairmen: Prayer meetings, Mrs. B. C. Hardy; personal evangelism, W. L. Caston; advertising, Norman Woodlief; hospitality, Mrs. Doris Miles; ushers, Benny J. Ramsey; nursery, Mrs. Ernest Rogers; finance, A. E. Fair; music, R. Manley Joyce.

REV. HARLAN L. CREECH, JR., pastor of First Church, Asheboro, conducted a series of revival services at Main Street Church, Salisbury, last week. New members will be received Sunday.

"One of these days" is none of these days.—Proverb.

Wilmington Church Holds Ground-breaking Rites

Ground-breaking services were held on May 11 for the new sanctuary at Grace Church, Wilmington, with Rev. J. A. Russell, pastor, in charge. Participating in the impressive ceremonies were Mayor E. L. White, J. W. Holman, Jr., superintendent of the church school; Sidney Trundle, president of the Youth Fellowship; Mrs. R. G. White, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; M. H. Lander, chairman of the building and planning committee; and Rev. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Wilmington district. The choir also brought special music.

The new sanctuary replaces the building which was destroyed by fire on March 21, 1947, immediately following the annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The new sanctuary is expected to be completed in about eighteen months.

Methodism in Wilmington began in 1797 under the leadership of Rev. William Meredith. The minister aroused considerable opposition because of his work among the slaves. He was jailed and his church was burned. In 1843 a second church was erected, but this building was also destroyed by fire. The third church built in 1844, was known as Front Street Church. Fire destroyed it in 1886. The name of the church was changed to Grace and the fourth structure was erected at the corner of Fourth and Grace Streets.

During the excavation on May 17 the bones of William Meredith and George Daughtry, presiding elder from 1805-1807, were removed and reburied temporarily until permanent burial can be made under the pulpit of the new sanctuary.



NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

DILWORTH CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, on Mother's Day contributed $1,973.40 to the Methodist Home for the Aged.

THE CLINTON CHURCH plans to begin immediately the construction of the fellowship section of the parish house.

TRYON METHODISTS held their revival recently with Rev. F. W. Kiker, pastor of Belmont Park Church, Charlotte, as guest preacher.

DR. FREDRICK SHIPPEY of the Board of Missions and Church Extension will be in Charlotte during June to study the location and relocation of Methodist churches in that city.

CHERRY STREET CHURCH on the Kernersville circuit, received 17 new members on Sunday, May 15. The result came after the rural workshop week with Rev. J. Elwood Carroll of Wadesboro assisting the pastor, Rev. Clyde W. Faulkner.

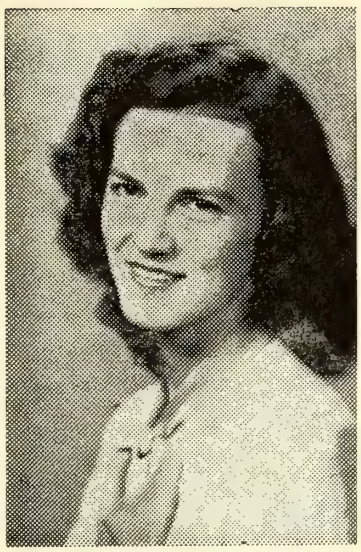
THE BATTLEBORO parsonage has been completely remodeled and will be dedicated within the next few months. Consisting of six rooms, it is insulated, underpinned, and beautifully finished on the inside. The kitchen is equipped with cabinets, an electric water heater, electric stove, with asphalt-tiled floors. The remodeling was done at a cost of $5,500.

DR. EMBREE H. BLACKARD of Gastonia will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Sullins College at Bristol, Virginia, on May 29. He will also deliver the commencement address. In his absence Dr. Richard L. Ownbey will preach at Main Street church at 11 o'clock and Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, associate secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension will preach in the evening.

THE N. C. CONFERENCE Credit Union, Town and Country Commission, and Rural Fellowship will have mid-year joint sessions on June 2 at the Methodist Church in La Grange. The meetings will open at 10 a.m. and will close at 3:30, with lunch being served at the church. Each organization will be allotted a period during the day and will meet in the order above named.

THE RANDOLPH AREA of the Thomasville district had a very successful and inspiring workshop on evangelism from April 24 to May 1. Twenty-seven churches participated with visitation evangelism each afternoon and revival services at the church each evening. There were 342 evangelistic visits made during the week, and a total of 8,952 persons in attendance during the entire week. As a result 71 persons united with the churches. Total offerings amounted to $1,074.85.—O. L. Easter, Publicity chairman.

THE WILKES COUNTY sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting held at Wilkesboro last week elected the following officers for another year: President, Miss Frances Johnson, Wilkesboro; vice-president, Miss Christine Foster, Millers Creek; secretary, Miss Nell Gwyn Brame, North Wilkesboro; treasurer, Jay Canter, Arbor Grove; and publicity chairman, Miss Mary Felts, Wilkesboro. Miss Jo Lassiter, director of religious education for the First Church, North Wilkesboro, led the meditation period, which was followed by the movie, "The Pubelo Boy."



MISS BEASLEY

MISS WINIFRED BEASLEY who graduates May 31 from Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, with a Bachelor of Music degree, with majors in church music and organ, will become minister of music at First church, Newton, in June. Miss Beasley, for two years organist and choir director in the Trinity church, Red Springs, has served in that capacity in Chestnut Street church, Lumberton, during the past two years.

DR. C. E. ROZZELLE of Winston-Salem will deliver the commencement address May 31 at Erskine College, Due West, S. C.

UNION GROVE Church, on the Orange charge, will hold homecoming services Sunday, May 29, with U. S. Senator W. B. Umstead speaking at 11 a.m., and Dr. E. L. Hillman, district superintendent, speaking in the afternoon. The occasion will also mark the opening of the new stone church.

ADVANCE MASS MEETINGS will be held at Raleigh October 3, with Bishops W. W. Peele, G. Bromley Oxnam and Paul E. Martin among the speakers, and at Charlotte October 18, with Bishops Costen J. Harrell, Loyd C. Wicke and Charles W. Brashares included as speakers. The Advance for Christ committee plans 76 mass meetings throughout the nation this fall as a part of the Advance program.

THE DARE COUNTY sub-district of the MYF met May 7 at Mann's Harbor, with members present from Manns Harbor, Manteo, Stumpy Point, and Wanchese. The following officers were elected: President, Jimmy Williams, Manteo; vice-president, Peter Daniels, Wanchese; secretary, Faye Midgett, Stumpy Point; treasurer, Willard Sutton, Manns Harbor; and publicity chairman, Jackie Forehand, Wanchese.

MAY'S CHAPEL CHURCH, Maiden charge, will observe homecoming on Sunday, May 29. Rev. Clyde Murray of Marvin charge, Winston-Salem, who grew up in the May's Chapel community and church, will preach at 11 o'clock. A picnic dinner will be served at noon. The afternoon program will consist of music by special groups and several brief talks. Former pastors, former members, and friends are cordially invited to be present.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Clyde G. McCarver, a daughter, Rosemary. The McCarvers have one other daughter, Angelyn Marie, aged 3.

MACON METHODISTS will dedicate their new organ, chimes and cross and hold homecoming on Sunday, June 5. All members, former members, friends and former pastors are invited.

NORTH CAROLINIANS contributed 1,458,873 pounds of food for overseas relief through CROP during 1948, with a cash value of $83,950. Total cash and value of food contributed ran almost to $100,000, with 73 counties participating. Rev. Wayne McLain was director of the campaign.

DURHAM METHODIST MINISTERS' wives entertained their families on the beautiful woodland grounds of Duke Chapel Church last Friday afternoon at their annual picnic. Rev. and Mrs. Clyde McCarver were hosts to the 60 guests present. Following the delicious supper, the wives held a short business session, with Mrs.C. S. Boggs presiding.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT Young adults will hold a rally at Grace church, Greensboro, Sunday afternoon, May 29, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The program includes registration, worship, roll call, workshops, a social period and other activities. Leaders of the five workshops are Robert Rankin, High Point; Casper Holroyd, Mack Kernodle, Miss Mary Bethea, Jordan Dulin, all of Greensboro. Ernest Scarboro of Greensboro is the district young adult director and will be in charge of the meeting.

THE BELLE SIDES BIBLE CLASS of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, held homecoming on Sunday, May 1, with a large group of women in attendance. Mrs. Virgil Melvin gave the history of the class and Mrs. Belle Sides, for whom the class was named, read an original poem about the growth of the class. Organized in 1931 as the young mothers' class, the group has grown until the membership exceeds 100. Mrs. Eugene Hood is the teacher.

JOSEPH ARMBRUST, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Armbrust of Statesville, was presented by the music department of Guilford College in an organ recital at Temple Emanuel, Greensboro, May 23. During the summer young Armbrust will be music director at Camp Delaware, New York, for underprivileged boys out of New York. In September he will go to Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., to pursue study in voice and organ, preparatory to becoming a minister of church music.

MRS. MARY McCLELLAN WILSON, wife of Rev. William Albert Wilson, a former missionary to Japan under the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died in Durham on May 10. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson had been living in Durham since their retirement in 1932 after more than forty years of missionary service. She was born in Rocky Springs, Miss., and in 1888 was named a missionary to China. In 1893 she was married to Dr. Wilson, now a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and together they entered missionary service in Japan. Their work there was both evangelistic and educational. Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband and by four daughters and two sons.

Memorial Church Opens Sanctuary Sunday; Palestine Exhibit Given; Elizabeth City District Shows Gains

KANNAPOLIS CONGREGATION TO OCCUPY NEW SANCTUARY SUNDAY

By Henry Price, Jr.

Sunday, May 29, Memorial church, Kannapolis, will make another forward step in her rapid development. On that day the beautiful sanctuary will be used for the first time with the pastor, Rev. E. H. Neese, Jr., delivering the sermon at 11 o'clock.

Early in the spring of 1948 a board of missions was formed by the Methodist churches of Kannapolis. This board, under the leadership of Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor of Trinity church, decided that a church was needed in the newly developed village known as "G. I. Town"; so known because of the large number of ex-service men living in the community. Although no money was available to the board, with the promise of support from the various Methodist churches, a beautiful lot was purchased on the corner of West C. Street and Glenn Avenue, and the ground-breaking ceremonies were held on Sunday afternoon, May 9, 1948, with a former G. I., Mr. Vincent Huggins and his wife lifting the first shovel full of earth. A competent architect had previously been employed to draw up plans and soon the building was under construction. The project seemed to capture the imagination of the whole community and donations or money and free labor from churches and individuals enabled the board of missions to keep the construction going.

From the beginning it was felt that the new church should be a memorial to the boys who gave their lives in service during World War II, and the only name ever suggested for the church was "Memorial." In the planning and construction many former "G. I.'s" had a very important part, giving their time and money and spurred on by the unswerving faith and untiring efforts of Mr. Hefner.

Early in June Charles Walton, a divinity student of Duke University, came into the community to assist in preparing for the organization of the church. He organized a prayer group and conducted weekly cottage prayer services while the building was under construction. He also canvassed the community for prospective members and assisted in raising funds for the project until his return to his studies in early September.

By mid-September the basement of the building was near enough completed to be used as a place of meeting. On Sunday afternoon, September 19, Dr. W. B. West, superintendent of the Salisbury district, preached the first sermon in the church. Following this service the church was formally organized with 79 members. The charter was held open for several weeks and there were finally 111 charter members. Rev. J. P. Hipps, a local retired minister, conducted regular Sunday morning services until conference met in October. Memorial Church was accepted into the conference and Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., was assigned as its first pastor. Under his capable leadership great progress has been made. The church membership now stands at 153 with over 200 enrolled in the church school.

During all the year work on the structure has been continued as funds would permit, with members contributing hundreds of hours of free labor to stretch the dollars as far as possible. A high degree of spiritual fellowship is evident among the members, and throughout the community. The congregation is thankful and proud that the beautiful sanctuary is now near enough complete to allow its use for worship services.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

By H. M. McLamb

The Elizabeth City district conference met in Williamston Methodist church on May 4. Rev. J. Herbert Miller, superintendent, presided. Rev. H. M. McLamb was elected secretary. The opening devotional was given by Rev. Carl Hirschi of Windsor.

There was an excellent attendance and reports were among the best ever to the Elizabeth City district conference. There have been 380 additions, 231 being by profession of faith. Most of the finances were paid to date and $54,203 was reported spent on buildings and repairs. Special gifts included $1,560 for Camp Don-Lee and $979 for the Week of Dedication. The statistical report was made by Rev. J. W. Page.

Committee reports were made by the following: Education, Rev. D. L. Fouts and Rev. J. G. Phillips; missions, Rev. M. W. Lawrence and Rev. Leon Russell; Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. G. W. Jackson; Lay activities, G. W. Jackson; evangelism, Rev. C. F. Heath; North Carolina Christian Advocate, Rev. C. W. Robbins; Golden Cross, Rev. J. H. Overton and Rev. J. F. Coble; temperance, Rev. G. C. Kinlaw; world peace, Rev. W. L. Freeman; supplies and local preachers, Rev. J. C. Chaffin.

A program was given by Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Larkin and four children from the Methodist Orphanage.

Miss Ethelene Ballance, an approved rural worker, told of her work on the Columbia charge.

The district conference sermon was brought by Rev. M. W. Lawrence.

A license to preach was granted to Mrs. D. L. Fouts.

A bountiful barbecue and brunswick stew dinner was served by the ladies of Williamston and Holly Springs churches.

The conference accepted the invitation of Rev. C. A. Johnson to meet at South Mills in 1950.

MANY SEE PALESTINE EXHIBIT AT WINSTON-SALEM

By R. Delbert Byrum

Rarely does one see a finer exhibit of articles, maps, and pictures of Palestine life than is shown in the Our Religious Heritage exhibit. This unusual collection has been made possible by the travels, interests, and devotion of A. S. (Dad) Arnold of Greensboro. Mrs. Arnold shares this interest with her husband. Mr. Arnold spent many years in Y. M. C. A. work in Greensboro and is now doing part-time work in extension and promotion at Guilford College. Fortunately, some leading business men of Greensboro have established the Dad Arnold Foundation, Inc., which is endeavoring to publicize this exhibit and get it before as many groups as possible. The exhibit has already been taken to several towns and cities in the Carolinas.

The Methodist churches of Forsyth County sponsored the Our Religious Heritage exhibit which was on display in Memorial Auditorium of Centenary church, Winston-Salem, May 8-13. Ministers, school teachers, children from various schools in the county, and church school leaders were among those who saw this excellent collection. Approximately 1500 persons saw the display during the week.

In evaluating the exhibit and the impressions gained by those who saw it, the ministers of the county felt that it was most worth while. The different articles on display, the maps, and the pictures made more vivid the life and customs of Palestine—the land of our faith and the Bible.

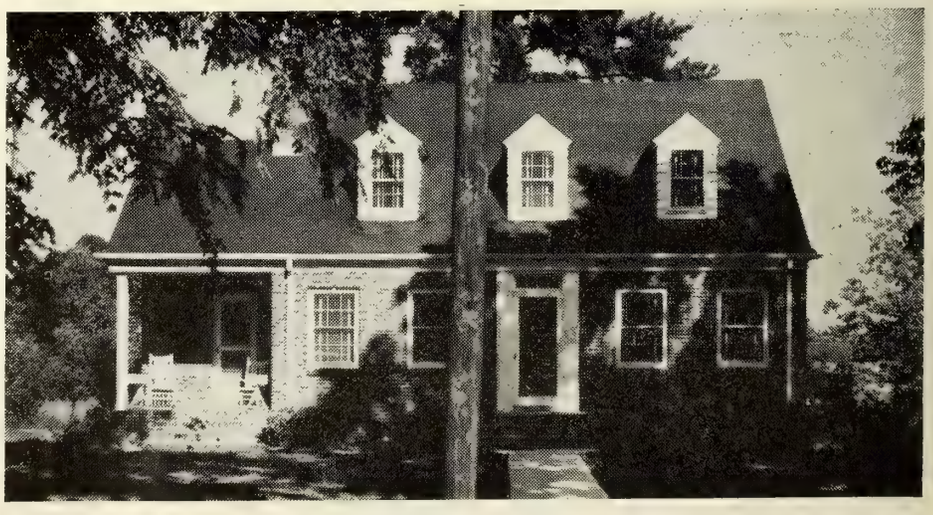
BISHOP PEELE DEDICATES LILLINGTON PARSONAGE

Bishop W. W. Peele was the principal speaker at the dedication of the beautiful new parsonage of the Lillington Methodist church Sunday morning, May 15.

The new parsonage was built during 1947 at a cost of approximately $15,500, and is a modern structure in every respect, with three bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room, kitchen and study.

Members of the three committees in charge of this project are:

Building committee, K. G. Mace, chairman, Joel Layton, Jr., and Carl Kelly; plans committee, Mrs. Graham D. Monroe, chairman, Mrs. Joel G. Layton, Jr., Sion Wilborn, Mrs. W. A. Tew and M. O. Lee; and finance committee, Mrs. Joel G. Layton, Jr., chairman, Leo Kelly, Billy Bradley, Mrs. W. E. Moore and Mrs. G. D. Monroe. Mr. Kelly also served as treasurer of the project.



Lillington Parsonage

Pilot Mountain Church Dedicated; Methodists Urged To Prepare for Pentecost, Sunday, June 5

BISHOP HARRELL DISCUSSES DOCTRINE OF FORGIVENESS AT DEDICATORY RITES

In a service characterized by simplicity and beauty, the lovely modified Gothic First Methodist Church of Pilot Mountain was dedicated last Sunday morning. Rev. Lee P. Barnett, pastor, was in charge of the impressive service and was assisted by several visiting ministers, with the choir bringing special music. Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte preached the dedicatory sermon on the theme "The Christian Doctrine of Forgiveness," and was in charge of the dedicatory rites that followed.

Stating that the dedication of a church is an appropriate occasion to lift up the central teachings of the church, Bishop Harrell took his text from the question asked of Jesus following his pronouncement of forgiveness upon a sinful woman: "Who is this that forgiveth sins also?" Bishop Harrell declared that no announcement is more startling than the doctrine of the forgiveness of sins. "No man," he continued, "has to take himself as he is. The doctrine of forgiveness is from Christ or nobody. Time or the law of right and wrong can do nothing about it. We must not take the doctrine of forgiveness too easily. We must understand the terribleness of sin. We cannot escape conscience or the curse of sin. As sinners we are undone. We are hopeless and helpless unless some one comes to our rescue. That some one is Jesus. No man can know the reality of the forgiveness of sin until he comes into the presence of Jesus Christ."

The speaker declared that forgiveness is available through repentance and faith. "Repentance," he concluded, "is genuine sorrow for anything that is beyond our control and remedy. Repentance comes when we turn over our sins to God."

Assisting in the service were Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent of the Winston-Salem district, who read the Scripture lesson; two former pastors, Rev. C. B. Ross of Spindale, who led the canticle, and Rev. C. C. Washam of Andrews, who led the prayer; and J. A. Pell, Jr., who presented the church for dedication.

Following the service, the congregation, made up of many local people and visitors, gathered for lunch in the social room downstairs.

Built at a cost of around $90,000, the church was begun in April last year and completed in December.

THAT WE MAY HAVE ANOTHER PENTECOST

By George H. Jones

Staff Member Gen. Board of Evangelism

The first Sunday in June is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is one of the lost days of the Christian calendar. It will be a wholesome day when Methodist churches and the entire Christian church reclaim it.

Pastors are challenged not so much to observe Pentecost on Sunday, June 5, but to meet the conditions on that day so that every church will have a Pentecost. God wills that He send His Holy Spirit upon all people. The Holy Spirit will come upon those who desire Him to come. If we will organize our churches to witness to the fact that Jesus is Christ, and that He is alive, and can save persons from sin and death, we will have another Pentecost.

Pentecost Sunday can be made to climax 50 golden days of evangelism between Easter and Pentecost. We have the same God, the same living Christ, and the same Holy Spirit that the early Christians had. If pastors of churches will do as the disciples did on the first Pentecost, a great spiritual awakening will come throughout our church. What did these early disciples do?

First of all, these early disciples had been with Christ. They realized they were to witness for Him. Witnessing for Him was one of the prerequisites of being a disciple. These early Christians met for prayer. They met not just once, but they met over and over again. They had fellowship one with another and they prayed until they were all of one accord. They were sincere in giving themselves completely to Christ and His kingdom. They were sincere in that they wanted the Holy Spirit whom Christ had promised them would come in His stead. They were obedient to Christ. He had told them to wait, "to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high."

They met the conditions for the coming of the Holy Spirit and they allowed the Holy Spirit to come and take complete possession of their lives. It possessed them through and through, even their witnessing and preaching. Consider the fearlessness of Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost when 3,000 souls were swung into the kingdom. Consider the fact that the Christians were determined that they were going to obey God rather than men.

They proclaimed the crucified Saviour, even a resurrected Christ. They called for repentance for the remission of sins; they made this a prerequisite for the receiving of the Holy Spirit.

If the church will do this today, it will have another Pentecost. Therefore the General Board of Evangelism calls upon pastors and churches to so arrange their work and their church activities that the pre-Pentecost season may be devoted to witnessing for Christ, to much prayer, to fellowship together, and to preaching of the crucified and risen Christ.



Board of Stewards of First Church, Pilot Mountain

TRIBUTE TO MARVIN CULBRETH

J. L. Cuninggim

Anyone who listened to Marvin Culbreth could not but be impressed with the ease and grace with which he spoke. He had an unusual knowledge of words and knew well how to use them. He was a gifted platform speaker, whom I was always glad to hear.

But to Marvin more important than the language he used was the quality of thought it expressed. He was not radical in his thinking but was independent in his thought. Even to his last days he read good books and did his own thinking. He combined intellectual qualities of the educator and poet.

And furthermore, our friend was a great Christian. He combined in an unusual degree both the devotional and the social aspect of Christianity. To him there was no social gospel or individual gospel more or less opposed to each other. There was but one gospel which included one's relation to God and to man. He therefore gave great emphasis to personal religion and courageously championed the application of religion to the problems that confront us.

When I think of Marvin Culbreth as I knew him, my mind turns to Paul's noble exhortation: "In honor preferring one another." Many of us read this injunction with enthusiasm but find it difficult to live up to it. Not so with Marvin Culbreth as I had opportunity to know. On one occasion when he was offered a splendid position which would have been much to his advantage in his conference, and which he really desired, he quietly but persistently put forward a brother preacher in his stead. He definitely stood aside, and in honor and advancement, preferred another. This is indeed a test of Christian discipleship!

DUKE LAW JOURNAL DISCUSSES CHURCH-STATE STRUGGLE

The struggle between the church and government and the place of education in the system, is discussed in the latest issue of "Law and Contemporary Problems," published by the Duke University School of Law.

Eight nationally-known lawyers, political scientists, theologians and philosophers have contributed to the symposium entitled "Religion and the State."

N. C. Conference Methodist College Sunday, June 5, 1949

DO YOU KNOW?

"That Educational costs have increased 103% since 1939, and student cost have advance only 41% over 1939.

"That interest from endowment now provides only 11% of the operating income of Methodist colleges.

"That gifts by Methodists for the support of their educational institutions amount to only 16c per capita. (The average cost per capita for tax supported institutions of higher learning is $2.47.)

"That both the General Conference and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference recommended 'the raising of a total sum that shall represent an average of at least 50c a member per annum for current maintenance of Methodist Institutions of higher learning as the goal for the coming quadrennium'." (Our present conference appropriation is at the rate of 12c per annum per member.)

WHY THIS SPECIAL CALL?

On page 136 of the Conference Journal you will find that $18,000 was paid out last year to our colleges from the College Advance "5% endowment" fund. This fund was carried in the budget by nearly all our charges, which supplemented the regular annual appropriation for each school through the Conference Board of Education. This "5%" fund came to a sudden end with the designated period of the Methodist College Advance, and our conference did not increase its annual appropriation to our colleges. Our churches were relieved of one budget item, but there disappeared from the support of our schools an amount almost equal to our annual appropriation. The offering on College Day is our only planned means of remedying a serious situation in our support of these schools.

Authorization

On page 69 of the current Journal of the North Carolina Conference in the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance there is the authorization for Methodist College Sunday. "We recommend the designation of the first Sunday in June as College Sunday and that an offering be taken for the support of our Church Educational Institutions."

On the Basis of Service Rendered

This College Sunday, with emphasis placed on our Methodist Colleges, is based on service rendered and acute need, rather than on the basis of a "directive" from any board or commission.

Our Four Splendid Schools

LOUISBURG COLLEGE
our co-educational Junior College

HIGH POINT COLLEGE
our four-year co-educational college

GREENSBORO COLLEGE
our four-year college for women

DUKE UNIVERSITY
our university and Divinity School

These are the schools which are directly related to our Conference, and they will share in the emphasis on College Sunday and in the offering taken.

This College Day Is Sponsored by the Board of Education and the North Carolina Conference

Each local church will plan its own program for the day and take the offering in such a way that will produce the maximum results.

Send offering to Wayne G. Starnes, Treas., N. C. Conference Board of Education, 1503 Carolina Ave., Durham, N. C.

Salisbury District Holds Meeting; Caravans Serve Asheville District; Marion Executive Group Meets

Edited by Mrs. E. L. Ballard
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SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT PFEIFFER COLLEGE

The last notice of the joint School of Missions and Christian Service has been mailed out by the publicity chairman, Mrs. C. A. York, and in brief is as follows:

Date: June 12-17, 1949. (Spiritual Life Retreat, June 10-12).

Four credit courses, workshops and departmental clinics.

For all district and local officers and any members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Cost: Registration fee, $2.00—room and board, $12.00.

Take—Sheets, pillow cases, towels and soap.

Send in your registration at once to Mrs. P. A. Masten, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

SALISBURY DISTRICT MEETING

The spring district meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Salisbury District, was held at Central Methodist church, Spencer, May 5, 1949, with Mrs. C. M. Waggoner, president, presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Yountz; and welcome was extended by Mrs. J. D. Carter. Roll call showed more than 200 present, with six conference officers and one jurisdiction officer in attendance.

Mrs. C. N. Clark, conference secretary of missionary personnel, gave a most inspiring and helpful address, centering her remarks on the theme "Advance." She pointed out that in order to advance we must have an interest in young people giving themselves to full time Christian work.

Officers of the district were installed by the district superintendent, Dr. Walter B. West, as follows: President, Mrs. F. H. Shinn, Brumley St., Concord; vice-president, Mrs. Walter B. West, 325 S. Church St., Salisbury; recording secretary, Mrs. R. E. Bisel, Box 1004, Badin; promotion secretary, Mrs. Geddie B. Strickland, 931 Montgomery Ave., Albemarle; treasurer, Mrs. George Miller, 401 Salisbury Ave., Spencer; and secretaries—spiritual life, Mrs. C. W. Murphy, Concord; missionary education, Mrs. L. R. Akers, Palmer St., Albemarle; literature and publications, Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., S. Church St., Salisbury; supply work, Mrs. Marvin Miller, Route 4, Concord; youth work, Mrs. J. E. Yountz, Fourth St., Spencer; student work, Mrs. I. L. Sharpe, New London; children's work, Mrs. Fred Sides, 196 Guy St., Concord; missionary personnel, Mrs. R. A. Elder, 1722 Charlotte Road, Albemarle; status of women, Mrs. Kenneth Shinn, China Grove; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. W. L. Linker, 207 Kannapolis Road, Concord; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. J F. Jarvis, 237 McGill St., Concord.

Miss Mary Floyd, retiring secretary of spiritual life, and Mrs. W. B. Ward, Jr., retiring secretary of literature and publications, and Mrs. Bobbitt, Central church, Spencer, were presented life memberships. Mrs. C. M. Waggoner, who has served the district as president for four years, was presented an honorary life membership.

The noon hour devotional was conducted by Mrs. J. Dale Stentz and in the afternoon Mrs. J. W. Harbison, jurisdiction secretary of supply work, spoke on the work of the department. This was followed by the president's message which was in the form of a farewell address, by Mrs. C. M. Waggoner.

CARAVANS IN ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Four Caravans were held in the Asheville district recently with four district officers—Miss Amy Hackney, president; Mrs. Clarence Bishop, secretary of literature and publications; Mrs. J. H. Bancroft, secretary of spiritual life, and Mrs. S. M. Garren, promotion secretary; and Mrs. J. W. Payne, conference president, participating—and the Advance program was presented effectively.

A total of 217 women attended these meetings, with practically every society in the district represented. Records of the national president's address, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, and songs by Mrs. Karl Downs, noted Negro soloist, were used in all the meetings to good advantage. Chairmen of the four sub-districts presided in their respective meetings, and the meetings were held in Central church, Asheville; the new Abernethy Memorial Church, Asheville; Weaverville and Hendersonville.

The women particularly enjoyed and were benefited by the messages of Mrs. J. W. Payne.

EXECUTIVE MEETING—MARION DISTRICT

At the Marion district board meeting, held April 30, at the Rainbow Grill in Morganton, it was decided that the district accept a missionary project in India in the support of Jane Stentz when she takes up her work in India. Jane is at Scarritt on the Francis Lael scholarship and has been accepted by the board for foreign work.

The district presented life memberships to Mrs. A. T. Abernethy, president; Mrs. J. F. Jonas, vice-president; Mrs. J. P. Morris, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. A. W. Phillips, secretary of literature and publications; Mrs. Ralph Harbison, secretary of children's work; Mrs. E. L. Davis, sub-district chairman; and Mrs. Iva Lovelace, treasurer.

It was reported that the mother of Miss Una Edwards and Mrs. Iva Lovelace had undergone a major operation at a Spartanburg hospital the day before the meeting and was seriously ill. Special prayer was offered for Mrs. Edwards and a message of sympathy sent to Miss Edwards and Mrs. Lovelace.

New officers in the district are: Mrs. James Council of Boone, secretary of student work; Mrs. J. D. Rankin also of Boone, recording secretary; and Mrs. Harvey Greenlee of Glen Alpine, missionary service.

Plans were made for the district conference to be held at Spruce Pine, July 9, and the district executive board to meet for a picnic at Loven's Springs in August.

STATUS OF WOMEN

There are today 214 women in state legislatures, 126 Republicans and 88 Democrats. There are three more women in 1949 state legislatures than in 1948, but 20 less than in 1946. There are 16 women in state senates, ten Republicans and 6 Democrats. In state assemblies there are 116 Republican women and 82 Democrats. This record comes from 39 states. There are no women in the legislatures of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota and Virginia.

You Can't Blame Us for Wanting to Sing! For We Are Expecting Showers of "Extra" Dollars before Next January

The manufacturers of the various products listed here, have offered us . . .

$8.00 per 1,000, instead of the usual $4.00 for coupons from

Octagon Toilet Soap, Octagon Granulated Soap, Ballard's Obelisk Flour and Prepared Mixes

"EXTRA" CASH per 1,000 on all coupons (except Borden's) we turn in equal to the Quota assigned to us.

50% "EXTRA" CASH per 1,000, on all coupons, except Borden's, we accumulate, in excess of the Quota.

(Special offers above, effective to Jan. 31, 1950)

Something to Sing About!



"KEEP US SINGING" by sending coupon contributions regularly, to

THE BETHLEHEM CENTER
Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

O N L Y through THE INTEREST . . . THE ENTHUSIASM . . . THE CONTRIBUTING OF COUPONS from all members of your group . . . from all friends of our work, can we hope to avail ourselves of this great OPPORTUNITY that is within our reach.

Remember! We want coupons from all of these products . . . but, in partiular from those for which we are offered twice or double the normal cash return. . .

Octagon Soap Products
Rumford Baking Powder
Luzianne Coffee & Tea
Mrs. Filbert's Margarine
Hearth Club Baking Powder
Ballard's Obelisk Flour
Jersey Cereals
Borden's Silver Cow Evap. Milk & Magnolia Cond. Milk

Hubbard Brings Sermon Series; Holds May Day Festival; Music Pupils Recite; Vacation Planned

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

The Methodist Orphanage
RALEIGH, N. C.

Owned and maintained by the North Carolina Conference

FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby will and bequeath to the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C., contemplated by the charter under Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina (here designate the bequest) . . .

SPIRITUAL LIFE SERVICES

Fifty years ago ministers and laymen of the Methodist Church established this home for destitute children and homeless boys and girls. The leaders in this great work recognized the moral and spiritual needs of each child. The home has been Christ-centered all through these years and every child has received special religious training.

As a definite part of our anniversary observance, we have had a series of services this past week. Each night special music was furnished by some groups of children, and a message by Rev. Charles Hubbard of Hillsboro.

These sermons were practical and deeply personal in their appeal to our boys and girls. Conferences were arranged during the week with children in the cottages and class rooms. Mr. Hubbard has a gift for ministering to young people with a heart of affection and with an understanding spirit. His services are deeply appreciated and will bear rich fruit in the lives of all those who took part in this series of meetings.

MOTOR INSTALLED

For many years the girls have operated the elevator near the supply room by pulling on a large rope. Sometimes their feet would slip and accidents occur.

We are glad to report now that a motor has been installed. The large cans of milk and kitchen supplies can be handled with ease. Our children are safer and happier with this new equipment.

TWINS ARRIVE

Sunday, May 15, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Batten became the proud parents of twin girls. Mr. Batten is our electrician and maintenance man here on the campus. He lives in a cottage near our dining hall. His services mean much to the on-going of our home.

We offer our hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Batten. The names of these girls are, Phyllis Dianne and Susan Faye.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL

On the first Saturday afternoon of this month our first May Day program was presented. The weather was ideal and the setting was beautiful. The platform was located under the trees on the lawn near the Burwell building.

Sudie Grey Williamson, the May queen, led the procession from the cottage to the platform. Ella Louise Smith served as maid of honor. Eight attendants from the four high school classes made up part of the court. The flower girls and crown bearer were children from the baby cottage.

Twelve different groups of children representing the twelve months of the year provided a lovely entertainment for the court, and the large audience.

Mrs. R. A. Simmons directed the music and Mrs. Fred Smith and Miss Ann Larkin planned the program. The Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street church furnished the flowers and the costumes.

This festival was received with so much enthusiasm we are confident it will be made an annual spring event here on our campus.

PIANO RECITAL

Seventeen of our girls and one senior boy took part in a piano recital last week. The auditorium was filled with visitors and members of our Orphanage family. Relatives and friends of these talented young people came to hear the inspiring program.

We are doing our best to discover the talents of our large family of children. When we find a boy, or girl, who has some special gift, we find some way to give that person special instruction. When we see the pictures some have painted, and hear others play and sing, our hearts rejoice. We are genuinely proud of these who are showing steady improvements in some special field of activity. These will always have our applause and personal encouragement.

VACATION PLANNED

Most of the children of our home will be given their vacation the first two weeks of July. A few of the boys and girls will have to stay on the campus to keep up the farm work, take care of the dairy, and look after other duties here at the home. These will be given time off in August.

Some of our boys and girls do not have any relatives with whom they can visit. In past years many homes have been thrown open to boys and girls who did not have any place to go at vacation time. If you are interested, and would like to make some child happy, plan to invite a boy or girl to spend a week or two in your home this summer. A service like this is sure to bless the one who gives, as well as the one who receives.

LETTER FROM A SENIOR

Dear Friends,

My name is Cabot Excell Long. I came from Chapel Hill 13 years ago, to make the Methodist Orphanage my new home. I can look back and see through the past to the time I came to make the Orphanage my new home. It seems as if it were only yesterday, because the years have flown by so fast. I remember well when I was a little tot in the baby cottage, trying to learn the simple rules of the home. It wasn't long before I fell in line with all the other new boys and girls, and I soon liked the Orphanage as my new home.

During the thirteen years I have lived at the Orphanage I have not always found everything just as I would like to have it. It didn't take me long to find out that I must learn to give and take many things which I thought would never do me any good. Many times during the happy years I have spent under the guidance of the Orphanage I can see that those little things which I was made to learn while I was young have made a great impression on my life.

There is no amount of money that could repay the workers and teachers for the guidance and instructions they have given me through the years. I can't express in words my appreciation to the Methodist Orphanage and to those who took a part in giving me, a boy from the country section of Chapel Hill, a home in which to make a start in life. The Methodist Orphanage has taught me to take what you have and make the best of it. I know this policy will always be with me, no matter where I go or what I do.

I have come to my senior year at the Methodist Orphanage, and I am looking into the future with the hope that I can so live that men will see the wonderful work that the Orphanage is doing for boys and girls. I wish to thank all those who have made it possible for me to live at the Methodist Orphanage. Cabot Long.

TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is a treat to take your family to Sunday school. Yes, a treat that will be the cause of rejoicing in your household. And, with this joy will come the moral strength and the soul-satisfying experience that only religious worship can give.

From the good Book we learn, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The spiritual guidance of Sunday school is more important than ever before in world history, for "righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

Peace throughout the world can only be founded on the firm rock of religion. Religion is the very heart of our being—our most precious asset. It is our strongest bulwark for peace. If it touches us in childhood, it will remain the rod and staff of our adult life.

By placing a high value upon church and Sunday school attendance, regardless of creed, we deepen the faith of our children and make a lasting spiritual contribution to their growth.

We fathers and mothers of America must "take," not "send" our boys and girls to Sunday school, for religion is likewise the strongest link in the chain in family unity. And united families, with firm spiritual faith, not only spell happy, wholesome childhood, but furnish one of the surest and best ways for the preservation of democracy.

So, fellow Americans, let's take the family to Sunday school, and give them a heavenly endowed fellowship in the greatest educational institution on earth.

TOM CLARK,
Attorney General of the United States.

WE HELP RESETTLE A DP FAMILY

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and agricultural states of them. Over 800,000 of these refugees have been suffering in camps in Germany cared for by UNRA, and later by IRO (International Refugee Organization). This does not include thousands of Czechs and others in camps in Italy. Hence I believe the churches and people in North Carolina should move rapidly to sponsor these refugees. The sponsor is expected to aid them in getting established, not exploit them, but pay a reasonable wage or prevailing system, but assumes no other obligation. The IRO, and church agencies pay their way to the station where you meet them.

I believe we need thousands of these refugees on our farms, and that the Methodist church can do no greater service just now than to sponsor these hopeless, suffering people and give them new life and faith in America.

Sunday School Lesson for MAY 29

Finding Purpose and Power Through Prayer

Mark 14:32-52

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

We are profoundly grateful for the story of Christ's struggle in Gethsemane, because it shows how utterly human Jesus was. Like us he was subject to storms of dread and terror, and hence is all the more able to be our sympathetic Saviour (Hebrews 4:15).

An added proof of how human our divine Saviour was is found in his yearning for sympathy. He said to the three disciples whom he took with him to the inner recesses of the garden, Abide ye here and watch. His struggle was too terrible for them to understand, but he wanted them to keep awake and sit there knowing that he was in agony. And thrice he came to them just to assure himself that they were watching with him. And thrice, alas, he found them asleep. And that alone makes him nearer to us, for it is likely that in the most terrible experience of our own lives those closest to us may be asleep, or so absorbed in their own affairs that they might as well be asleep.

In one sense Jesus' prayer for deliverance was not answered; but let no one say that an answer was not given, for after the struggle he rose like a giant ready to face the worst, and throughout his trial he maintained before the chief priests and Pilate, and all his tormentors, the mien of imperial majesty.

After he found the disciples the third time sleeping, he said, It is enough. The scholars are puzzled by these words. Perhaps he meant, Enough of that; the time for sleeping is at an end, and the crisis is upon you.

Why did the disciples fail at this crisis? First of all, they did not realize that it was a crisis. Moreover they did not sense their own weakness. They knew that their intentions were good. But our Lord knew that good intentions would not be sufficient to steady them when the shock came. So he said, Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. I know, said He, that the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Heaven help us all to remember the weakness of the flesh and to beware of self-confidence; and Heaven help us to realize how abundant is the grace of God to enable us to overcome its weakness if only we watch and pray. Every one also needs to remember that when he feels that nothing is liable to happen which will put him sternly to the test, that is often the very time when the test is at hand.

What did Jesus mean by his exhortation to watch? Primarily with these disciples he meant, Keep awake; don't let the crisis come upon you when you are sunk in the stupor of sleep, and hence unable quickly to pull yourself together. But keeping physically awake is only one small aspect of the watching that Jesus enjoins. He means, Build fire escapes from the power of your passions. Let the word EXIT in fiery letters be found everywhere in your mental habitation. Guard against those physical conditions that predispose to temptation. Keep your imagination clear of images that are torches to light the fires of hell. Fill your life with those positive activities that kill off the germs of moral influenza.

But watching is not all. Jesus says, Watch and pray. One hears men say, I always pray every morning; as though that indicated a high degree of piety. But the normal Christian talks to God as a little child talks to his mother. His life is a joyous conversation with God. He looks to God as spontaneously as he breathes.

If we watch and pray we shall never be surprised by an ambush, and never face a supreme test when our spiritual vitality is low, our minds wavering, and our inner peace ruffled by misgivings of conscience.

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Children's Storytime

Charlotte Ann's Yellow Beads

One bright spring day Charley was busy painting the bird house he had made. He gave a last stroke with his paint brush and drew a long breath.

"There," he said to Lena, who, with her doll Charlotte Ann, stood looking on. "I will leave it in the sun to dry, and then Father is going to help me put it up in the trees. If the bluebirds do not like this house they will be hard to please."

Lena gazed admiringly at the little white bird cottage with its glistening red roof and green shutters.

"Charlotte Ann would like to live in a house like that," she said. "While you have been making the bird houses I have strung her a necklace. Grandmother gave me the beads. See how yellow they are? They shine like gold. They are part of a necklace she had when she was a little girl, but she lost some of the beads bit by bit, until they are all that are left."

"They are pretty," said Charley, "and I suppose Charlotte Ann will be very proud of them, but not as proud as the bluebirds will be, when they live in my house."

Then the two children ran away to play.

The next day they came to see if the paint was dry on the bird house. Charley went all over it carefully to see if there was a rough spot, and Lena and Charlotte Ann looked at it all they wished. Lena even put Charlotte Ann's head inside the tiny door that she might see how it looked. "Don't you wish you were a bluebird, Charlotte Ann?" she asked. "Then you might live in the bird house."

Within a day or two a happy pair of bluebirds came to the little house and, after looking it over carefully, moved in. Charley watched them all his spare time, but Lena was very unhappy, for somehow or other Charlotte Ann had lost her necklace of pretty yellow beads. Lena had hunted everywhere, down by the brook, in the pasture woods, and all through the yard around the house, but no yellow beads were to be found.

"I just know the hens ate them," she said mournfully; "they probably thought they were grains of corn."

The summer went on. The bluebirds raised their families and flew away, and at last it was cold weather. Father and Charley took the pretty little house down from the tree to clean it out and put it away until spring.

"I will repaint it," he said, as he went away to get something to clean the house out with.

Lena had Charlotte Ann in her arms. "Let's dust the house while he is gone," she said to Charlotte Ann. "There is an old nest in there, Charlotte Ann, you may pull it out."

She pushed Charlotte Ann's hand into the little door and drew the nest out.

"Oh! Oh! Oh!" she cried, for there, shining in the sunlight, woven in and out among the twigs and straw, were the yellow beads.

"Charley, Charley!" Lena called, "come and see what your bluebirds left behind them for Charlotte Ann and me."

Charley hurried to her. When he saw the little nest with its trimmings of yellow beads, he gave a whistle of surprise.

"How did those bluebirds ever get hold of Charlotte Ann's beads?" he asked.

Lena carefully picked the nest to pieces to get at the beads. "I think I know," she said. "Last spring when you painted the bird house I pushed Charlotte Ann's head through the door, so that she could look inside. The necklace must have come unclasped and fallen inside."

"And the bluebirds borrowed it for the summer to make their nest pretty," laughed Charley, "and now you have your beads back again, none the worse for their experience."

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June

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July

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Pineville: Marvin, 3 17
Unionville: Bethel, 7:30 17
Union County Preachers, 10 18
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Cole Memorial, 8 21
Calvary, 8 22
Ansonville: Concord, 11 24
Prospect: Mount Carmel, 3 24
Marshville, 7:30 24
Anson County Preachers, 10 25
Wadesboro, 8 25
Belmont Park, 8 27
Big Spring, 7:30 28
Hickory Grove, 8 29
Weddington, 8 30
Peachland: Mount Moriah, 11 31
Lilesville: Forestville, 7:30 31

August

New Hope-Bethel: Bethel, 11 7
Indian Trail-Stallings: Grace, 2:30 7
Mouzon, 8 7
Hawthorne Lane, 8 8
Matthews, 8 9
St. James, 8 10
Trinity, 8 11
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Commonwealth, 8:30 12
Brevard Street, 7 17
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District Check-Up Meeting, 4 19
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Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting, 11 21
Polkton: Poplar Hill, 3 21
Pleasant Grove, 8 21
Bethlehem, 8 22
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Morven: Sandy Plain, 3 28
Thrift, 8 28
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St. Paul, 8 31

September

Davidson-Fairview, 7:30 1
Purcell, 7 2
Morris Field, 8:30 2
Asbury-Oak Grove, 11 4
Monroe Circuit: Trinity, 2:30 4
Moores Chapel, 7:30 4
First, 7:30 5
Waxhaw, 7:30 6
Chadwick, 7:15 7
Wesley Heights, 8:30 7
Central Avenue, 7:30 8
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Myers Park, 7:30 12

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May

Polkville, Rehoboth, 11 29
Lowell, South Point, 7:30 29

June

Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 11 12
Gastonia, East End, 7:30 12
Stanley, 11 19
Gastonia, Trinity, 7:30 19
Lincoln Circuit, McKendree, 11 26
Gastonia, Bradley Memorial, 7:30 26

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June

Granite Quarry: Mount Tabor, 11 5
Woodleaf,: Gay's Chapel, 8 5
Bethel, 11 19
Midland: Pine Bluff, 2 19
Stanfield: Love's Grove, 4 19
Spencer: Central, 11 26
Salisbury, First, 3 (Organize Rowan Co. Mission Society) 26
Kerr Street, 8 26

July

Albemarle, First Street, 11 3
Pfeiffer: Zion, 3 3
Concord: Forest Hill, 8 3
Norwood, 11 10
Albemarle, Central, 3 (Organize Stanley Co. Mis. Soc.) 10
Jackson Park, 8 10
Salisbury, Park Avenue, 11 17
North Kannapolis, 8 17
Mount Mitchell, 11 24
Concord, Central, 3 (Organize Cabarrus Co. Mis. Soc.).. 24
Mount Olivet, 8 24
Roberta, 11 31
Harmony, 8 31

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July

Helton: Trinity, 11 3
Warrensville: Smethport, 3 3
Laurel Springs: Chestnut Hill, 7:30 3
West Jefferson, 7:30 4
Stony Point, 7:30 5
Claremont-Shiloh, Shiloh, 7:30 6
Mooresville Ct.-Triplett: Triplett, 7:30 7
Harmony: Turnersburg, 7:30 8
Lenoir, First, 11 10
Harpers: Harpers, 3 10
Whitnel, 7:30 10
Mooresville, Broad Street, 7:30 11
Hudson: Hudson, 7:30 12
Hickory, Bethel, 7:30 13
Granite Falls, 7:30 14
Newton, Abernethy Memorial, 11 17
Catawba: Hopewell, 3 17
Olin: Olin, 7:30 17
Hickory, Highland-Fairgrove: Fairgrove, 7:30 18
North Wilkesboro, 7:30 20
Millers Creek: Charity, 11 24
Jefferson: Orion, 3 24
Troutman: Troutman, 7:30 24
Statesville, Boulevard, 7:30 27
Lenoir Circuit: Littlejohns, 11 31
Dudley Shoals: Ebenezer, 3 31
Wilkesboro: Union, 7:30 31

August

District Superintendents Conference, Junaluska 1-5
Grace-Rhodhiss: Grace, 11 7
Taylorsville: Carsons Chapel, 3 7
Shepherds: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 7
Statesville, Race Street, 7:30 8
Mooresville, Jones Memorial, 7:30 9
Mooresville, Central, 7:30 10
Newton, First, 7:30 11
Balls Creek: Center, 11 14
Moravian Falls: Beulah, 3 14
Union Grove-Zion: Friendship, 7:30 14
Elmwood: Ebenezer, 11 21
Cool Springs: Cool Springs, 3 21
McKendree: Williamsons Chapel, 7:30 21
Hickory, First, 7:30 24
Hiddenite: Center, 11 28
Statesville Circuit: Chapel Hill, 3 28
Maiden: Mays Chapel, 7:30 28
Hickory, Westview, 7:30 29
Monticello-Rose Chapel: Monticello, 7:30 31

September

Statesville, Broad Street, 7:30 7

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May

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Old Union, 3 29

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May

Kernersville, Main St., 11, ... 29
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May

Graham: Graham, 11 29
Haw River, Haw River, 7:30 29

June

Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg, Saturday and Sunday .. 11-12
Burlington, Davis Street, 11 19
Mebane, Mebane, 7:30 19
Roxboro, Grace, 11 26
Mt. Tirzah, Mt. Tirzah, 3 26
Durham, Bethany, 7:30 26

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May

Stumpy Point: Stumpy Point, 11 29
Manteo, 8 29

June

Columbia: Cedar Grove, 11 5
Creswell: Mount Hermon, 8 5
Plymouth, 11 12
Roper: Siloam, 3 12
Murfreesboro: Union, 11 19
Belhaven: Belhaven, 8 19
Hertford, 11 26
Chowan: Bethany, 3 26

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May

Red Springs (preaching), 11 29
Stedman: Tabor, 3 or 7:30 (Time to be selected) 29

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May

Goldsboro, Daniels Memorial, 11 28

June

Newport High School, 11 5
Straits: Smyrna, 7:30 5
Convocation 7-10
Walstonburg: Arthur, 11 12
Mount Olive Circuit: Bethel, 11 18
Kinston, Queen Street, 11 19
Vanceboro: Chapman's, 11 25
Marshallberg, 11 26
Atlantic: Sealevel, 7:30 26

July

Hookerton: Frizzelle Memorial, 11 3
Morehead Circuit: Camp Glenn, 11 10
Morehead City, First, 8 10
Newport: Oak Grove, 11 17
Beaufort, 11 24
Goldsboro, St. Paul, 11 31

August

Greenville, Jarvis Memorial, 11 7

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May

Princeton: Fellowship, 11 (Dedication) 29
Salem, 8 29

June

Four Oaks: Sanders, 11 5
Lillington: Pleasant Plains, 3 5
Kipling: Angier, 8 5
LAYMEN'S RETREAT, Louisburg College, ... 11-12
Cary, 8 12
Fuquay Springs, 11 19
Moncure: Buckhorn, 8 19
Vance: Gillburg, 11 (Dedication) 26
Clayton, 8 26

July

Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 11 3
Louisburg Circuit: Shiloh, 11 10
Raleigh, Trinity, 8 10
Raleigh, Edenton St., 11 17
Dunn, 8 17

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May

Enfield, 11 29

June

Stantonsburg, Lebanon, 11 5
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May

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June

Chadbourn, 11 5
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Pastors' School, Duke University 7-10
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It described an incident that took place in a Southern burial ground just two years after the Civil War: "The women of Columbus, Mississippi, have shown themselves impartial in their offerings made to the memory of the dead. They strewed flowers alike on the graves of the Confederate and of the National soldiers."

The news item tells us nothing more. We do not know who the women were, or what impulse prompted them to pay this simple tribute to men who were once their enemies. But details are unimportant in any story of the human heart. We know that it was spring, and the world was fresh again with promise for the living. We can picture one of these women, walking with her flowers among the graves, pausing before a tombstone that had no marking. We can only guess her thoughts.

All she knows of this soldier is the color of his uniform—blue, not gray. But there, under the earth, what does it matter now?

The woman kneels and decorates the grave with flowers. The other women, seeing her, suddenly remember what the entire nation has so recently forgotten—that all these men were brothers. Then, to more fittingly honor the memories of their own beloved dead, they strew their flowers on all graves—the Blue as well as the Gray.

This beautiful tribute captured the imagination of America. Men and women repeated the ceremony all over the country, and soon it became a national custom. Two years later, the thirtieth of May was officially designated as Memorial Day—dedicated to the memory of all soldiers who have died in the wars fought by this nation.

Since that time, the toll of our battle heroes has mounted through other bitter conflicts. Americans from all walks of life, from all sections of the country—men of different races and creeds—have fought together, died together.

Often as we return to thoughts of the living, we cannot help but note that the same spirit of universal fellowship does not prevail. Even right here in the United States we still find evidence of racial prejudice and religious bigotry.

Millions of people who are every inch as good Americans as their neighbors, and who are certainly as beloved by God as the rest of His children, are denied the most basic human rights. Job discrimination limits their ability to care adequately for their families. Discrimination in education prevents them from achieving their proper usefulness in society. Discrimination in housing banishes them to substandard dwellings.

This deplorable state of affairs, which the President's Committee on Civil Rights brought to the attention of the American people, has stirred up a storm of protest throughout the United States. That is why civil rights legislation has become one of the most important issues in this country today. This effort of our nation to cast out of its eye the beam of discrimination is one that every true Christian will not only applaud, but assist.

The humanitarian aims of the civil rights program transcend all political differences. This program finds its impulse in the religious conviction which is the very heart of our democracy—the belief that each individual is a creature of dignity and has an "unalienable right" to live as a respected member of society. In this simple creed lies the secret of our nation's success, the unity and strength that have brought us to our present position of world leadership.

If we would hold this position, we must be continually on the alert to fill in the gaps between our Christian ethics and our daily practices. We can do this best by guaranteeing to all, the human rights we cherish for ourselves. These are the same rights for which the heroes we honor on this Memorial Day fought and died. America's sons did not set out to win special privileges for some people. In defending the rights of all they unstintingly served the cause of God and country. We have no choice but to carry high the banner they followed. By safeguarding human rights for all Americans, we shall make this country the closest thing on earth to the Kingdom of Heaven.—Religious Press Committee.

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June Time Is Wedding Time

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WORLD SERVICE COMMISSION DEFERS ACTION ON CHANGES

By C. C. Herbert, Jr.

The W. N. C. Conference Commission on World Service and Finance met at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, on May 20, at 10 a.m. to study the matter of basing the Conference claimants, district superintendents and Children's Home funds on items 43, 44, and 46 of the pastor's report, as requested by the last session of the Annual Conference. Ten of the 11 members of the Commission and about 15 other interested persons were present.

After devotionals led by Rev. C. O. Kennerly, those favoring the change of basis of apportionments spoke. Among these were Rev. Garland Stafford, Rev. John Hoyle, O. V. Woosley, and others. Then the conference treasurer, Herbert Wayne, presented facts and figures relative to the proposed change. An opportunity was given for those opposing the change to speak and among them were Rev. J. G. Huggin. A letter from Dr. W. A. Stanbury was read.

Every effort was made by the Commission to hear all viewpoints on the matter. Numerous questions were asked and there was considerable free discussion. There was apparent in the thinking of all who spoke an earnest desire to discover what was best for the conference as a whole and for all the charges of the conference.

The Commission, after hearing all who wished to speak met briefly in executive session, and decided to suspend judgment on the matter until another called meeting in August.

BAKERSVILLE

Dear Editor:

Soon after this writer came to the Bakersville charge the Bakersville stewards increased the pastor's salary $700. Now this one church is paying $1,500 pastor's salary. The church also has bought an electric organ. We are having large attendance at all of our services. If you are looking for a place to move to this conference, please do not ask for this church or charge, as the place is already taken.

G. A. Hovis, Pastor.

1949 SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

June 4-11 — Student Regional Conference.
June 13-23—Caravan Training.
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July 12-20—School of Missions.
July 19-29—Young People's Leadership Conference.
July 20-22—Laymen's Conference.
July 26-August 1 — Missionary Conference.
July 29-31—Church School Superintendents.
August 1-4—District and Subdistrict Directors.
August 1-7—Pastors' Convocation.
August 2-5—District Superintendents.
August 3 - 4 — Conference Secretaries, Treasurers, Statisticians.
August 4-16—Leadership School.
August 8-14—Bible Conference.
August 14-16—SE Historical Society.
August 15-21—Week of Evangelism.
August 21-28—Week of Featured Speakers.

THANKS FOR KINDNESS

As it has not been possible for me to acknowledge personally all the letters and cards received during my recent three weeks stay in Moore County Hospital or to thank the many brother ministers and other friends who called during the time I could not receive visitors, please be assured that your many kindnesses were and are deeply appreciated. I am back at the parsonage and am slowly regaining my strength. I trust that I will soon be able to resume my pastoral duties. Mrs. Sneeden is still confined to the house, but we trust will soon be able to be out again. She joins me in these words of appreciation, and we both solicit a continued interest in your prayers.

James W. Sneeden.

West End, N. C.

Wedding Scene

The scene on the front cover this week is the Dockery-Hunter wedding which took place February 19 at West Market Street Church, Greensboro. The bride and groom, Miss Virginia Hunter and Mr. Claudius Dockery, approach the altar to assume the marriage vows. Inside the chancel waiting to perform the ceremony are the two clergymen, Dr. E. C. Few, pastor (right) and Rev. L. C. Larkin, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh. The photo was made by J. Harold Smith, well-known Greensboro photographer.

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Red Hill, Deyton Bend, 10	5
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Bakersville, Glen Ayre, 3	5
Red Hill, Tipton Hill, Night	5
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Old Fort Ct., Bethlehem, 3	12
Cross Mills, Cross Mills, Night	12
Boone, Youth Rally, 5	19
Elk Park, Montezuma, Night	19
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Table Rock, Oak Hill, 3	26
Marion Ct., Glenwood, Night	26
	July
Creston and Green Valley	3-8
Bostic, Sunshine, 10,	10
Bostic, Salem, 11	10
Bostic, Oak Grove, Night	10
Spindale, 11	17
Sunshine, Golden Valley, 3	17
Sunshine, Hopewell (Revival)	17-23
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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That the "mistress of the manse" is a very important factor in his ministry. She is not an employee of the church nor is she to be ordered to work at the command of the congregation. However, because she is the wife of the minister, her personal and social habits are very closely scrutinized and used as either a pattern of conduct or an object of severe criticism. What she does is noticed more quickly than that which other women of the parish do. Although she is not an employee of the church she can render significant service in the program of the church. By her strategic relationship to both the minister and the church, she can be either a serious hindrance or a significant help.

The minister's wife serves best who makes a home in which every member of the family lives a happy, useful life; where culture and conduct are consonant with Christian ideals; where love and service make their constant contribution toward a home worthy of emulation. After a rather long and close acquaintance with the work and homes of ministers, I can say I have known very few ministers' wives who have weakened the influence of their husbands by careless or frivolous conduct, by critical and dictatorial attitudes, or by the spirit of rivalry with their husbands. On the other hand I think minsters' wives deserve much more credit for the effective work done by their husbands than is often recognized.

Delays have dangerous ends.—Shakespeare.

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EDITORIAL

Adequate Financial Support for Our Christian Colleges

College Day to be observed in the North Carolina Conference Sunday, June 5, and Methodist Student Day to be observed throughout the church Sunday, June 12, afford a good opportunity for all Methodists to look realistically at their institutions of higher learning. They will discover at once that if our church colleges are to serve the church worthily and maintain a position of influence and respect in the educational world they must have more income. The financial difficulties of most of our Methodist schools are becoming increasingly more acute.

There are several reasons for this situation. First, the steady rise in cost of operation. During the past ten years operating costs for our colleges have climbed 103%. At the same time student fees have advanced only 41%. Secondly, sharp decreased income from endowment and gifts from individuals. Interest from endowment fund now yields only 11% of the total operating costs. High taxes and other factors make large gifts from individuals less certain. Thirdly, increased competition from state-supported schools. State schools of higher learning are receiving an average of $2.47 a year per capita for their support. At the same time Methodist colleges receive only 16 cents a year per member from Conference appropriations for their support. The North Carolina Conference this year is appropriating an average of 12 cents a member for the support of four colleges, with the authorization of offerings from the churches on College Day. The Western North Carolina Conference is appropriating an average of 13 cents per member, with the authorization of a college emergency fund offering which is supposed to yield about $23,000. Neither Conference, counting appropriations and special offerings, will give more than an average of 20 cents per member. Can our church colleges continue to meet the competition of more adequately supported State schools?

Several years ago some of our leaders, wisely foreseeing the economic perils threatening church colleges, conceived the Methodist College Advance. On a goal of slightly more than $2,000,000 the two Conference up to Annual Conference last fall had received $1,580,513.93—$1,063,498.86, including gifts of $300,000 from James A. Gray and $100,000 from H. A. Dunham, came from the Western North Carolina Conference and $417,015.07, from the North Carolina Conference. These funds have already been of incalculable benefit to five of our Methodist colleges.

Out of the experience of the College Advance was born the Methodist College Foundation, Inc., with the purpose of giving permanent aid to our church colleges. This organization, still in its embryonic stage, has great possibilities. All Methodists should give it their full support.

Somehow we must lay the cause of our Methodist colleges on the hearts of our people. No longer can we depend upon wealthy individuals to bear our responsibilities and take care of the institutions we have fathered. With low income on endowment funds, we cannot hope to get enough income from these sources to give adequate support to our schools. To raise student fees appreciably would shut out hundreds of deserving young people. Therefore, we must appeal more and more to our local churches and the average church member for support. As a permanent policy these special offerings would hardly be sufficient. We believe the churches should be asked to put into their budgets an amount for our Methodist schools. This amount should be increased until both conferences are giving at least the minimum asked for by both the General and Jurisdictional Conferences—an average of 50 cents per member annually.

Not only are our colleges at stake. The very life of the church itself is at stake. The measure of financial support we give our colleges will determine not only the kind of schools, but the kind of churches, we shall have tomorrow.

Far off Thou art, but ever nigh,
I have Thee still, and I rejoice,
I prosper circled with Thy voice;
I shall not lose Thee though I die.
—Alfred Tennyson.

Have You Heard from God Lately?

St. Paul, in Acts 19:2, asks a question of certain Ephesian Christians which seems particularly appropriate for Pentecost: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Put in the language of our day: "Have you heard from God lately?"

Do not we recall the time we first believed, or the time we united with the church? To most of us God seemed very real then. We heard from heaven that day. But what about the years since then? Have cares and responsibilities, failure and success, the struggle for fame and fortune, absorbed so much of our time and thought that there has been little time to listen to God? Has the voice of the crowd or the voice of selfish ambition rendered the voice of God inaudible? Do we look back with a nostalgic wistfulness to days when Christ seemed more real when the Holy Spirit brought immeasurable comfort and inspiration?

It is tremendously important that we hear from Christ when we believe, or when we unite with the church. It is just as important that we keep on hearing from God. It is good that we can talk about a spiritual experience that occurred many years ago. It is better to be able to talk about a spiritual experience that happened last week, yesterday, or even today.

On Sunday we observe the Day of Pentecost. This marks the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the disciples of Jesus. Something marvelous happened to the followers of Jesus that day. Timid, vacillating, bewildered men were suddenly transformed into bold, Christ-filled, joyous evangels. Under the inspiration of that high hour they went out to conquer their world for Christ. But they did not stop with this one visit from heaven. The Holy Spirit was an ever-present comforter, a never-ceasing guide. They went from high moment to high moment. They continued to hear from God every day, and hearing from God they went on from victory to victory.

During these momentous days, let us look for and expect a new word from heaven. God speaks to us every day. Let us pray for ears to hear.

The Holy Spirit Is the Answer

By Wayne McLain*

I believe the next step The Methodist Church should take is to seek actively and earnestly for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Such a baptism is fundamental to the very life of the church. I should like to suggest here the need for such a divine inflow rather than to describe its nature and condition.

At the present time the great need in the World Service program of our church is not primarily more information concerning the plight of men across the world but the gift of a great overflowing heart of love from God which will respond to the situation already known to exist. Information, no matter how dramatically or sensationally presented, sooner or later encounters immunity to appeal unless the springs of love in the human heart are refilled. Because of the drying up of the fountains of love in the human heart, more and more intensive cultivation becomes necessary to carry on the World Service program with less and less returns. Increased information apart from increased inspiration actually builds up a wall of immunity to benevolent appeals. This continuing process in the life of our church has finally resulted in a situation in which the various boards, the secretaries, and the preachers find themselves using various appeals to get response. During the first phase of the Crusade for Christ I found myself appealing to church members to contribute to world relief and reconstruction on the ground that it might be the means of developing a deposit of goodwill in foreign nations which, in turn, would help promote our own national security. I found myself appealing to self love in order to promote the gospel of utter self-giving.

The essential need in our benevolent efforts is not, therefore, informational, but altruistic sensitivity to man's tragic predicament. If a church is filled with the gift of real love it becomes no longer necessary to give human need a dramatic build-up. Preachers no longer find it necessary to tell people they must contribute to World Service in order to keep atomic bombs from falling on their heads. They no longer find it apparently necessary to urge tithing on the ground that the practice promotes personal prosperity Now the spirit of benevolence derives from the recognition of two factors taken together, the awareness of need and appreciation of the value of life restored. This awareness and sensitivity is a matter of the heart, of the emotions; they are given; they cannot be developed from that which is implicit in human nature.

It is the absence of this baptism and continual replenishing which creates the "organizational problem" of The Methodist Church. There is nothing inherently wrong with the principle of organization. Church life could not perpetuate itself apart from some structural form. Church organization, however, is simply an instrument for getting a job done. Fortunately our church is blessed with exceptional organizational skill. The body is good but the Spirit alone can truly give it life. Our great need is overwhelming spiritual power so our church organization will no longer be a burden to be borne but an effective instrument to accomplish our corporate purposes. If, however, emphasis upon organizational machinery becomes primary we then begin to feel ourselves slaves of an institution instead of powerful employers of its functions. As Rufus Moseley says: "It is better to ride in a Packard than in an Austin if you have a lot of power; but if your motor has no power it is easier to push an Austin than a Packard. And it is even better to walk than to push!"

Methodism's greatest need is not more members who have more information about the causes of the church, but more members who have more inspiration through the Holy Spirit.

That which our church truly wants is not so much better organization or more intensive cultivation but a new creation within. No amount of cultivation and fertilizer of thorn bushes will change them to fruit-bearing apple trees. The best way to get apple trees is to plant apple seeds. The best way to get new people is for the New Wine of Heaven to be poured out in their minds and bodies.

The fact that information as such does not possess transforming power is partly why the "evils of drink" approach to the problem of alcoholism so often falls short of adequate therapy. To give the alcoholic a list of facts and figures and to paint in tragic colors the end of the road he is travelling avails little. I know of one man whose doctor warned him that he would die within six months if he did not quit drinking. He kept on drinking and died. Indeed, within the repressed area of the alcoholic's mind is a desire to die. His excessive drinking is itself an attempt to escape life, to commit partial suicide or slow suicide. He is afraid to face life because of conscious and conscious guilt feeling and because of fear of psychological hurt grounded in self-love. He can find no permanent release from his bondage to drink unless he finds release from self-concern and guilt-despair. To state the matter positively, he needs the assurance that his sin is forgiven; he needs to be filled with an out-going love which is given to him to share. His need is not primarily knowledge of what will happen to him if he keeps on drinking, his need is an inner desire to live abundantly. The best thing the church can do, therefore, in regard to the problem of alcoholism, is to lead men to the place where, receiving the New Wine of the Kingdom, they will no longer feel the need for the "firewater" of this world.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit also offers a true solution to the problem of race prejudice. To tell people they "must" treat Negroes as brothers when the inner motivation to do so is lacking is like giving a man a map of a road but refusing to sell him any gas. The source of racial prejudice is primordial pride in the human heart. This pride or obsessive self-love expresses itself individually and socially as (1) conformity to tradition, (2) as economic fear, (3) as escape from guilt, and (4) as active support of the system of enforced inferiority. Because love of the self feeds upon social and cultural approval, man becomes bound to the tradition of his fellows. Only the elimination of this obsessive pride can offer a true solution to the problem of race prejudice. That such pride is present is the affirmation of Christian realism; that it can be removed is the faith of historic Methodism. It is good to disseminate information concerning the biology of the races, the facts of the lives of Negroes of outstanding attainments, and the fundamental equality of all men by virtue of the indwelling divine image; but this essentially educational procedure will not solve the human problem. The only permanent solution to the problem of prejudice is through the regenerative activity of the Holy Spirit upon the human heart, mind, and body whereby pride is suddenly and progressively removed and a new creation implanted and developed within.

The way to the baptism of the Holy Spirit is through utter honesty by which man is brought to complete dedication to do the will of God as revealed in Jesus. Utter honesty requires that we confess our sins in love, that we lay aside all guile in our personal relationships in order that we may feed on the milk of the living Word of God. Dedication requires that we give ourselves without reservation to obey the specific command of Christ, submitting ourselves to Him with complete devotion.

* Pastor, Moriah Church, Greensboro.

What Is Going on in Korea Today?

By Margaret Billingsley

Woman's Division of Christian Service

Korea was formally annexed to the Japanese Empire in 1910.

Liberated at the close of World War II (in which she was compelled to help Japan), and after forty years of suffering, oppression, and military domination, Korea now finds her country divided, with two governments ruling the thirty million people of this small land.

Under the supervision of Russia a "Democratic People's Republic of Korea," claiming jurisdiction over the entire country, was established north of the 38th parallel on September 9, 1948. South of the 38th parallel the "formal inauguration of the "Republic of Korea" on August 15, 1948, marked the culmination of American and United Nations efforts to aid the Korean people in preparing themselves for self-government . . . . All efforts with a view to the re-establishment of Korea as an independent state have failed. The Joint U. S.-U. S. S. R. Commission set up to coordinate administrative and economic matters between the Russian Army and the U. S. Army broke up in a deadlock.

In December, 1948, the United Nations in Paris recognized the government established in Southern Korea, as the only legitimate government in Korea. A permanent United Nations Commission was set up, to return to Korea to observe the general elections throughout North Korea and report back to the United Nations.

The freedom of speech and actions which came with the liberation resulted in the formation of many political parties. Those who had never been allowed a share in the government or even the privilege of exercising any initiative now want to express their new found freedom by becoming leaders. "Everyone wants to be president," reported one Korean. With the establishment of the new goverment, many of the smaller groups seem to have disintegrated. The present struggle is mainly between the government in control and the communists.

The end of the war brought liberation from Japanese rule, but it also presented grave economic problems. While there is an abundant labor supply, technicians and managers are scarce. Under the Japanese, Koreans were denied opportunities to acquire the skills that would have enabled them to administer their own affairs and to operate their industries, mines and transportation facilities. It was the policy of the Japanese to keep the key positions in government, industry, and trade in the hands of the Japanese. This lack of skilled personnel will hamper the recovery of the country for many years to come.

Agriculture, with rice as the main crop, was, and still is, the basic economic factor in Korea. The farm lands were acquired by the Japanese. In 1942 sixty per cent of the entire farming population owned no land at all. Under land reforms which were started by the United States military government by the middle of 1948 the number of owner-operators had risen 126 per cent, while the number of tenants had decreased fifty-six per cent.

The division of the country has imposed additional obstacles to economic recovery. South Korea is the rice and grain producing region, while North Korea is the industrial producer. Southern agriculture depended upon the chemical fertilizer produced in the north. The electrical power and coal came from the north, so when the northern power was cut off on May 14, 1948, southern industrial production slumped to less than fifty per cent of the level it had attained after the war.

Korea, one of the storm centers of the world today, presents an ever-enlarging challenge to all Christendom. Here the struggle between Communism and Christianity is being fought out. What Christians in America do will help to determine the outcome of that struggle.

Then, too, the influx of refugees from North Korea and repatriates from other parts of Asia have placed an increased burden upon the economy of the south. The twenty millions now living south of the 38 degree parallel can live and work only if industries are developed and foreign trade conducted.

During the period October, 1945, and May, 1948, almost two and a half million Koreans officially entered South Korea as refugees or repatriates from North Korea, Manchuria, Japan, China and other Pacific areas. There are indications of a considerable number of unrecorded entries, almost entirely of refugees from the north who failed to pass through control points. The number of unrecorded entries has been estimated at slightly less than one million.

The Japanese educational policy in Korea was directed toward supplanting the indigenous culture by that of Japan, but it contributed to educational development nevertheless by supplying a basic course of instruction to an increasingly larger percentage of the Korean people. The Japanese policy, however, neglected the education of Koreans above the primary level, with the result that secondary and higher education has been inadequate even though private institutions have somewhat mitigated the shortage of facilities.

Today southern Korea is rapidly developing a free democratic system of education on the primary school level with the expectation of extending it to the high schools. All pre-war text books being written in the Japanese language have been discarded so the problem of providing an entirely new series of text books in the Korean language is gigantic.

The number of private secondary schools has increased greatly and all schools have an enrollment double that of pre-war years. Colleges are becoming universities. Boys schools are opening their doors to girls for the first time—everybody is anxious for an education. There is a movement to revive the old cultures—music, dances, plays and all kinds of games and sports.

Confucianism, Buddhism and Christianity are the major religions in Korea. In addition, Shamanism, and a native cult, Chondo-Kyo, are widely practiced. Adherents of all these faiths are scattered throughout the country. An attitude of tolerance prevails.

The Japanese attempted to impose Shintoism on the Koreans, by requiring all Koreans in public positions as well as all teachers and students to worship at its shrines on Japanese holidays. That policy of the Japanese was resented by the Koreans who attempted to circumvent the regulations by all possible means. Shintoism has now left Korea in company with the Japanese.

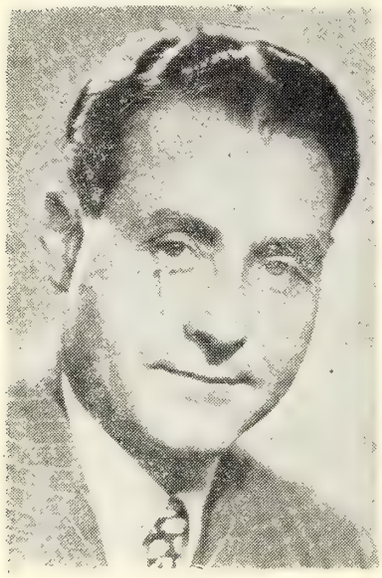
Christianity, having a registered membership of only about 500,000, is Korea's most active religion. The first Catholic missionaries entered Korea from China in 1833, the first Protestants in 1885. Since that time missionary activity has been predominantly American. The Protestant churches in Korea, however, are supported, administered and controlled entirely by Koreans.

Christian organization, particularly in the Protestant churches, was one of the very few fields in which Koreans could obtain administrative experience during Japanese domination. The Christian churches also proved to be centers of non-Japanese education. The churches and church schools continually resisted Japanese efforts to destroy Korean culture while at the same time they educated Koreans in modern ideas and techniques. Christian agencies of America were the major non-governmental agen-

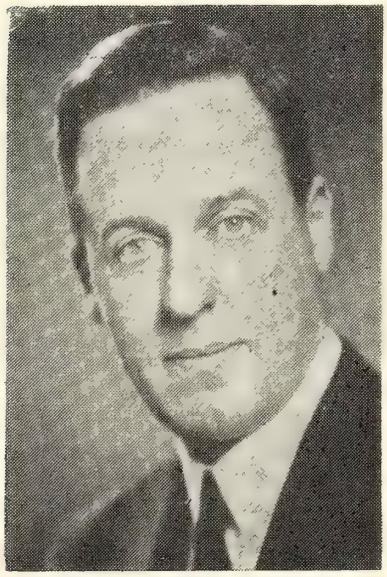
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Program

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1949

9:00-11:00 A. M.—Registration and assignment of rooms. There will not be an advanced registration. Rooms will be assigned as guests arrive.
11:00 A. M.—Opening Session of the Christian Convocation
1:30- 3:00 P. M.—Registration and assignment of rooms
3:00- 3:50 P. M.—First Class Period
4:00- 4:50 P. M.—Second Class Period
8:00 P. M.—Service of Worship—Duke Chapel, the Reverend Robert J. McCracken, Preacher

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

7:30- 8:00 A. M.—Morning Devotions, Duke Chapel
8:10- 9:00 A. M.—Lecture in Page Auditorium—Dr. Wilhelm Pauck
9:20-10:10 A. M.—Third Class Period
10:30-11:20 A. M.—Special Lecture in Page Auditorium—Topic: "What's the Outlook?"
11:40-12:30 P. M.—Fourth Class Period
12:30 P. M.—Fellowship Luncheon—Divinity School Social Room
2:30 P. M.—Workshops; also Council Board of Christian Activities
3:30 P. M.—Special Seminar
4:30 P. M.—Story Telling Hour
6:00 P. M.—Annual Dinner, Duke Divinity School Alumni
7:30 P. M.—Carillon Recital—Mr. Anton Brees
8:00 P. M.—Service of Worship—Duke Chapel, the Reverend Robert J. McCracken, Preacher

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

7:30- 8:00 A. M.—Morning Devotions—Duke Chapel
8:10- 9:00 A. M.—Lecture in Page Auditorium—Dr. Wilhelm Pauck
9:20-10:10 A. M.—Fifth Class Period
10:30-11:20 A. M.—Special Lecture, Page Auditorium
11:40-12:30 P. M.—Sixth Class Period
2:00 P. M.—Council Nominating Committee
2:30 P. M.—Special Seminar
3:30 P. M.—Council Study Committee; Special Seminar
4:30 P. M.—Story Telling Hour
7:30 P. M.—Carillon Recital—Mr. Anton Brees
8:00 P. M.—Service of Worship—Duke Chapel, the Reverend Robert J. McCracken, Preacher

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7:30- 8:00 A. M.—Morning Devotions—Duke Chapel
8:10- 9:00 A. M.—Lecture in Page Auditorium—Dr. Wilhelm Pauck
9:20-10:10 A. M.—Seventh Class Period
10:30-11:20 A. M.—Eighth Class Period
11:30-12:20 P. M.—Special Lecture in Page Auditorium—Topic: "What's the Outlook?"
12:20 P. M.—Closing Assembly

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Dr. E. S. Brightman—The Philosophy of Religion
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Dr. Thomas A. Tripp—Rural Church Work
Dr. Walter M. Towner—Religious Education
The Rev. A. J. Walton—Evangelism

Special lectures will be given by: The Rev. Robert J. McCracken, Dr. Calvin Hoover, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Dr. Donald H. Andrews, Bishop W. W. Peele, the Rev. O. V. Caudill.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

REV. D. A. OAKLEY of Farmington delivered the commencement sermon recently for the graduating class of the Farmington High School.

THE STATESVILLE district parsonage has been redecorated throughout. This program, which has been in progress two years, includes exterior painting, interior redecoration and many new furnishings.

RICHARD E. BLANCHARD will conduct a week of preaching for his father, Rev. R. W. Blanchard, Sr., at Thrift Church, May 29 to June 5. Richard is a graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University class of 1949.

REV. P. M. PORTER, pastor of Kinnakeet charge, writes that a good revival has just closed at Clark's Bethel and that meetings are planned at Fair Haven, with Rev. L. T. Singleton of Belhaven as preacher, and at Avon, with Rev. C. W. Guthrie of Wanchese as evangelist.

THE MONTICELLO - ROSE CHAPEL charge is getting a new parsonage, with the work already in progress. A. B. Harmon gave the lot for the parsonage. Monticello is a new church society only two and one-half years old, with a debt only of $2,000 on the church property. E. H. Lowman is pastor.

MRS G. C. BRINKMAN of the Methodist Home was honored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Boone by being adopted as the mother of the society in the Methodist Home. Mrs. Brinkman was also made a Life Member of the Boone Society. Mrs. Brinkman and her late husband had one of their happiest pastorates at Boone.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH on the Princeton charge was dedicated in special services Sunday, May 29, with Dr. H. B. Porter of Raleigh in charge of the dedicatory rites. Dr. Porter preached the sermon at the 11 o'clock service. He was assisted by Rev. James E. Sponenberg, pastor, and Rev. J. W. Bradley of Cary, a former pastor.

REV. D. A. CLARKE, pastor of the Whiteville Church, assisted Rev. C. P. Morris in a series of revival services at Trinity Church, Troy, May 8-15. The people of Troy were delighted to have Mr. Clarke back after a lapse of fifteen years since he served as their pastor. The services were well attended and the church strengthened spiritually as a result of this meeting.

MISS BETTY JOHNSON, who has served as director of Christian education at First Church, Salisbury, since October, 1946, and who plans to go to India this summer as a missionary on the I-3 program, was honored at the morning worship service recently. Clyde Young, chairman of the official board, presented Miss Johnson an elegant wrist watch and Paul Dunham read resolutions of appreciation. Mrs. Richmond Smith, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented Miss Johnson a billfold and Mrs. Dallas Clark, representing the WSCS, presented a travel clock. Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor, brought an appropriate missionary message. Miss Mary Ellen Harrell of Elkin will succeed Miss Johnson at First Church and will assume her duties Sept. 15, following work in a Protestant youth camp in Europe this summer.



DR. S. A. MAXWELL, above, pastor of First Church, Oxford, on May 29 was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky. The citation to this high distinction in religion read: "a masterful preacher, an inspiring religious educator, an untiring student, and a successful herald of Wesleyan evangelism."

REV. JOHN T. MAIDES of Roanoke Rapids has just concluded a revival in Bethesda church on the Waccamaw charge in the Wilmington District. He also preached recently at Lebanon church on the Waccamaw charge. Both churches were greatly benefited by his preaching.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE will hold its eleventh annual session November 2-6 at Steele Street Church, Sanford. Included among the speakers is Bishop Hazen Werner. The committee which met recently to plan the program consisted of Bishop W. W. Peele, Dr. T. M. Grant, Rev. W. C. Ball, W. J. Smith, R. G. Dawson and Marvin Vick.

HENDERSON METHODISTS have formed a new church to be known as Wesley. Located in East Henderson, the church started with 35 members. In special services presided over by Rev. H. B. Porter, superintendent of the Raleigh District, Rev. Herman Winberry, pastor of the Granville charge, was appointed to serve the church until conference. Stewards are Junius Matthews, Mrs. Robert Grissom and Mrs. Albert Faulkner. Trustees are C. B. Baskett, Melvin Lassiter and R. H. White.

PROTESTANTS in mission areas have increased over 200 per cent in the past 23 years, a report issued by the International Missionary Council reveals. The survey, covering 120 countries and island groups outside the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Europe, showed that Protestant numbers jumped from 6,517,697 in 1925 to 25,341,283 in 1948. Numerically, Protestants showed the greatest gains in South Africa and India-Pakistan, where over the 23-year period they increased from 714,013 to 5,467,281 and from 580,212 to 4,100,224 in the respective countries.

CENTRAL CHURCH on the Caledonia charge held homecoming services last Sunday.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Reese, a daughter, Catherine Caroline, May 30, at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

REV. ROLLIN P. GIBBS of Belmont will conduct a training school at Hill's Chapel church on the Lowesville charge June 13-16.

REV G. N. DULIN of Charlotte preached the commencement sermon recently at Prospect Hill High School near Monroe.

BORN TO Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hamilton of Oak Ridge a daughter, Karen Lee, on May 6, at Sternberger Hospital, Greensboro.

BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL of Charlotte will preach the commencement sermon next Sunday morning at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

DAVIS STREET CHURCH, Burlington, held homecoming services last Sunday, with Dr. Fred Paschall of Laurinburg, former pastor, bringing the message.

DILWORTH CHURCH, Charlotte, will hold a camp for the church's senior and intermediate youth August 12-19, near Little Switzerland in western North Carolina.

DR. G. RAY JORDAN of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will preach the commencement sermon next Sunday evening to the senior class of the Thomasville High School. That morning he will bring the message at Memorial Church, Thomasville.

REV. REID WALL, Superintendent and Minister of the Methodist Home for the Aged, has been elected to membership in the American Society of Gerontology. This Society is one of the pioneer movements in developing service to people in later maturity.

THE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES of the North Carolina Conference will sponsor its annual Laymen's Retreat at Louisburg College Saturday and Sunday, June 11-12, with around 200 laymen expected. The program begins at 6 P.M. Saturday and closes at 2:30 P.M. Sunday. W. J. Smith, Conference lay leader, will be in charge.

PAUL FASSETT ADER, son of Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Ader of Spartanburg, S. C. and Miss Cicely Frances Peeples, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook Peeples of Chattanooga, Tenn., will be married at Chattanooga June 7, the wedding ceremony to be performed by the father of the groom. Both young people are graduate students at the University of North Carolina.

FIRST CHURCH, CANTON, last Sunday dedicated memorial windows, carpet for the aisles, pulpit furniture, a set of flags, a communion set and an electric organ, with Dr. C. N. Clark, superintendent of the Waynesville district, in charge. The church is also engaged in a building program that includes a new parsonage and a new educational building. The educational building, the campaign for which was launched last Easter, is expected to be ready for dedication by next Easter. Rev. L. E. Mabry is pastor.

Methodist Colleges Hold Commencement Programs; To Honor Rural Pastor; To Dedicate West Chapel

METHODIST COLLEGES IN STATE GRANT MORE THAN 1,400 DEGREES

Methodist colleges in North Carolina are graduating more than 1,400 students this year, according to figures released this week by the six institutions. Elaborate commencement programs have been in progress for several days, and the commencement season will close with exercises at Duke University next Monday.

Brevard College graduated 91 students in the fifteenth annual commencement which closed Monday. Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte brought the sermon Sunday morning and Dr. Mack B. Stokes of Emory University brought the address Monday at the final service.

Greensboro College graduated 69 young women in impressive services held Monday. Bishop W. W. Peele of Richmond preached the sermon Sunday morning at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, and Dr. D. Elton Trueblood of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, brought the commencement address.

Graduating exercises were held at High Point College Monday morning with 142 young people receiving degrees. The commencement sermon was preached by Dr. G. I. Humphreys at First Church, High Point, Sunday morning, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college was observed in the closing exercises Monday.

Louisburg College held graduating exercises Monday, with 44 receiving diplomas. Dr. A. P. Brantley of Goldsboro preached the sermon Sunday morning, and Hon. Harold D. Cooley, member of Congress from the fourth North Carolina district, brought the address.

Pfeiffer College held commencement exercises Sunday and Monday, with 106 students receiving diplomas. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Duke brought the sermon, and George V. Allen, assistant secretary of state, gave the address.

Duke University will hold graduating exercises this week-end, with more than 1,000 receiving degrees. Dr. James T. Cleland is scheduled to preach the sermon Sunday and Congressman Walter H. Judd to bring the address Monday morning.

EMORY SEEKS RURAL PREACHER OF THE YEAR

"The forgotten man of the church is beginning to come into his own," declares Dean H. B. Trimble of Emory University's school of theology. The Georgia educator announced today a Southwide search for the rural preacher of the year.

Some rural minister from this state, he says, will be chosen to receive a certificate of recognition and a full scholarship to a special School for Town and Country Religious Workers at Emory this summer. in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

"We hope that this will be a beginning of a movement to give country preachers the recognition and honor long due them," Dr. Trimble explained. He states that nominations are to be made by letter, which should be addressed to Dr. James W. Sells, 821 N. 18th Street, Birmingham 2, Alabama, before June 10.

"Anyone may suggest the name of any minister serving in a community of 2,500 population or less," Dr. Trimble said.

DR. EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN



Convocation Teacher

"We are urging that persons write about rural preachers who are especially active in community-wide as well as religious projects, telling us just what these men have been doing."

"Emory University," he continued, "is granting this recognition because we are keenly conscious that the country preacher is the key man in the whole religious movement in the South. Yet his city brother has been given most of the prestige the church offers. The scholarships to the School for Town and Country Religious Workers will give the men to whom they are awarded a new vision of the opportunity now confronting the rural church."

Non-sectarian in character, the school was established four years ago. Annual sessions are held for three weeks in July, and experts in many fields are brought in as instructors and resource persons.

Among the leaders of the 1949 school will be Earl D. C. Brewer and James W. May, of Emory; Orion Ulrey, extension sociologist, Michigan State College; and C. M. McConnell, professor of rural church, Boston University.

CLEMMER TO DEDICATE WEST CHAPEL CHURCH SUNDAY

West Chapel Church near Asheboro will be dedicated Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m., with Rev. George B. Clemmer, district superintendent of the Thomasville district, in charge of the dedicatory rites. Mr. Clemmer will also preach the sermon, and will be assisted in the service by the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Crouse.

The church was organized in 1893, and the original building stood until 1943 when fire completely destroyed it, including all the furnishings. For a few months the congregation met in a home near the site of the church, but it was not long before the people, aided by the Duke Endowment, were building a lovely new church. Rev. E. A. Lamb was pastor of the church, and it was built under his leadership and ministry. The new church was completed in 1942, and the building is valued at approximately $10,000.

In 1947 beautiful new pews were placed in the church, and in 1948 classroom furnishings and work on the grounds were begun, the expenses completely paid by the fall of 1948. The dedication of West Chapel will complete the dedication of all three of the churches on the Asheboro circuit. Cedar Falls and Central Falls churches were dedicated in 1945.

Following the service in the morning, there will be dinner on the grounds and a special service at 2 o'clock, beginning a revival which will continue each evening during the week.

REV. H. A. FORESTER DIES

Rev. H. A. Forester, 61, pastor of the Seagrove charge, died unexpectedly Wednesday, May 18, at the parsonage in Seagrove. Funeral services were conducted at the Seagrove Methodist church on the following Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock, with Rev. George B. Clemmer, superintendent of the Thomasville district, in charge, assisted by Rev. R. F. Hilliard of Ulah and Rev. Strickland, local Baptist pastor. Surviving are his wife and three children.

Mr. Forester, an accepted supply pastor of the Western North Carolina Conference, was in his second year at Seagrove.

HARDIN SPEAKS AT COLUMBIA

Rev. Paul Hardin of High Point preached the commencement sermon last Sunday at Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. In his absence Rev. Reid Wall occupied the pulpit at Wesley Memorial, High Point.



West Chapel Church Near Asheboro

Trinity Church Dedicated; Methodist Colleges Need More Income; Students Receive Church Loans

BISHOP PEELE DEDICATES CHURCH ON LA GRANGE CHARGE

Bishop W. W. Peele brought the dedicatory message and presided at dedicatory rites Sunday, May 22, for Trinity church on the LaGrange charge. A large congregation participated in the service which climaxed a building and improvement program costing more than $6,000. The sanctuary was renovated and five classrooms and a vestibule were added. The church had new furnishings throughout.

Trinity church has shown excellent progress during the past few years. In five years the membership has grown from 93 to 171, and Sunday school enrollment, which stood at 30 five years ago, has increased to 150, with 115 in average attendance. The church has also more than doubled its annual budget, and has met its Crusade for Christ and College Advance and Advocate Endowment quotas. A Woman's Society of Christian Service and a Methodist Youth Fellowship have been organized, with both contributing greatly to the building program and the progress of the church.

Members of the building committee included Jake W. Dawson, Insil Sullivan, Preston Stallings, Leslie Dawson, Hampton Hill, Rudolph Dawson, Mrs. Nina Hill, Mrs. Nan Waters and Mike Dawson. Rev. J. D. A. Autry is pastor.

BOARD SEES NEED OF GREATER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR METHODIST COLLEGES

There was a serious note running through the sessions of the Division of Educational Institutions at the recent meeting of the Board of Education in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This same seriousness was also evident in the meetings of the various subcommittees of the division. It centered around the urgent need of all phases of the church's program of higher education for more money and for the educational services and facilities which money will buy. This problem was indicated again and again as the number one headache of all who hold responsibilities in connection with the schools, colleges, universities and Wesley Foundations of the church.

The seriousness, however, was born of concern and not of despair. These Methodist educational leaders saw in the great financial problems before them the challenge of unprecedented opportunities growing out of the needs of the world for huge expansions in the distinctive services which Christian education and Christian education alone can provide.

In his report to the board, presented at its opening session, Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions, had traced the drift toward secularism in education as well as in other areas of American life. He declared that higher education, once tied very closely to the church and to religion, had drifted from its original moorings. This, he said, posed a somber situation which called for prompt and effective action.

In part Dr. Gross spoke as follows: "By reiterating their time-honored commitments to Christian education the Christian institutions may make a lasting contribution in the present crisis. By reaffirming their objectives they may direct into society a flow of trained persons competent to influence the thought life of the contemporary world.

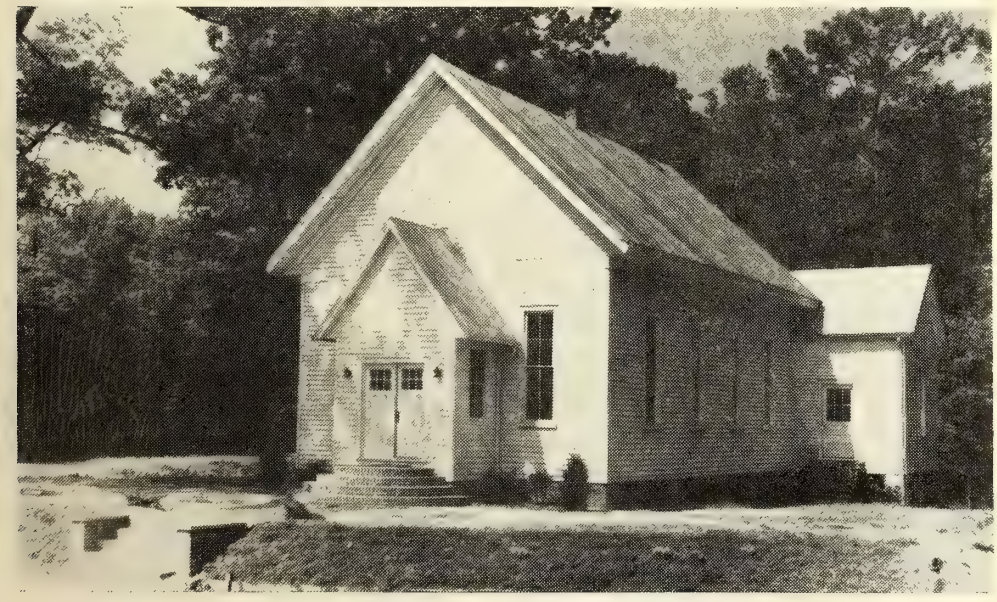
ROPER CHURCH TO CONSTRUCT EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Hebron church, Roper, is constructing a new educational building, according to Rev. B. E. Bingham, pastor.

The inspiration for this undertaking was an initial contribution made several years ago by the beloved Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Potter, This has been added to by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, others of the church membership, and by numbers of former members and friends who no longer live in Roper.

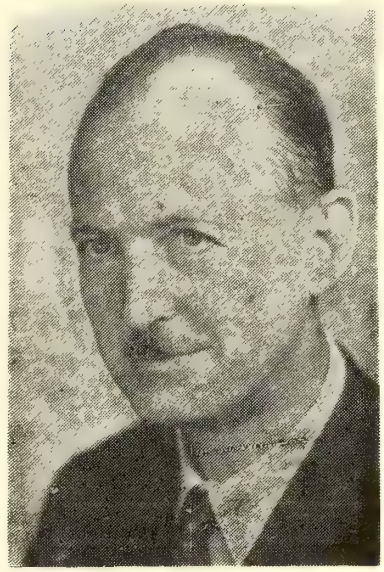
A temporary Memory Roll is being placed in the vestibule of the church reading as follows: "Donations have been made toward our building fund for the construction of an educational building and the beautification of our church in loving memory and honor of _____." The names of Rev. and Mrs. Potter will appear below, followed by the names of other loved ones whose memories will be cherished in this manner. After all the names have been added to this roll, a permanent scroll, to become a part of the church furnishings, will replace the temporary document.

If readers of the Advocate wish to have the names of former members and loved ones placed on this roll, they may contact Mrs. Aubrey Dixon, Roper, North Carolina, treasurer of the building fund.



Trinity Church on La Grange Charge

DR. OWEN LATTIMORE



Convocation Lecturer

MANY YOUTH BENEFIT BY METHODIST STUDENT LOANS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—After stating recently that the demand for Methodist student loans is increasing—that in excess of 50 per cent more loans had been made this year than had been made at the same time a year ago—Dr. Edward W. Stodghill, director of the Methodist Loan and Scholarship Fund, outlined the significance and possibilities of the church's scholarship service.

"The National Methodist Scholarship program, heading up in the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, has enjoyed a phenomenal growth during the five years since it was authorized. . . . The church's opportunities deriving from the growth and service of this fund are almost limitless," said Dr. Stodghill, "provided Methodist people will continue through the MSD offerings in local churches to provide the resources needed in financing an expanding program.

"At present we are granting something more than 500 scholarships each year and there seems to be a tendency to level off at about that figure. We could easily place twice that many scholarships in the hands of young persons whose capabilities have already been proved and whose promise of usefulness to society and to the church is outstanding.

"That does not mean," explained Dr. Stodghill, "that churches already accustomed to give liberally to this cause should feel pressure to give twice as much on MSD as they have been giving. It means instead, that every church not regularly observing Methodist Student Day with an appropriate service and an offering should give the occasion its rightful place on the church calendar in 1949 and annually thereafter."

Many Churches Plan Vacation Church Schools; Youth Program Explained; Church School Day Gifts Rise

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

This is the season of the year when children's workers are thinking about and planning for Vacation Church Schools. It requires much planning in order that the Vacation Church School may meet the real needs of boys and girls; so throughout our conference there are hundreds of persons working, praying, planning to help boys and girls to be aware of God in their daily living; to understand His purposes and plans; and to grow more Christlike toward all of God's children everywhere.

Vacation School Institutes

The children's director, along with her faithful district directors and other volunteer helpers, has held institutes in six of the districts, and plans to visit two other districts. Every district has been reached in some way or other. Several churches have telephoned the office for Vacation Church School help. Ministers have visited the office and secured materials and ministers have written to the office for materials. We are encouraged at the interest shown in Vacation Church School work. We trust that every church may plan a Vacation School within reach of all its children.

Requests by Districts

Listed below is the number of charges by districts that have requested Vacation School materials: Asheville 20; Charlotte 29; Gastonia 31; Greensboro 50; Marion 26; Salisbury 30; Statesville 26; Thomasville 25; Waynesville 18; and Winston-Salem 23. This is a total of 278 charges that the office has reached by mail.

"Living in Our Community"

Many of the workers are concerned about the Junior text "Living in Our Community" by Martin. We have a telegram from the Methodist Publishing House assuring us that copies will be ready by June 6. Place your order now so that there will be no delay in securing the book.

Report Your School

Please report your Vacation Church School to this office on the day that the school ends. On the back of the report, write some of the "high moments" or "points of special interest" that occured during your school. Let us, in each case, endeavor to have two weeks for our Vacation Church Schools. Let us teach two and one half hours daily. Let us realize that we need more time than we have needed in the past to prepare our children to meet the great issues of life. Let us forget the hard work as we engage in Vacation Church School activities and rejoice in the opportunities for service.

FAMILY WEEK

We are happy to report interest in National Family Week. Many pastors preached sermons in which they emphasized the importance of the Christian Family in the church, the community, and the nation. Several churches had fellowship suppers, Family Fun Night, displays of books, magazines and leaflets, and meetings in which resource persons led discussions relating to the Christian family.

REGISTERED FOR CAMP

With the close of school many of our Intermediate boys and girls are making plans for camp. Requests for places are being received both by mail and by telephone. At the time of this writing, the following persons have their registrations in the clear: Christine Barber and Kate Gibson Widenhouse, Midland; Barbara Moore and Mary Lillian Hyatt, Central, Canton; Janice Henderson and Patricia Lackey, Stony Point; Peggy Tandy and Mary Ellen Bagwell, Fletcher. Who will be the next to join this group?

Charge Quotas

Based on past experience, we hope to be able to take two boys and two girls from each charge interested in sending delegates. This does not mean that there is unlimited space available on this proposition. A statement on the registration cards says campers will be accepted as announced until all places are taken for the period of six weeks. It is a procedure whereby the first to register will be the first to be assured of places. When all space is filled, registrations will have to be closed. Each charge that sends more than two campers must include both boys and girls. We cannot take more than two girls from one charge. We must have boys. If one group does not have boys another charge will.

It is assumed that a great many charges will not send any campers at all. Regardless of this fact, interested charges must still hold to the quota of four and must include both boys and girls. No charge has the right to take the unused quota from another charge. It will save time and trouble to follow instructions on the registration cards specifically. Ministers children will be accepted over and above the charge quota.

ASSEMBLY REGISTRATIONS

Assembly registrations are being received by the District Directors of Youth Work again this year. Registration cards have been mailed to the ministers. If additional cards are needed, call your District Director or write the conference office. Two assemblies will be held June 27-July 2 and July 4-9. It is hoped that a majority of the churches of the conference will have delegates at one of these assemblies.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS

Certain adjustments on camp facilities have been completed this week. Both carpenters and plumbers have been at work. Any Church School Day contributions received this week will be helpful in meeting these obligations. Where the offering has been received and is still in the hands of the local church treasurer, it would be a decided favor to have it forwarded to Miss Summersett at once. A number of churches are making remittances each week. Listed below are contributions received in recent weeks:

Alexander	$ 5.00
Morris Field	5.00
Rowan	9.18
Rock Grove	7.31
West Bend	10.00
St. John's	10.00
Abernethy Memorial	15.00
South China Grove	13.24
Centenary—Winston-Salem	259.23
Gideon Grove	1.00
West Jefferson	20.00
South River	9.44
Broad Street (Statesville)	165.00
Pleasant Grove	31.00
Gay's Chapel	7.00
Bethel	1.00
Eldorado	11.76
St. James	26.22
Central—Albemarle	85.76
Palestine (Flat Rock)	1.00
Bethany (Flat Rock)	1.00
First—China Grove	25.00
Woodleaf	20.48
Central Terrace	20.00
Chadwick	15.00
Mills River	17.50
Bethpage	11.79
Salem	9.72
Ardmore	112.85
Avondale	14.30
Cliffside	35.90
Hoyle Memorial	13.37
Duncan Memorial	11.22
West Market Street	228.13
Ebenezer—Belmont	15.00
Memorial—Thomasville	125.00
Maple Springs	36.00
Carraway Memorial	18.90
First—Salisbury	146.13
Longs Chapel	8.15
Love's	15.00

WHAT IS GOING ON IN KOREA TODAY?

(*Continued from page five*)

cies that kept up friendship with the Koreans during the Japanese occupation. Missionary teachers, doctors and nurses established schools and hospitals, proving themselves to be friends in need. The Koreans carried over to the American Army the friendly, kindly feeling and experiences associated with the missionaries.

In spite of the fact that communism and other ideologies are bidding for followers, the hearts and minds of Korean youth are open to Christian teachings as never before. Young people are flocking to Bible classes, to the missionary, and to the church seeking an interpretation of the Christian religion and its meaning for them. Government schools as well as missionary schools are anxious to have missionaries on their staff and to have Christian organizations among the students.

The double occupation of Korean territory, Korea's extreme poverty, the collapse of the war-time industries, the lack of technically trained experts and workers along with the fact that most of the well trained leaders are obsessed with the problems of trying to set up a modern democratic state in an unprepared society, have held up real progress in reconstruction. Then, too, millions of refugee Koreans repatriated from China, Japan and Manchuria have posed a problem of relief and reestablishment which is too much for the inexperienced Korean government. Put on top of this the "fear" of communist control, and it can be easily determined that Korea today is in desperate need of **"help,"** protection and friendly supervision from the United States. And, more than that Korea is in desperate need of the hope and encouragement which the individual Korean can get only from missionaries who have dedicated themselves to preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rocky Mount District Holds Caravans; Alamance, Durham, Chatham-Lee Zones Meet; New Societies

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MT. VERNON SOCIETY REACHES GOAL I

Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, promotion secretary of the Durham District, announces that Mt. Vernon Woman's Society of Christian Service has reached Goal I of the Advance program. This is a new society on the Burlington circuit. Every woman on the church roll is now a member of the W. S. C. S. Mrs. Fred Blanchard is the president.

ADVANCE CARAVAN OF ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

The Advance Caravan of the Rocky Mount District visited Wilson, Norlina, Hollister, Rehobeth and Red Oak. Out of the 85 societies in the district, 80 were represented at these meetings where the four point program of Advance was emphasized. Warren zone and Northampton zone had 100 per cent attendance.

The goals were presented by Mrs. P. F. Newton, Mrs. D. L. Wheeler, Mrs. T. S. Newbold and Mrs. John Burwell. Mrs. Henry Maddrey and Mrs. J. W. Crew helped at some of the meetings. In connection with the caravans the district officers held clinics in the afternoon concerning the work in their departments.

The zone leaders planned the caravans in their respective zones. The leaders are Mrs. L. H. Martin of Northampton, Mrs. Ralph Rives of Halifax, Mrs. R. W. Everett of Southern Central, Miss Tempe Dameron of Warren, and Mrs. H. M. Grizzard of Quinn County zone.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AT SOUTHERN CENTRAL ZONE MEETING

A baby life membership was presented to little Miss Mary Agnes Hammond by her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Brown. The children of Mrs. L. J. Whitehurst gave her a life membership. Mrs. J. L. Brown was presented a life membership pin and certificate by her niece, Mrs. C. E. Hammond.

Mrs. W. R. Everett was introduced as the new zone leader by Mrs. Henry Maddrey, district promotion secretary.

Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, conference president, was a special guest of the zone and she spoke on the importance of the local society and the local woman as the key to the whole Advance program.

The Southern Central zone met at Red Oak.

ALAMANCE ZONE MEETING

The Alamance zone meeting was held on May 1 in West Burlington church with approximately 90 women present. Mrs. John R. Poe, zone leader, presided.

The Advance caravan speakers were Mrs. G. B. Robbins, Mrs. W. C. Mosier, Mrs. R. E. Crumpton and Mrs. J. A. Warren. Other district officers present were Mrs. Edd C. Thomas and Mrs. S. F. Nicks.

Life memberships were presented to Mrs. C. M. Fogleman and Mrs. R. L. Self by Miss Florine Robertson for the West Burlington Society.

Mrs. J. C. Shore, Route 2, Graham, is the new secretary and treasurer for the zone.

DURHAM ZONE MEETING

Advance was the theme of the Durham zone meeting held in Duke Memorial Church on Sunday, May 22. Mrs. A. K. Umstead, zone leader, presided. Mrs. J. P. Breedlove was elected assistant leader and Mrs. A. R. Wilson was elected secretary.

District officers present who spoke of their work were Mrs. S. F. Nicks, spiritual life; Mrs. R. E. Crumpton, youth work; Miss Kathlene Cox, Wesleyan Service Guild; and Mrs. C. M. Allen, student work.

The caravan speakers were Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, Mrs. A. H. Borland, Mrs. C. M. Allen and Mrs. A. M. Gates.

ROPER CIRCUIT 100% ORGANIZED

Roper circuit in the Elizabeth City district is now 100% organized. Roper is a five-point circuit. "In response to an invitation coming to me through the pastor's wife, Mrs. B. E. Bingham," Mrs. George Jackson, promotion secretary, reports, "I have organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service at Siloam church."

The officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Hilda Gardner; vice-president and status of women secretary, Mrs. John Sawyer; recording secretary, Mrs. Maurice Gardner; treasurer and secretary of supply work, Mrs. James Williams; promotion secretary, Mrs. Hardie Parisher; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. Ade Roberson; secretary of Christian social relations, Mrs. Herbert Gardner; missionary education and literature and publications, Mrs. Sudie Moore; youth work, Mrs. John Sawyer; student work, Mrs. Robert Defenbaugh; and children's work, Miss Blanche Roberson.

Mrs. Jackson reports this as the fourth Advance society for her Elizabeth City District since January 1.

HAWKIN'S CHAPEL ON LITTLETON CHARGE

Hawkin's Chapel on the Littleton charge has organized a new W. S. C. S. under the guidance of Mrs. J. Bascom Hurley, the pastor's wife.

Officers elected for this new organization are: President, Mrs. J. B. Griffin; vice-president, Mrs. Perkins Crawley; promotion secretary, Mrs. Phillips Hawkins; recording secretary, Mrs. George Arrington; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Pierce; missionary education, Mrs. R. G. Vincent; literature and publications, Mrs. Willis Hawkins; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. John Joyner; supplies, Mrs. Tommie Hawkins; children's work, Mrs. Tommie Green; youth work, Mrs. Leonard Hockaday; student work, Mrs. Alvah Hawkins; status of women, Mrs. Paul Hawkins; and spiritual life secretary, Mrs. Claude Hawkins.

Mrs. Henry Maddrey, promotion secretary of the Rocky Mount District, reports this new society.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ON FAYETTEVILLE CIRCUIT

The St. Andrews Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized on Wednesday night, May 18, at the church, by the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Russell S. Harrison.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. James Darden; vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Reaves; recording secretary, Miss Helen Hudson; promotion secretary, Mrs. Will Butler; treasurer, Mrs. D. K. Taylor; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. S. H. Lea; Christian social relations, Mrs. B. A. Darden; student work, Mrs. R. S. Harrison; children's work, Mrs. Alvin T. Warren; literature and publications, Miss Elizabeth Taylor; supply work, Mrs. B. A. Darden; spiritual life, Mrs. W. E. Griggs; and status of women, Miss Marian Warren.

Eighteen women are enrolled as charter members.

Mrs. L. P. Cox, promotion secretary for the Fayetteville District, reports this new organization.

CHATHAM-LEE ZONE MEETING

The spring meeting of the Chatham-Lee zone, Fayetteville District, met in the First Methodist Church in Siler City, on May 11, with the zone leader, Mrs. H. W. Hunter, presiding.

The Advance caravan was led by Mrs. L. P. Cox, district promotion secretary, and assisted by Mrs. W. B. Harris and Mrs. W. L. Loy.

Mrs. Loy presented Mrs. L. P. Cox a life membership in appreciation for her faithful and loyal service to the district. This was a gift from the district.

An invitation for the fall meeting was extended by the Jonesboro Heights Church, and it was accepted.

THREE NEW SOCIETIES IN WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary of the Wilmington District, announces the organization of three new societies.

Rev. R. H. Caudill, pastor of the Sharon Church, helped with the organization of that society. Officers are: President, Mrs. J. W. Lancaster; vice-president, Mrs. Carvin Roach; treasurer, Mrs. Sallie Hewett; recording secretary, Mrs. Josie Gray; promotion secretry, Mrs. Winnie Hewett; Christian social relations, Mrs. George Reaves; missionary education, Mrs. Sam Lewis; children's work, Mrs. Maggie Kirby; spiritual life, Mrs. W. S. Kirby; supplies, Mrs. Clyde Hewett; literature and publications, Mrs. Ersell Hewett; and youth work, Mrs. Bedford Ludlum. All addresses are Supply, N. C.

Mrs. D. F. Lowrey, wife of the pastor, helped with the organization of Sandy Plains. The officers are: President, Mrs. Eddie Lowry; vice-president, Mrs. M. D. Cummings; recording and promotion secretary, Mrs. C. B. Brayboy; treasurer and supplies, Mrs. Lloyd Dimery; spiritual life, Mrs. M. D. Cummings; missionary education and literature and publications, Mrs. Corinne Sampson.

Mrs. Doughtie herself went to the Community Center charge and assisted with the organization of the society. The pastor, Rev. Joe Smith, had already organized the Pleasant Grove church on the charge, but it was felt that better work could be done if the charge was organized as a whole rather than several weaker societies. Enthusiasm was high for the charge society, and plans were made to meet alternately in the churches. Officers were elected from both churches. President, Miss Mary Myrtle Stewart; vice-president, Mrs. Will Thompson; recording, promotion, and treasurer, Mrs. Carl Lowry; missionary education, Mrs. W. R. Chanis; Christian social relations, Mrs. Anna Liza Jones; student work, Mrs. Sarah C. Stewart; youth, Mrs. Fannie Ranson; children, Miss Ellen Thompson; spiritual life, Mrs. Will Thompson; literature and publications, Mrs. Vivian Lowry; supply, Mrs. W. R. Chanis; and status of women, Mrs. Horace Locklear.

Grammar Students Close Successful Year; Visit Albemarle; Summer Recreation to Get Underway

By O. V. Woosley

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SCHOOL IS OUT

School is out for our first eight grades and the children have put away their books for a good long vacation. The children's summertime work assignments are being agreed upon and the will to work is being strengthened. We will have a lot of young embryonic farmers operating on our hillsides. The girls will now have more time to do the laundrying, mending and look after household duties. The high school boys and girls will not be out of school until the 14th of June when they will join the working force of our busy enterprise.

A GOOD SCHOOL YEAR

We have had another mighty good year of work in our elementary school. Out of 285 student only nineteen youngsters have either failed or were conditioned on their work. Most of those failing of promotion are included in the group of newcomers who failed to get adjusted during the school year. One girl expressed her situation on this wise: "I ain't got no good start this year, but just look for what I'll do next year." A few of the students will go to summer school, though it is not our policy to do much summer school work for those who dilly-dally along during the year. Only those who failed after an earnest try will be given the opportunity of going to summer school.

FORMER STUDENT GRADUATES

We are receiving a lot of invitations to one cause or another, a few being to college commencements and a large number being from former members of our family who after returning to their rehabilitated homes are graduating from their local high schools. If we had kept all of the students who are graduating elsewhere and added them to the seventeen seniors who are graduating here, we would have had a big class to report. However the more important thing is to have returned youngsters to their homes from which they could go to their own school and graduate after their own manner.

THE WEATHER WEATHERS

As these lines are being dictated another shower of rain has come upon us, one of those that seem to come out of a clear sky. While our rains have been light they have been frequent and the spring hay crop has been cut, saved in some cases and damaged in others. The early plantings are growing off well and our farm work, taken all in all, is in very good shape. The harvesting of our big grain crop will have begun by the time this appears in print. Three months of growing weather will be very welcome to the sustenance of our family.

LIKES HER PICTURE

Every once in a while for several weeks little seven-year-old Shirley Nichols, whose picture is herewith presented, has reminded us of her desire to see her picture in the paper. She wants to see it for her own satisfaction and wants her sponsors to see it so they will keep on sponsoring her. We want our friends to see it for both reasons. Shirley has just been promoted to the second grade. She is sponsored by the Philathea Class of Lindsey Street, Reidsville, Mrs. J. C. Gunter being the correspondent.

ALBEMARLE FRIENDS

We haven't been able to get around among our friends a great deal with our singing group during the past year. Infrequent trips are made when we can get to it. We did have a happy visit with our Albemarle friends on the third Sunday in May. Our girls' double quartet sang to a crowded auditorium at the Sunday school hour at Central Methodist Church and to a house full of folks at Main Street at the 11 o'clock hour. We were on a good-will trip and expected no contributions. However, the Central church school took its fifth Sunday offering on the third Sunday. We have since been informed that it amounted to $201.93. Both Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, pastor at Central, and Rev. L. R. Akers, Jr., pastor at Main Street, along with their laymen, treated us royally, not the least of which remembrance is the lovely dinner we had in the Akers' home.

PROPOSED APPORTIONMENTS

We recently attended a meeting of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, called for the purpose of studying the matter of basing apportionments for "the minimum salary fund," "the district superintendents fund," "the conference claimants fund" and "The Children's Home fund" on the total amounts paid during the previous year on "current expenses and incidentals," "church school administration and supplies" and "pastors' and associate pastors' salaries," instead of making these apportionments on the basis of the pastors' and associate pastors' salary, as is now done. Ample time was given for discussion and to one's surprise, no open opposition was expressed to the proposed change, though some cautions were offered. The main argument presented for the change was that pastoral charges paying the preacher the smaller salaries are being assessed at a higher rate than charges paying their pastor larger salaries. It was further argued that it was unsound to base the named apportionments on the pastor's salary alone since in so doing it tended to penalize the amount of money apportioned for the pastor. So far as this scribe knows, no decision was made relative to the matter but further study will be given it.

THE DEED CLUB

The younger members of our family, those who have not yet had long-time work assignments made for them, are having a lot of time to play. They are living in a make-believe world a lot of the time. We came upon a group of early junior age girls yesterday who were having a big time with their club meeting. They stated that their name was "The Deed Club." They thought maybe their club would after awhile get to be a good deed club, but so far it was indeed a deed club. The girls stated that in the near future they expected to invite other groups here on the place to meet with them. They stated that their refreshments might be imaginary but in spite of that they would have a good time.

MISERY MAKERS

In one of our recent staff meetings we fell upon the idea of recounting our miseries. Each home mother was requested to verbally present her chief misery maker. She was to call no names, offer no good traits and present no solution. She was to be miserable in presenting her misery maker. The situation became ridiculous before the discussion was over. Our next step is to call a convention of the misery makers for such a program as may be agreed upon. Word is going the rounds that nobody wants to come to this convention, and therefore it may not convene for the lack of eligible members.

SUMMER RECREATION

Now that the baseball season is over and the various scheduled match games have been concluded, something else of a recreational nature must take the place of the interest and excitement thus obtained. It will not be long until late afternoon soft ball games will be played at various places on the campus. As a matter of fact, the little youngsters will be playing ball nearly all day. Swimming schedules will soon be outlined by Mr. Clary and every youngster on the place will have an opportunity to either wade, splash or swim in the water a half hour each day.

AN ENCOURAGING NOTE

Sometimes we feel that some of our output is far below the standard of excellence we had hoped to see accomplished. A recapitulation often convinces one that a far greater proportion of our youngsters leaving The Children's Home make good as compared with those who fall below this good standard. A note just received from the superintendent of a good hospital where a number of our girls have gone in training reads: "We are always delighted to get students from The Children's Home. They make excellent students and nurses. Would like to congratulate you on the excellent work you are doing and the nice girls that you send us. Our only hope is that we may not fall down in our training."

Sunday School Lesson for JUNE 5

BEHOLD THE MAN

John 18:13-14, 19-24, 28-40; 19:1-16

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

As we study the trial of Jesus it is important for us to remember that, in essence though in less dramatic form, the same thing is going on today all over the world. Again and again men who, like Peter, love Christ sincerely, when they get in among his sneering enemies, are caught off their guard and deny him before they know it.

And whenever a man preaches the gospel with winsome power he puts ecclesiastics who are cold and formal in a bad light, and they become his enemies. Every church leader needs a frequent hypodermic to ward off the spirit of jealousy. Our Lord's gospel was so reasonable that it appealed to every man's conscience in the sight of God; and the high priest's emphasis on nonessentials did not so appeal. Jesus' cleansing of the temple in protest against the miserable graft of the priests was a stinging rebuke of this outrage against religious decency. So the next move was to bring Jesus before the Roman governor and get him to sentence him to death.

It is noticeable that when they brought him to Pilate they entered not into the praetorium lest they might be defiled and might not eat the passover. They were engaged in the greatest crime in history, but were very fastidious to keep from ceremonial defilement. This warns us that the fact that we have rigid conscientious convictions is no proof that we are not full of the devil.

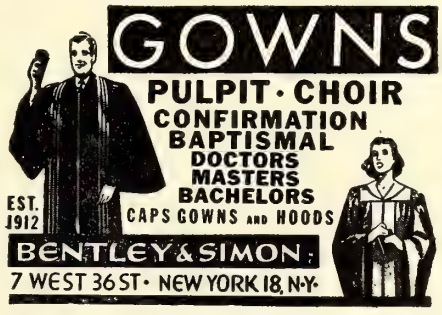
When Pilate asked Jesus, Art thou the king of the Jews? our Lord said, Thou sayest it. But he explained to Pilate that his kingdom was not of this world. Every one that is of the truth, said he, heareth my voice. Jesus is the monarch of all open-minded and sincere men. They always yield to him when he is presented to them in the true light. But Pilate exclaimed, What is truth? He was tossed about in such a chaos of moral confusion that he did not know whether there was anything in the universe on which a man could depend.

The story of the trial of Jesus vividly portrays the way in which we are to meet lying slander. Jesus refused to defend himself before the high priests and Herod because he knew they were godless hypocrites who would not listen to any proof of his innocence. There was just one way to answer them, and that was to stand in silent dignity and look them in the eye with a gaze that showed beyond a peradventure that he knew them through and through. There are times in the lives of all of us when silence speaks louder than words. Even in our own homes when our loved ones in a cantankerous mood rail away at us, very often the ideal answer is silence.

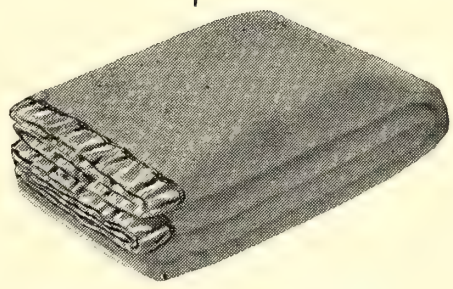
Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent, and desired to release him, but he was afraid the high priests would send a deputation to Rome accusing him of releasing a man who claimed to be a king. He tried to move the enemies of Jesus to pity by bringing him out crowned with thorns. Behold the man! said he. Unwittingly he uttered a strategic summons which has echoed down the ages; for a long look at the Son of thorn-crowned Christ mocked by his enemies moves humanity at length to say, Behold the Son of God and the Saviour of the world!

But when the mob yelled, Crucify him, crucify him! and the chief priests said, If thou release this man thou art not Caesar's friend, Pilate sacrificed his sense of justice to keep his hold on office, as thousands of politicians have done from that day to this. And on the day of the preparation of the Passover, not knowing what he did, he sentenced the Paschal Lamb of God to die for the sins of the world.

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Children's Storytime

Dandelion Whispers

"Hi, ho!" whispered the yellow dandelion as he peeped his fuzzy head above the soft spring earth. "Awake, awake!" he called. "'Tis spring! 'Tis spring!" His merry voice was carried by the wind.

The violet was soundly sleeping close by and was awakened by his merry voice. "Is it true?" she asked as she lifted her sleepy head from the brown earth.

"'Tis true!" the bold little dandelion answered. "Oh, the world is so gay, won't you come out with me and play?" he coaxed in his saucy sort of way.

"Boo!—" The brave Violet shivered as she peeped her head out into the cool spring air. "It seems chilly. Are you sure it is not too early to send my baby blossoms out into the world?"

'Oh, never you fear," assured the brash Dandelion. "They will be safer here than buried in the cold, damp earth."

"You may be right," she said. Then when the sun smiled down upon the earth, and the breezes sent their warming breath, the Violet sent her babies out to play. Their pretty heads swayed in the frolicsome wind. They danced and skipped with the grass and the leaves.

Soon night came. A dark cloud overshadowed the sky. A strong, chilling wind blew from the north. The trees began to bend and sway to the ground. The birds hushed their music and hurried to their nests, while the dandelion folded his fuzzy head and went to sleep.

But the little baby Violets were rocked in the cruel icy wind. Their feet were cold, and they began to cry as they shivered in the cold, damp air.

The next morning the Violet's tears were frozen with the raindrops. They were buried beneath a thin sheet of ice. They were beautiful imprisoned in their icy castle, but when the sun's warm rays beamed upon them their icy castle melted. Then they dropped their pretty heads and wilted.

A Red Bird singing in a lilac tree nearby heard the Violet weeping. He looked down with sorrow and said, "Pretty Violet, why are you weeping?"

"My babies went out to play, and now they are withered away," she sadly answered.

"Why did you send them out to play on such a cold and windy day?" he asked.

While drying a tear she looked up to say, "I heard the Dandelion say, 'Awake! come out and play, for the world is bright and gay.' Then the breeze began to tease, and the buds were swelling on the trees, and I heard the buzzing of the bees—so I sent them gaily out to play."

"The naughty fellow. Now I know why he is yellow." The Red Bird began to sigh as he tried to comfort the Violet.

"Where is he?" demanded a breeze as it was blowing by. "I will teach him to mind his own business." Then with a wave of the hand the breeze was gone. He joined a brisk wind and they scampered off together with the sprightly springtime weather.

But, oh—Mr. Dandelion was left quite a frightful sight. His golden hair that had gleamed so bright, had turned an ashen gray over night. His coat was still bright and green, but his pretty hair was nowhere to be seen. For the frisky morning breeze came to tantalize and tease and snatched his golden locks away. They were carried far away by the saucy breeze in mischievous play. Poor Mr. Dandelion stood bent and old with his bare, bald head tossed in the cold.

But the little Violet's sisters sprang up to take their place, wearing tilted, blue bonnets of elegant grace. There close by the spreading dogwood trees, they danced and frolicked in the breeze.

Soon song birds were lifting a glad refrain, and all the world was happy with laughter again. The wind stirred the earth with zephyrs warm and gay, and the countryside was dressed in colors bright for the merry month of May.—In the Western Recorder.



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Where Do They Go?

By M. R. Chambers

The North Carolina Conference suffers a heavy loss in members every year by transfer "and otherwise," death not included. Nearly 1,000 Methodists were lost in the conference last year in moving from one place to another. The conference as a whole gained 2,824 members by natural increase—the number of additions on profession of faith less the number lost by death. This is an increase of one for every 56 members reported a year ago. But a net loss of 931 by transfer and otherwise reduced the net gain to 1,893. This is one for every 85 members, or 1.17 per cent total net increase.

This matter of losses is of serious concern. Last year exactly 5,000 names were removed from church rolls in the conference either by certificate of transfer or otherwise. In return, a total of 4,069 persons were received by transfer or reinstated. It is a distressing fact that one out of every five who leaves the church does not come back.

It is true that there are some who go to other churches. Yet some are received from other churches, and this item should at least be kept in balance. Others move their residence outside the bounds of the conference. But others are moving in; the population shift does not show a net decrease in the area served by the conference. It can only be presumed, until further research disproves or confirms the assumption, that most of these members have become lost to Christ and His church.

As might be expected, the greatest loss is in the charges classified as rural. Of the 270 charges in the conference, 191 are entirely rural while 58 are urban. There are 21 charges containing both urban and rural churches. These rural charges in 1948 gained 1,846 members and lost 2,749. Urban charges gained 1,863 and lost 1,854, almost an equal exchange.

Mixed charges gained 360 members and lost 397. The table showing reports by churches does not distinguish between losses by death and otherwise, so these data are not given. It is possible, however, to make a distribution of the figures for each charge by approved statistical method, which need not be explained here. This has been done, and the results obtained added to the totals of rural and urban charges given above. It was found that all rural churches received 1,947 members by transfer and otherwise but lost over one and one-half times as many, or 2,963—a net loss of 1,016. All urban churches received 2,122 and lost 2,037, a net gain of only 85.

Four districts showed a total net gain by transfer and otherwise: Elizabeth City, New Bern, Raleigh, and Rocky Mount. The Elizabeth City and Raleigh districts reported net gains in all rural churches, while the Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, New Bern, and Wilmington districts showed net gains in all urban charges. In more than one-half of all rural charges, the number removed by transfer and otherwise was greater than the number received, while the number removed exceeded the number received in only 38 per cent of all urban and mixed charges. These figures indicate that people are converted and join the church in the country, but when they move to town the town churches are unable to attract or to hold them.

Occasionally a rural pastor may want to retain these absentee members. But one whose interests are church-wide and kingdom-wide will not hesitate to forfeit a five-dollar-a-year contribution because "the little church back home needs the money," when all the interests of the member and his family call for active participation in the church in his new community.

The Discipline is very definite on this point. Paragraph 126 states.

"When a person unites with the Methodist Church, he becomes a member of the Methodist Church as a connectional church and not simply of the local congregation. His membership shall be located in a Methodist church in the community where he resides which is near enough for him to attend regularly, or such church as he may annually request. . . ."

Failure to request a transfer of membership is regarded as negligence (par. 130), and the pastor is required to notify the Methodist pastor in the new community in helping the member to become identified with the church there. Names may be removed from the roll without certificate (par. 133) if the pastor and membership committee are unable to find the absentee and reenlist his interest in and support of the church.

There should never be the necessity of "revising the roll" simply to get rid of a few names; there should be a continuing concern for the member who moves away from a charge until he is identified with the church in his new home community. Yet such names are sometimes allowed to accumulate for years, making a bad showing when housecleaning is undertaken. Nine charges in the conference last year reported losses of over 100 each by transfer "and otherwise," three of these being urban charges. The inactive roll should be a constant challenge to pastor and members alike to transfer all names to the active roll as speedily as possible.

The power of the keys is a tremendous responsibility, for in conferring this power the Lord said, "Whatsoever you make secure on earth shall be secured in heaven, but whatsoever you lose on earth shall be lost in heaven." A harmonious, spirit-filled church, which knows no distinction of "urban" and "rural" Christianity, can care for its transient members and keep their connection with the church and the kingdom unbroken.

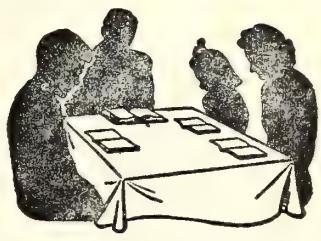
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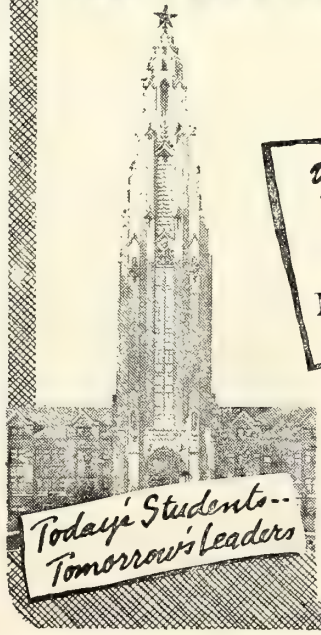
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THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Richard J. Parker*

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things." And being familiar with Christ's life as taught in the gospels we know how that after the three years of His public ministry, when He said to the disciples, "I go my way to him that sent me," sorrow filled their hearts. Then He said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever." Who is this Comforter, or Holy Spirit? He is a Person, the third Person of the trinity—not a vague influence. The command is, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." He is as truly a person as is the Father or the Son. It seems strange that in this dispensation of the Holy Spirit we Methodists so often leave this important part of our doctrine to be taught by more or less irresponsible people.

What is the work of the Holy Spirit? To comfort us and teach us, revealing unto us Christ, our Saviour and Master, and to reprove the world of sin, and righteousness and of judgment. Notice again how Christ identifies Him as a person—"I will send him unto you." "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. When he is come, he will guide you, he will shew you, he shall glorify me."

Let us now consider the necessity of the Holy Spirit. "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." The duration of their tarrying in the upper room was to last until they were endued with power from on high. These words were not directed to the unconverted, but to His apostles, His chosen ones who for three years had sat at His feet and learned of Him, and had worked with Him and observed Him work. They were graduating from the school of Jesus. If with all their marvelous privileges they needed the Holy Spirit, it is folly for us to fail to recognize our need of Him today. As important as intellectual equipment is, it will but leave us as "sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal, if with it we haven't the unction of the Holy Spirit in our lives and on our ministry. It does seem that our glorious Methodist heritage obligates us in these difficult times to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

How very great is our responsibility! We are responsible for all that we can do. Ours is the task ahead. God does not send angels to do our work, as much as they would like to have that privilege; it is our work. We may go a step further and say that not only are we responsible for all that we can do, but "we are responsible for all that God can do through us." He has never done His best for and with one that was not "filled with the Spirit." It would be contrary to His plan. Therefore, it is not simply a matter that is optional with us, but a solemn obligation to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

What is the effect of the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Take Peter for an example: "Then said the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not." Three times he denied that he knew Jesus. Peter loved the Lord, but under the circumstances that had arisen he was afraid. However, he bitterly repented and obeyed the command to tarry for power, and after Pentecost we see him again and listen as he speaks: "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." And again, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." "When they prayed, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." And they were found "standing in the temple, and teaching the people, then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence, and set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, saying, Did not we straightly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." "And Peter and John answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than man." And then proceeded to proclaim the resurrection of Christ, whom "God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentence to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." When they heard it, "They were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them," and would have done so, but for the wise counsel of Gamaliel. So they contented themselves by beating the disciples and "commanding them that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go." "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Surely in these days when we are thinking so much of the Advance for Christ and His Church, nothing else could help us so much as waiting at the altar of prayer for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us.

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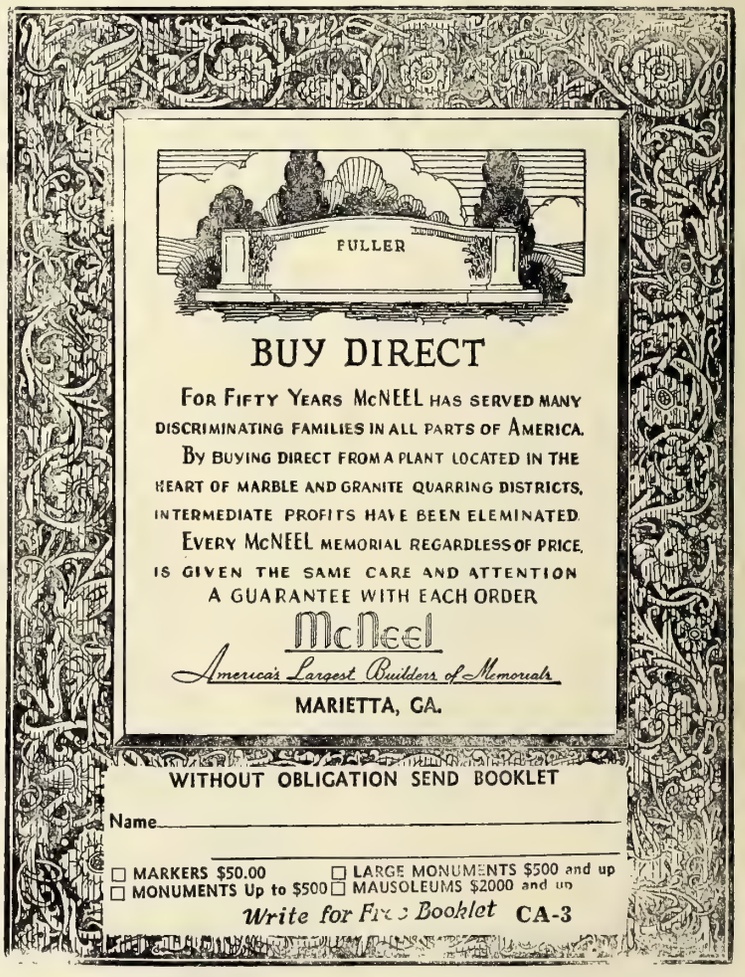
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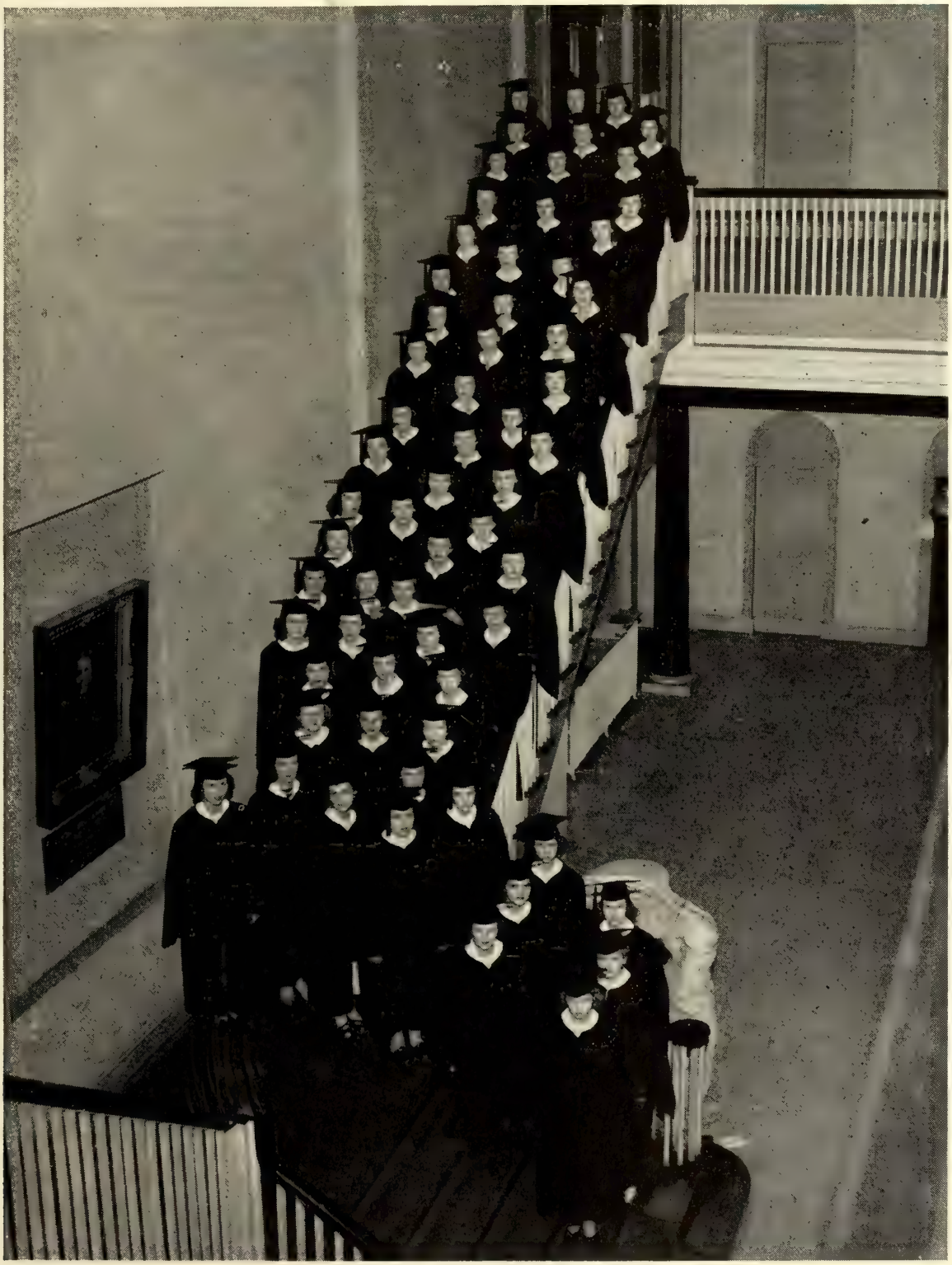


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The sixty-nine members of the graduating class of Greensboro College are among the more than 1500 students who graduated from North Carolina Methodist colleges this spring

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THE MILK FROM ONE COW

Addressed to MCOR, from the Pacific Northwest has come the following letter:

"Dear Sirs:

"I have received word of the lamentable conditions in the blind school at Foo Chow, China. It is heartbreaking what immeasurable misery there is in the world. It makes me feel so helpless to contemplate it. My total income is the milk from one cow, but anyway I am not starving; I have plenty of food and a good cottage to shelter me.

"Find enclosed $10 which you may apply wherever you think best, since you have a knowledge of the whole field.

"May God bless you in your task."

Letters such as this are the blessings of our task. We know this man has not given for publicity, but we feel that his gift must be publicized; truly, the widow's mite lives again! If you who read would act as has this man—if from each of your homes one day's income would be sent to MCOR, how far along the road we would go toward the alleviation of the "immeasurable misery" of the world!

Contributions should be sent to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York. Bishop Titus Lowe is the Executive Director of MCOR.

1949 SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

June 13-23—Caravan Training.
July 5-10—Institute of Sacred Music.
July 10-12—Hospitals and Homes.
July 12-20—School of Missions.
July 19-29—Young People's Leadership Conference.
July 20-22—Laymen's Conference.
July 26-August 1 — Missionary Conference.
July 29-31—Church School Superintendents.
August 1-4—District and Subdistrict Directors.
August 1-7—Pastors' Convocation.
August 2-5—District Superintendents.
August 3 - 4 — Conference Secretaries, Treasurers, Statisticians.
August 4-16—Leadership School.
August 8-14—Bible Conference.
August 14-16—SE Historical Society.
August 15-21—Week of Evangelism.
August 21-28—Week of Featured Speakers.

REV. JOHN WESLEY BENNETT DIES

Funeral services for Rev. John Wesley Bennett, 66, who died at his home in Greensboro last Friday, were held Monday afternoon, with interment in the Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church cemetery.

A native of Guilford County, Mr. Bennett had been in declining health for several years, and seriously ill for about two weeks. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1915 and retired in 1939. For several years he has been active in Mt. Pisgah Church.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Miss Eudora Pattillo; one son, William Cranford Bennett of Schenectady, N. Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Wallace R. Dodd of Waynesboro, Va., and Mrs. W. A. Shore, Jr., of Jamestown; one sister, Miss Mary Bennett of Greensboro; and one grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. W. A. Lambeth, superintendent of the Greensboro District, and Rev. E. D. Page, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Church.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. GERTRUDE DILLS McKEE

By C. M. Pickens

At the session of the Western North Carolina Conference in 1933, when Brevard College board of trustees was set up by that Annual Conference, Mrs. Gertrude Dills McKee was placed on that board. From that date to the time of her death on November 28, 1948, she was a faithful member of that board. The records of the meeting of this board of trustees of Brevard College reveal that she seldom missed a session. Not only so, her counsel and her personality were important factors in shaping the policy and life of Brevard College. Few, if any, members of the board were more faithful and more intelligent in their efforts to build this institution.

Mrs. McKee was not only active in all her relationships to Brevard College, but she was also active in all educational work in North Carolina and especially in western North Carolina. She was elected four times to the State Senate and in that body always championed the cause of education and of a high standard of morals. Her buoyant personality was a great asset to any cause she championed. The executive committee of the board of trustees of Brevard College Corporation desires to put on its records an expression of deep appreciation for the character and service of this noble woman.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Recently there was published a list of those to whom money should be sent in the North Carolina Conference. There should be added to these instructions that money raised in the Advance for Christ and His Church including (1) Overseas Relief, (2) Foreign Mission Specials, (3) Home Mission Specials should be sent to: Mr. Marvin J. Cowell, Treasurer, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

The significance of the older persons to the life of his parish. Good ministers usually give custodial care to the old people, but much more than that is needed today. There are two chief reasons for an increased attention to them: In the first place there are many more of them than formerly—10.5 per cent of the population now are over sixty years of age; whereas in 1900 it was only 6.4 and in 1920, 7.4 per cent. In the second place older people are not so useless as they were thought to be. Two new subjects introduced in some of our leading universities, Geriatrics (treatment of diseases of the aged) and Gerontology (the science of the aging process), have made it possible for aged people to be much happier and more serviceable.

Youth needs all the love, care, and inspiration any good minister can give, but he should not shove the older persons off into a corner, giving only a brief prayer and a word of sympathy while they yet have life. Old people have no doubt suffered losses in the realm of the physical and sensuous, but let us not forget that age has its compensations in the realm of the personal and spiritual. Age is compensated by a deeper religious faith and a clearer, more realistic walk with God. These assets are needed in every parish to give balance to the splendid enthusiasm and realism of youth. As an aid to ministers in realizing the importance of the older people of the parish, I recommend a recent book, entitled: Older People and the Church, by Maves and Cedarleaf.

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EDITORIAL

Methodist Disagreement on the North Atlantic Pact

Many church people inside and outside Methodist circles perhaps do not understand the apparent conflict in recent pronouncements by two Methodist groups concerning the North Atlantic Pact. The Methodist Peace Commission on May 2 adopted a statement which, for the time being at least, withholds support of the Pact. A few days later fourteen bishops of the church endorsed the Pact, stating only that it have the necessary controls. In view of these two conflicting statements many people doubtlessly wonder which represents the official stand of the Methodist Church on this important issue to be decided soon by the United States Senate.

The truth is that neither represents an official pronouncement of the Methodist Church. Only the General Conference, which has not acted on the matter, has the authority to speak for the denomination. The Peace Commission, though an official agency of the church which includes in its membership representative bishops, ministers and laymen, speaks only for its 27 members. The North Atlantic Pact falls within its sphere, and the Commission has a perfect right to let its position be known. The fourteen bishops, though representing the highest office in the church, do not speak for the entire church, but for themselves as individuals. They made it clear they were endorsing the Pact only as individuals. They were well within their right when they expressed themselves. The entire Council of 35 members was not in session, and the absence of their signatures does not mean they either endorse or oppose the action of their colleagues.

Both the Peace Commission and the fourteen bishops have rendered the church a distinct service in stating their position on this momentous question. The issue is now before us. As was to be expected, some Methodists favor the Pact; others oppose it.

Unfortunately, the fourteen bishops do not list the reasons for their stand. The Peace Commission, however, gives both the arguments for and against the Pact. In support of the Pact it lists the following: 1, the Pact is a proclamation to Europe and to the world that the United States is committed to a policy of international responsibility; 2, the United States views its security as inseparably related to the security of western Europe; 3, the announcement of this policy will constitute a deterrent to any nation which might resort to aggression to gain its ends; 4, since universal agreement among nations cannot be obtained now, it seems best to form regional pacts which are consistent with the United Nations Charter.

Then the Commission outlines its reasons for withholding support of the Pact: 1, the Pact is directed mainly against a member of the United Nations and will thus weaken the United Nations; 2, the Truman Doctrine, which the Pact parallels on a larger scale, has not succeeded in Greece, but rather has resulted in an enlargement of Russia's sphere of influence; 3, the military rearmament of western Europe would make staggering demands on our already overburdened economy; 4, American arms may be used to suppress uprisings of nationals in such lands as Indonesia and Indo-China, and thus support a Western imperialism; 5, the Pact will increase Russia's fears of Anglo-American aggression, and actually might precipitate rather than avert war.

One can see at once the tremendous implications involved in the North Atlantic Pact. There are strong arguments in its support. There are strong arguments against it. It is clear that the United States is facing a monumental decision. Every sincere Christian should study carefully and prayerfully the issues involved, and seek to arrive at a Christian decision. Arriving at that decision, he should let his opinion be known at the place where the final decision for our nation will be made—in the United States Senate.

Methodists will continue to disagree on the great issues before us. The church will not be threatened by our disagreements. It could be threatened, however, by a lackadaisical, unthinking conformity. Our disagreement will serve to clarify the issues at stake and help the church to face those issues realistically and arrive at a more Christian decision.

Meanwhile, all of us will agree with the concluding statement of the Peace Commission. "We call upon the church to continue to proclaim with clarity and moral vigor the love of God for all men in all nations and the availability of his spirit in all efforts to create peace with justice and brotherhood among men. No one knows what the future holds, or whether another war may yet engulf humanity. But of this we can be confident, that this is our Father's world. The Lord is our keeper, and in his will is our peace."

OUR FATHER

Our Father Who art in Heaven above,
Hallowed be Thy name in love!
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,
In earth as Heaven—obedience one!
Give us this day our daily bread,
Keep both our flesh and spirits fed!
Forgive our sins as we forgive,
Free from all malice help us live!
Lead us not in temptation's fray,
Save us from evil Thine own way!
For Thine's the kingdom without end,
The power, and glory, forever—Amen!

—John Cline.

Are You Too Busy for Daily Devotions?

This periodical recently carried an advertisement for The Upper Room which opened with this arresting statement: "If you are too busy for daily devotions you are too busy."

Now, we know from experience that daily devotions engaged in perfunctorily can be drab and meaningless, leaving the soul uninspired and unchanged. On the other hand, we know that daily devotions can be a transforming experience. If you are too busy for that kind of daily devotions you are indeed too busy.

Daily devotions help us to distinguish between the essential and the non-essential in our work. A few moments spent with God enable us to do more orderly and more efficiently all the work of the day. A period of quiet worship can quiet our fevered, troubled spirits, can take from our lives the strain and stress of the day's activities. Daily devotions can put meaning into all our labors.

Busy people cannot afford to neglect daily devotions. If you are too busy for daily devotions, you need to get rid of some of your business.

Teamwork in the Surry Project

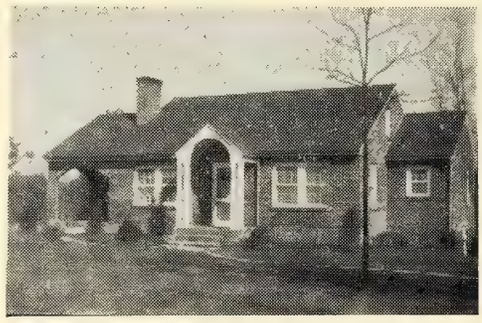
By John S. Jordan*

The "Larger Parish" plan in Surry County is succeeding because it is a co-operative enterprise. This is nothing new to Methodism. Nevertheless, from the beginning the Surry Project may be characterized by a spirit of teamwork between district superintendent, preachers in charge, laymen, and The Methodist Church at large. Thus the project may be understood more clearly as we consider the following participants in the program:

The first of these participants are the district superintendent and the preachers. The general need to reduce the number of churches on the circuits and increase the service of pastors had been seen for many years. Dr. H. G. Allen as district superintendent is giving the project wise and energetic leadership in this direction. He recommends for appointment men who have a definite interest in this special work and who will enter into it wholeheartedly. This spirit of teamwork is now operating effectively. Plans formulated by Dr. C. N. Clark, Rev. Robert C. Carter, Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, and other pastors with the district superintendent are marked by understanding and teamwork. The frequent meeting of the executive committee of the Surry Board of Missions and Church Extension has proved most worthwhile.

The second combination at work in this cooperative program is the preacher and his own charge. It is obvious that this combination is not uncommon to Methodism, nor is it our purpose to report anything especially new in churchmanship. It is, on the other hand, our purpose to show how the Methodist Church in Surry is making amazing strides forward by a concerted effort toward a common goal. One of the first tasks of the preachers was to create a sense of unity between the churches that had just become new circuits, and to develop a sense of stewardship within the bounds of the new charges. Charge-wide programs are being held. In some cases circuit-wide Youth Fellowships are set up, charge-wide study courses are given, and other activities are provided in which members and preachers participate. This encourages each pastor to provide a better program for his entire charge rather than to concentrate his work in the larger churches on the charges. As the number of churches on a circuit has decreased, the pastor has given more services to the remaining churches. The goal, which has not yet been reached, is to have a worship service in every church each Sunday. Laymen are now providing worship services when the pastors can not be present.

The preachers work together in this



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program. Often during the year they come together in meetings to plan the work for the entire area. A county-wide revival to be held simultaneously in a large number of Methodist churches will be held this June as a result of this co-operative planning. One of the pastors is furnishing his mimeograph machine for any printing that needs to be done. An addressograph machine has been purchased for cooperative use. On designated Sundays the pastors exchange pulpits, thus enabling each to become more familiar with the entire work of the county. A fine example of a project-wide endeavor is the training school held in Central Church, Mount Airy, during March, under the direction of Rev. J. E. Rink. This was by far the finest school ever held in the county. In April Rev. Frank B. Jordan secured Bishop Paul B. Kern for Holy Week services. Large crowds from the Mount Airy area heard these inspiring messages. Young Adult work has been organized, the result of this combination at work for the total program of the church.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that this is not merely a rural project. It is an area project, vitalized by the effort and support of the town churches in Mount Airy, Elkin, and Pilot Mountain, under the leadership of Dr. C. N. Clark, Rev. Frank B. Jordan, Rev. J. E. Rink, Rev. Robert Tuttle, Rev. Courtney Ross, and Rev. L. P. Barnett. It is most gratifying to know that there is a



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brotherly spirit between town and country preachers.

Under the direct leadership of Rev. Robert C. Carter, Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, Miss Grace Brown and Mr. Neil Smith, a Rural Life Conference was held March 25 at Dobson, emphasizing the relation of the soil to the church. This proved to be a very high experience to everyone who attended. The following specialists were called into the meeting: Dr. Sam Levering, orchardist; Rev. R. Stewart Grissard, Baptist pastor; Mrs. Corinne Grimsley, Family Relations specialist; Dr. A. J. Walton, Duke Divinity School; Rev. James Sells, extension secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.

The fourth combination is the laymen in the churches. They see the possibilities for the whole program of the county. Far-sighted laymen were probably first to see the need in the rural church. The generosity of the laymen in planning the entire project is a demonstration of the spirit of co-operation over the county. Robert M. Smith, Hugh Merritt, Jim Yokley, H. O. Woltz, John Frank, Hale Yokley, Joe Greenwood, G. B. Gardner, H. S. Broome, Frank Freeman, Arthur Graham, the late R. C. Boaz, the Pell family, C. M. Hoover, Norris Hatcher, C. C. Weaver, Jr., George Royall, J. G. Abernethy, E. C. Click, and many others have given invaluable support. They have helped to build new parsonages, valued at $53,000, described in a previous article. In the last three years the laymen of the three towns of Mount Airy, Elkin, and Pilot Mountain contributed to parsonages and churches in the rural area approximately $35,000. Eight new churches have been completed. Two of them were dedicated on May 22. Two others are under construction. A great deal of renovating and enlarging has been done in several other churches. Alongside of this, many of the laymen are preparing themselves as lay speakers and are making themselves available in the rural churches at needed occasions.

On May 29 the laymen and preachers of the county went to the Level Cross circuit for a picnic lunch. Immediately after the meal they formed a motor caravan traveling over the county to the new parsonages and churches recently built. This provided an excellent time for fellowship and gave a broader understanding of the work being done.

It has been gratifying to those who have participated in the planning to know that the Methodist Church at large has taken great interest in the entire program.

*Pastor, Franklin Heights Charge.

I Teach Youth in Japan

By Eliot R. Shimer

There is no better place to meet young people than in their schools.

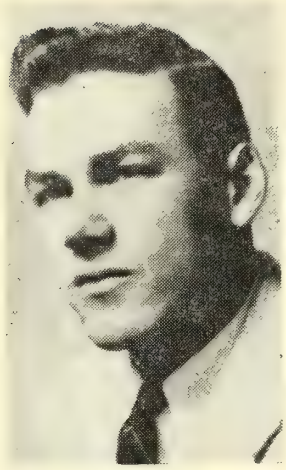
So it is in a school in Japan, Kanto Gakuin, that I spend most of my time. I am teaching 20 hours of English conversation each week to over 1,000 students. What kind of students? All kinds—junior high school, senior high school, college, and night school. The K.K.K. (Kanto Kindergarten Kids) feel neglected, so maybe I'll teach them new year, too. The classes are large, about 50 or 60 in a class. The classrooms are cold—often no windows, no doors.

The old location of Kanto is in Yokohama. But 10 of its fine buildings were destroyed by bombs. That almost ended Kanto Gakuin, but through the ingenuity of our president, Mr. Sakata, and the foresightedness of our occupation forces, the school was given several old Japanese naval barracks, some twelve miles down the coast from Yokohama. So now Kanto is divided, with the junior high school and boys' college near Yokosuka, and the senior high school and girls' college in Yokohama.

That presents one of the biggest problems for me—that of transportation. Take a ride on the IRT, Times Square, N. Y., at rush hour. Increase the pressure you feel on your back, double the pain cutting into your chest from "that guy's bony elbow," decrease the ventilation to nil, and you still have no idea what it's like riding Japanese street cars and trains. They're over crowded to the point where doors do not shut and children are pushed through windows. The bombings forced many to leave their city homes, increasing the number of commuters. But any time I begin to feel sorry for myself, I just look down, spot some crushed little tyke about four feet five trying desperately to hang onto his school books, counting the train stops on his fingers, so he'll know when to try to get off. These kids do it every day, some riding as much as two hours one way, all for an education. We say, "Is it worth it?" They just push their way on the train and come to school.

The students are eager, alive, responsive, happy, almost ideal—especially the young ones. They come to class loyally, except when tuberculosis or stalled trains hold them back. They laugh at "the crazy American," and the crazy American is happy to see them laugh. They learn English faster than any G. I. could ever hope to master Japanese.

The college students are different.



Eliot Shimer

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Mr. Shimer, of Maywood, N. J., an ex-G. I., went to Japan in 1948 as a three-year teacher under the Methodist Church to help build goodwill between the two nations. Here he tells some of his experiences teaching English to Japanese youth.

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They are slow, timid, mixed up. They are mature, ex-soldiers being taught by an ex-soldier. The new "democracy" has sent them tumbling from their pedestals of superiority. They are confused, but are too proud to say so. They are wondering about democracy and communism; about Christianity and Buddhism; about respected age-old mores that many people are calling feudalistic. I invite them to my home, but often they are afraid ("I can't speak English well enough, so I didn't come"); or if they come, they are so socially insecure that an evening of fun becomes an endurance contest staged in cold sweat. And yet, some are learning; and more are closely watching those who have learned.

Night schools—5:30-7:00; after a hard day at the office; after nine hours in the factory. Yes, even after a whole day of ordinary school. I have all kinds; all coming to learn English, to find fellowship, to enlarge their stunted cultural growth; and in spite of many handicaps. Anyone who does not get a thrill from teaching such students should have his heart examined. Last week we had to bring in more benches—over 100 students. And then the lights went out about 6 o'clock, but we carried on anyway.

An old man nearing 60 had trouble with his "l's"—'Angels are frying in heaven.' What's wrong with that?"

No. 'Angels are flying in heaven.'

"That's what I said, young fellow, 'Angels are frying in heaven.'"

A little girl about 14 wanted to know why Americans rode *in* a car but *on* a streetcar; and what do these G.I.'s mean by, "Take it easy, baby, you'll burn your motor out?" Night school is an experience!

The pretty girl who sits in the last row sure could use a new dress. And these kids with no shoes, in February, with snow last night. Perhaps you people with medical education can explain how they stand it; or maybe it takes psychological training—cold, cutting winds flowing freely through the glassless windows and out the doorless door frame; and bare feet, bare hands; one and one-

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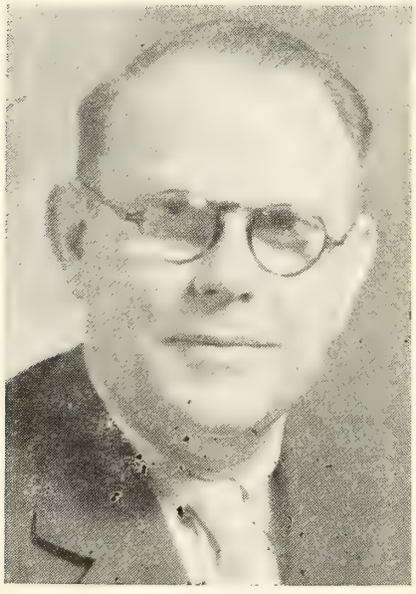
Japanese girls preparing their lesson in English

Retreat Expected to Attract 200 Laymen; Sprinkle Honored by Duke; Peele Dedicates Glenwood Church

LAYMEN TO HOLD RETREAT AT LOUISBURG, JUNE 11-12

Around 200 laymen of the North Carolina Conference are expected to attend the annual Laymen's Retreat to be held at Louisburg College this week-end, according to W. Jasper Smith of Bethel, conference lay leader, who will be in charge of the program.

Beginning with a six o'clock dinner meeting Saturday evening, the program



W. J. SMITH
N. C. Conference Lay Leader

will continue through Saturday evening and Sunday, with adjournment scheduled at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Theme for the retreat will center around "Our Faith," the first phase of Methodism's quadrennial emphasis. Speakers include Rev. W. L. Clegg of Burlington, conference chairman of the Advance program; the seven district superintendents; and several others. All the speakers will discuss some aspect of the Christian faith.

Those attending are asked to carry bed linen, towels and other personal articles.

The retreat, sponsored by the Conference Board of Lay Activities, has been held for several years, and has attracted many laymen from each district of the conference.

EAST ROCKINGHAM CHURCH DEDICATED

Glenwood church, East Rockingham, was dedicated Sunday evening, May 29, with Bishop W. W. Peele in charge. Rev. Warren B. Petteway, pastor, presided, and Rev. W. C. Ball, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, and Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of First Church, Rockingham, assisted.

The church was organized September 3, 1944, by Rev. C. P. Morris, who at that time was pastor of the Rockingham circuit. The charter roll consisted of 38 members. The membership stands at 160 now, and has an active church school, Woman's Society and Youth Fellowship.

Built at a cost of $23,000, the church has adequate facilities to take care of the needs of the community.

DR. H. C. SPRINKLE, JR., GETS HONORARY DEGREE AT DUKE

Dr. Henry Call Sprinkle, Jr., associate editor of the World Outlook and former editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, was among the five persons who on Monday received honorary degrees at Duke University. Dr. Sprinkle was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree. The citation was as follows: "Faithful pastor, thoughtful preacher, editor and author. As a disciplined scholar, courageous chaplain and devout citizen, he has served unselfishly the values of education and religion in peace and in war."

Dr. Sprinkle received an A.B. at Duke in 1923, and an M.A. in 1924. He also was awarded a Ph.D. at Yale in 1929.

Dr. Sprinkle, who was elected associate editor of the World Outlook early this year, is now on a trip South where he is speaking at annual conferences. The tour includes engagements at the Baltimore Conference, the North Mississippi Conference and the North Arkansas Conference.

He and Mrs. Sprinkle, formerly Miss Margaret Jordan, are planning to move to New York next week.



Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AIDING RURAL CHURCH SCHOOLS

Nashville, Tenn.—The Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education and the executive secretaries of the conference boards of education have agreed upon seven ways in which stronger churches may help weaker ones. Directed especially toward rural churches, the suggestions agreed upon are as follows:

1. A study of the rural church problem in classes of youth and adults, and in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
2. The promotion of definite programs of work for the rural church school.
3. Planning with other agencies for the improvement of near-by rural churches.
4. Financial help or counsel to small churches on buildings and equipment.
5. Help in providing training opportunities for rural church school workers.
6. Help in finding and enlisting new members for rural church schools.
7. Assistance to leaders in rural churches in the examination of their own situations and planning for improvement.

The division staff and the conference executive secretaries think the suggestions are important because: (1) a large proportion of the members of all Methodist churches come from rural churches; (2) the ministerial and lay leadership of our church comes in large measure from rural and small churches; (3) rural churches that have part-time pastors often need the help of strong churches.



Glenwood Church, East Rockingham Charge

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

THE YOUNG ADULT ASSEMBLY will be held at Lake Junaluska, July 14-17.

REV. JULIAN HOLMES has been elected president of the China Grove Ministerial Association.

REV. R. L. JEROME of New Bern preached baccalaureate sermons this spring at Ayden and Alliance.

REV. J. F. HERBERT of Roanoke Rapids spoke recently at graduating exercises at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., where his daughter, Constance, graduated on May 30.

FAIR VIEW CHURCH on the Davidson-Fairview charge, will observe homecoming on Sunday, June 19. Rev. W. S. Smith of Boger City, a former pastor, will preach the sermon at the 11 o'clock hour.

DR. EMBREE H. BLACKARD of Gastonia preached the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday at the Statesville High School. He will also preach at the Lake Junaluska Assembly auditorium next Sunday and Monday evenings.

DR. WALT HOLCOMB of Atlanta assisted recently in a cornerstone laying service of the educational building of Trinity Church, Miami, Fla., where he was formerly pastor, and preached at the evening service.

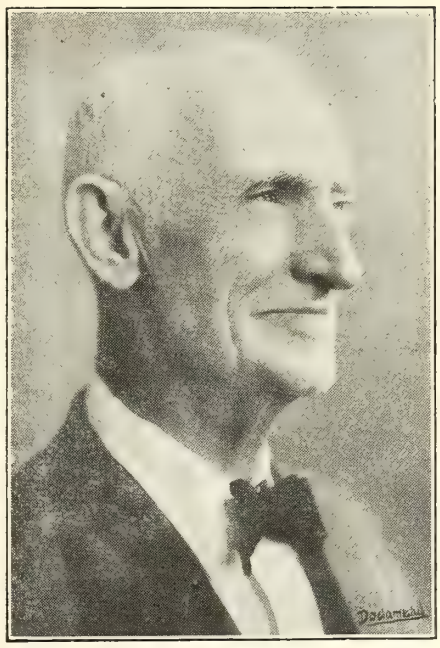
BOULEVARD CHURCH, Statesville, held revival services recently, with Rev. C. C. Murray of Jefferson as visiting preacher. Attendance averaged 230, and many members rededicated their lives. Six united with the church, making a total of 59 new members for the conference year. Rev. J. H. Cooke is pastor.

TROUTMAN METHODISTS will observe their annual homecoming on Sunday, June 19, beginning at 11 a.m., with Rev. John W. Hoyle, superintendent of the Marion District, as guest preacher. The occasion marks the 20th anniversary of the new church building. All former pastors and former members are cordially invited. Picnic dinner will follow the morning service.

THE WILLIAMSTON CHARGE recently organized a Methodist Laymen's Club, with the purpose of promoting Christian attitudes and active Christian workers among the men of the church. One feature of the monthly meetings is chain prayer. Officers are H. L. Swain, president; B. G. Stewart and W. W. Tice, vice-presidents; and Wheeler Manning, secretary-treasurer.

BASNIGHT MEMORIAL CHURCH, Ahoskie, held revival services May 23-27, with Dr. Howard P. Powell of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, preaching and Herman F. Larson of Roanoke, Va., leading the singing. Services were held twice daily, and capacity congregations attended the evening services. Thirty-one new members were received during the revival. This makes a total of 62 members for this year, 40 being by profession of faith. Rev. Howard M. McLamb is pastor.

DR. J. S. HIATT, superintendent of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, delivered commencement sermons at Virginia-Carolina High School, Grassy Creek, Sunday morning, May 22, and that evening at Walnut Cove High School. On May 27 he delivered the commencement address to the 32 seniors of Franklin High School, Mount Airy. Early this month he addressed the graduating classes of the school of nursing at the North Carolina Sanatorium and the Ronda High School.



REV. E. H. DAVIS, above, of Louisburg, was the oldest alumnus present for Duke graduating exercises this week. Mr. Davis, who has celebrated his 89th birthday, is a member of the class of 1880. After teaching school and practicing law, he joined the North Carolina Conference in 1886. He retired in 1931, after 45 years of service, and since that time has remained active in local church work. He operates a farm and has found time to publish a volume entitled "Historical Sketches of Franklin County." He lives at the famous Green Hill House near Louisburg where the first annual conference was held in North Carolina.

CENTENARY CHURCH, New Bern, has had an extensive renovation program recently, which has included work on the church social hall and kitchen, and other repairs on the church property, all of which totaled $5,417. The church also presented Bibles to the 18 seniors who are members of Centenary Church and who graduated from high school this spring.

REV. W. R. STEVENS of Roanoke Rapids, dean of the intermediate camp at Camp Fisher near New Bern, announces that there are a few places left for the camp to be held June 20-25. Young people between the ages of 12-14 inclusive from the Durham, Raleigh and Rocky Mount districts, interested in attending camp on the dates given above are asked to write Mr. Stevens at once.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, Reidsville, on Sunday, May 22, dedicated memorial pulpit furnishings. The baptismal font was given in memory of Mrs. Loula Keesee Rawley and Mrs. Alice Rawley Walker, by the family; the communion table, in memory of Mrs. Lucy Hunter Trotter, by her children; two communion chairs, in memory of Dr. John W. McGehee and Bobbie Siddle, by Mrs. McGehee and the family and a friend of Bobbie Siddle; two pulpit chairs, in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. West and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Barber, by the children of Mr. and Mrs. West and the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Barber; the lectern, in memory of Dr. J. M. McAnally, by Mrs. McAnally and Miss Myrtle McAnally; the altar cross, given by two members of the church.

REV. C. A. JONES of St. Pauls will be glad to assist in revival services after July 1, and may be contacted at St. Pauls.

REV. J. F. HERBERT of Roanoke Rapids is at Maguire General Hospital, Richmond, Va., where he has just undergone an operation.

DR. MARK DEPP of Winston-Salem delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, last Sunday.

REV. CHARLES D. WHITE of Biltmore preached the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday evening at the Biltmore High School.

DIVINE STREET CHURCH, Dunn, has received a communion service in memory of Rev. B. E. Stanfield, the gift of his grandsons.

JACKSON PARK CHURCH, Kannapolis, held homecoming services last Sunday, with a message by Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle, former pastor, and Mrs. Bangle, soloist. Rev. H. S. Williams is pastor of this eleven year old church.

REV. F. W. KIKER, pastor of Belmont Park Church, Charlotte, will preach during the revival services at Big Spring Church of Charlotte, June 12-17, with services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and each evening at 8 o'clock.

CHESTNUT RIDGE on the Orange charge will hold homecoming and memorial services Sunday, June 12, beginning at 11 a.m. All members, former members and friends are invited. Following the morning service a picnic lunch will be served.

FIRST CHURCH, China Grove, will hold homecoming services Sunday, June 19, beginning at 11 o'clock, with Dr. E. H. Nease, Sr., of Charlotte the guest speaker. Former pastors, former members and friends are invited. A picnic lunch will follow the morning service.

COL. MILTON O. BEEBE of Greensboro, chaplain U. S. Army, retired, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Oak Ridge Military Institute Sunday, May 29. Rev. Paul Hamilton, pastor of Oak Ridge Community Church and chaplain of the Institute, presided.

FIRST CHURCH, Roanoke Rapids, is building a new parsonage which is expected to be ready for occupancy by the pastor, J. F. Herbert, and his family in September. The structure will be a full two-story brick building, complete and modern in every detail, with nine rooms and basement.

DR. L. B. ABERNETHY was guest minister at Purcell Church, Charlotte, on Sunday, May 29. He brought a message on "Tithing, a Law that Has Never Been Repealed." Purcell Church has from the start had several tithers in its membership, and now there is a move under way to have an increase in the number who tithe.

THE CHURCH SURVEY COMMISSION of the Methodist Church, an impartial survey of the over-all structure of the Methodist Church, ordered by the last General Conference, held a meeting in Chicago recently, heard preliminary reports by George Fry and Associates, professional firm of management engineers assisting in the survey, and outlined further steps in the four-year study. The survey is believed to be the first in the long history of Christianity to be undertaken on such a large scale by a major denomination.

Junaluska Program Gets Under Way; Memorial Gifts Dedicated; District Youth to Assemble at Oak Ridge

JUNALUSKA BEGINS SIGNIFICANT SESSION

By Maud M. Turpin

Lake Junaluska.—With an early spring enhancing its natural beauty, and improvements and beautification projects recently completed, Junaluska Assembly on June 1 launched perhaps its most significant season in its 37 years, according to Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent.

The high mark of the incoming season, Dr. Love says, will be the initiation of the expansion program which was formulated last year by the Assembly's 46-member board of trustees, under the chairmanship of Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte. The expansion program celebrates the first anniversary of the transfer of the Assembly holdings, valued at approximately $1,000,000, by the General Conference to the denomination's Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Dr. Love, commenting on the upsurge of interest in the Assembly, which was founded by Methodist laymen in 1913, said, "Men of great vision founded this institution. It has had days of trial and crisis but we are confident that a new day has come. Great and young business and professional leaders are coming forward and they are bringing the same vision, the same courage and enthusiasm and will build as mightily in the days ahead as did those men in the past. The expansion program will involve every phase of activity and will give additional space for the entertainment of guests. This is the best day Junaluska has known in its checkered but glorious history."

FOURTEEN BISHOPS ENDORSE PACT

In view of the far reaching implications of the decision our nation will soon make relative to the Atlantic Pact, we desire to give expression of our conviction touching the matter. While we speak as individuals, we are convinced that our nation must play its part in this struggle for freedom.

There are realities in the present world situation with which temporizing and shallow makeshifts cannot cope. We are in a new era of the world's life, and can no longer live to ourselves. The cry of distress coming from so many, coupled with the threat to our own spiritual and democratic heritage summons us to intelligent action for freedom in the frame of world government. The last war revealed the tragic power of self-destruction resident in an order uncontrolled by Christian ideals.

We feel that the influence of the church should always be on the side of every effort which seeks to remove animosities and to preserve freedom. We therefore, support the Atlantic Pact with the necessary controls for its promotion of peace because in our opinion it will help to advance and protect the ideals for which our nation poured out life and treasure in two world conflicts.

J. W. E. BOWEN, CHARLES W. FLINT, MARVIN A. FRANKLIN, COSTEN J. HARRELL, IVAN LEE HOLT, EDWARD W. KELLY, JOHN WESLEY LORD, PAUL E. MARTIN, ARTHUR J. MOORE, CLARE PURCELL, A. FRANK SMITH, W. ANGIE SMITH, WILLIAM T. WATKINS, FRED P. CORSON.

LAYMEN PLAN JUNALUSKA PROGRAM

Nashville, Tenn.—Five hundred laymen from 17 annual conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction are expected to assemble at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 20-22, for three days of worship, study and recreation.

All laymen of the Jurisdiction are invited and those holding positions of leadership in the program of the church are urged to attend by Fred B. Noble, Jacksonville, Fla., president of the Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities and lay leader of the Florida conference.

Platform speakers for the conference are: Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas Area; Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive secretary of the Advance for Christ and His Church; and Dr. James N. Hillman, Richmond, Va., grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia. The program will also feature forum discussions on timely topics under the leadership of laymen.

Recreational features of the conference include a reception at Lambuth Hall on the evening of the opening day, an auto trip through the Great Smoky Mountains, and a boat ride on Lake Junaluska. The conference schedule will also allow time for such activities as swimming, fishing, boating, tennis and shuffleboard.

Lee Davis, Nashville, Tenn., secretary-treasurer of the Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities and lay leader of the Tennessee conference, advises all who plan to attend to contact charge and district lay leaders for additional information and to make their reservations early.

MACON CHURCH DEDICATES MEMORIALS

Approximately 350 persons attended a dedication of memorial gifts and homecoming services last Sunday at the Macon Methodist church. Rev. L. C. Vereen, pastor, was in charge of the impressive morning service at which time a Wurlitzer electric organ, Maas cathedral chimes and an illuminated cross were dedicated. The message for the occasion was brought by Rev. C. W. Robbins, former pastor, and special music was rendered by the choir.

The organ, dedicated in memory of William Gray Egerton, was the gift of the Thornton and Egerton families and the church. The chimes, a memorial to Charles Anthony Harris, was given by his family. The cross, a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. John Egerton Rodwell, was presented by their children.

The service culminated an extensive renovation program which has cost more than $5,000.

During the afternoon a homecoming service was held. At that time a history of the church, which dates back 72 years, was read by Miss Helen Thompson. The history was prepared by T. E. Powell and Mrs. Emma Thornton Nowell. Several former members and visitors also spoke at the afternoon program. Many former members and friends joined the congregation in the all-day program.

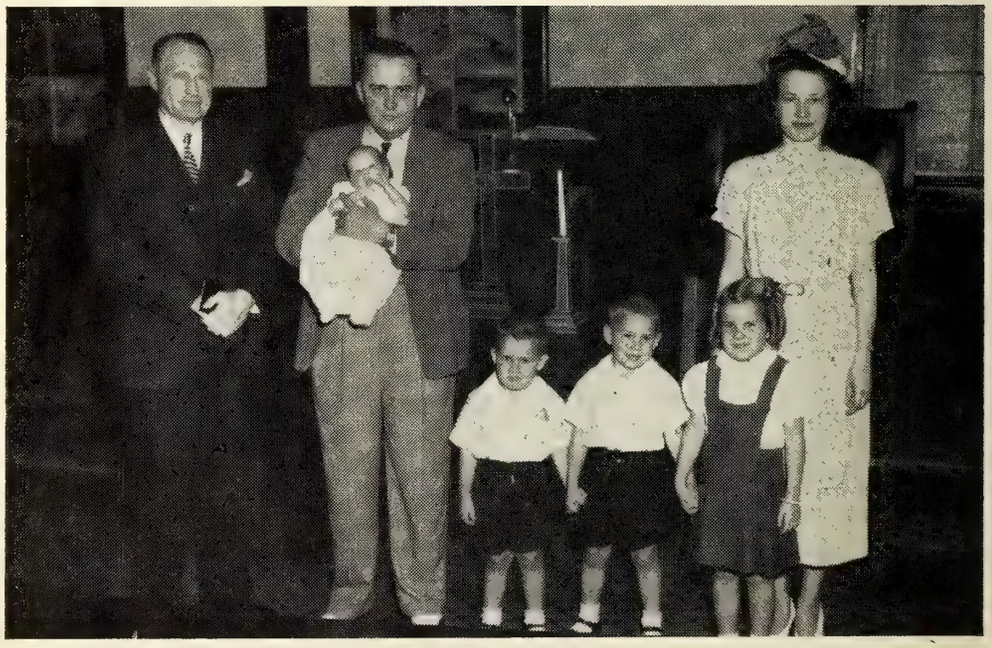
GREENSBORO DISTRICT YOUTH TO HOLD ASSEMBLY

The third Youth Assembly for the Greensboro District will be held at Oak Ridge Military Institute June 13-18, with Rev. Paul Hamilton of Oak Ridge, dean, and Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., of Salisbury the featured speaker.

Theme of the Assembly is "Jesus' Way—Our Way."

Discussion leaders include Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Durham; Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Greensboro; Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Jr., McAdenville; Rev. P. H. Shore, Jr., Greensboro; and Rabbi Benjamin Sincoff, Greensboro. Workshop leaders are Miss Evelyn Fields, Greensboro; Miss Robbie Lee Williams, Greensboro; Weddie Huffman, Greensboro; Rev. Julian Lindsey, Gibsonville; Rev. M. V. Thumm, Greensboro; and Ernest Page, Greensboro.

Mrs. John F. Kirk of Greensboro is registrar and Miss Viola Brigman of High Point is head counsellor. Bert Smith of Greensboro is district president.



On Mother's Day, May 3, and at the end of National Family Week, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Edward Shearin were received into the Whiteville Methodist Church by letter and at the same time, dediated their entire family to the Lord. Each child was baptized by the pastor of the church.

From left to right are: Rev. David A. Clarke, pastor of the Methodist Church at Whiteville, N. C., Mr. Stanley Edward Shearin holding James Calvin, age 1 mo., 6 days; Stanley Edward, Jr., age 3; Walter John, age 4; Barbara Ann, age 5; Mrs. Stanley Edward Shearin.

Churches Hold Dedicatory Rites; June 19 Is Church Council Sunday; Church in Kannapolis Builds

CHURCH COUNCIL SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED JUNE 19

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches Sunday, June 19, was designated as "Church Council Sunday." Last week Rev. Carl Rollen Key, director of the Council, sent a letter to all ministers and churches who are constituent members of this organization outlining the plans for this observance.

The purpose of "Church Council Sunday" is to emphasize cooperative Christianity in North Carolina in a major worship service in each church one day during the year. It is suggested that this sharing of the ecumenical spirit be done by an exchange of pulpits, a talk by a Council representative from the same or different denominations, or a sermon or talk by the pastor of the local church, and the distribution of a folder about "Your Council at Work.'

During the year the Council of Churches, through its director, Mr. Key, the Weekday Religious Education consultant and field representative, Miss Francis C. Query, and its Overseas Relief consultant, Miss Ruth Elliott, and the assistance of its commissions, has worked in many fields. It has carried on work with the N. C. Council of Church Women, Bible in the schools, seminars on pastoral counselling and ministry to the sick, reorganized the N. C. Christian Youth Council and carried out its study seminar in Washington, D. C., on "Know Your Government," assisted C.R.O.P. in initiating and promoting the Food Train and the Displaced Persons Program, offered a "daily devotional" service to the newspapers, conducted a successful Children's Workers Conference, organized the commission on evangelism to advise on the United Evangelistic Advance program for 1949-50, and guided the commission on radio, human relations, and spiritual ministry in institutions. A very active service program is now in the making for the council year of 1949-50 and will be approved at the Board of Activities meeting at Duke University on June 8.

NORTH KANNAPOLIS CHURCH HOLDS GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE

More than 300 persons attended ground-breaking services for the North Kannapolis church, Kannapolis, Sunday afternoon, May 29. Rev. W. B. Shinn, pastor, was in charge of the rites and was assisted by Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor of Trinity church, Kannapolis; Rev. C. F. Womble, pastor of Midway church, Kannapolis; Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., pastor of Memorial church, Kannapolis; Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of Jackson Park church, Kannapolis; and Rev. H. H. Robbins, retired minister.

Cecil Gabriel, chairman of the building committee, lifted the first shovel of dirt.

The lovely new Gothic church, to be constructed of stone, will cost $100,000, and will seat 500 persons. A modern educational building will take care of 600 persons.

Funds for the building have been raised during the past 18 months. The congregation is meeting now on North Juniper street.

The building marks another step in the expansion of Kannapolis Methodism.

CLEMMER DEDICATES MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH

Mount Pleasant church on the Mount Vernon charge was dedicated Sunday morning, May 29, with Rev. George B. Clemmer, superintendent of the Thomasville District, in charge. He was assisted by Rev. V. B. Stanley, pastor. Many members and friends attended the all-day service.



Mount Pleasant Church

The church, a brick structure with five classrooms and a sanctuary that will seat more than 100 persons, was built at a cost of $15,000. It replaces a wooden structure which was completed in 1881. Plans for the new building got under way in 1946 and the first service was held in the new church during May, 1948. The building committee consisted of Rev. V. B. Stanley, chairman; Mrs. Robert C. Kennedy, secretary-treasurer; J. M. Cashatt, W. T. Crotts and Sam Kinley.

BISHOP HARRELL TO DEDICATE MINERAL SPRINGS CHURCH SUNDAY

Mineral Springs church, of the Charlotte District, is to be dedicated Sunday morning, June 12, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell in charge of the dedicatory rites. He will be assisted by Dr. E. H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte District; Rev. W. T. Albright, a former pastor; Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, during whose pastorate the church was largely built, and Rev. T. G. Highfill, the present pastor.

This church was organized as a church school on July 7, 1901, and was organized as a separate congregation on July 27, 1911, and a church building was erected. While undergoing repairs on April 29, 1943, this building was completely destroyed by fire. Inspired by the hard work and ardent faith of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, the congregation began plans for the handsome and adequate church which arose from the ashes.

Special tribute should be paid to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, as this group of women labored tirelessly in completing the church in every detail.

Former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend. A picnic dinner will be served following the service of dedication.

MANY PARTICIPATE IN FORSYTH WORKSHOP

By Ralph Reed

During the week, May 1-6, 27 visiting preachers and local pastors, including Dr. H. G. Allen, district superintendent, joined in the Forsyth County Rural Workshop in Evangelism. Dr. C. E. Rozzelle was the inspirational speaker for the morning meetings of the preachers. The following churches entertained the workers: Lewisville, Crews, Mount Pleasant, Mount Olivet, Mt. Carmel, Pine Grove, and Main Street, Kernersville.

Reports show that approximately 80 persons were added to the 14 churches participating. Fifty-nine of these joined by profession of faith and 21 by transfer. A total of 84 sermons were preached to 7,626 people and pre-service youth meetings were held for 690 youth. The pastors and assistants made 214 visits. One hundred and twenty renewed their vows to God and the church.



Mineral Springs Church

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

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INFORMATION ABOUT LABORATORY SCHOOL

The faculty of the North Carolina Conference Laboratory School for Children's Workers to be held June 19-24 at Duke Memorial Church, Durham, will be composed of Mrs. Arthur Marshall, Maryville, Tenn., who will be the kindergarten instructor; Mrs. A. H. Rapking, Madisonville, Tenn., who will be the primary instructor; and Miss Margie McCarty, Nashville, Tenn., who will be the junior instructor and is the General Board representative.

The July group graded material for this year is being taught by these trained leaders. Since most of our churches use this series of material it will be particularly helpful in future planning. Seeing the children work and play together under the guidance of these instructors will mean a great deal in helping us develop techniques in our own teaching.

The mornings will be devoted to classes with the children, and an evaluation period with student teachers. It is necessary for a person attending this phase of the program to attend each session in order to derive most from the school. As the children grow each day, so will the student teachers grow as they observe the children and evaluate the sessions. Thus, to grow with the entire group it is better for attendance to be regular.

Durham Methodists are housing our out-of-town guests, except those who have specified that they will be commuting.

The Laboratory School held in Durham three years ago was very successful. This is the second time that this particular type of training has been attempted in our conference and has been planned with a great deal of anticipation by the faculty and planning committee. Many have written that because of the former experience in a Laboratory School they are coming again and have been encouraging others who could not take advantage of that opportunity to do so this year.

If you have not registered already, send in your application now. The registration deadline has been extended until June 15 and you can get an application in on time. This is the best known method of teaching and we want a full registration of student teachers so that all possible can take advantage of this outstanding opportunity.

An important action of the General Board of Education relating to the Division of the Local Church was the provision made for the study and development of a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education for the local church, on a much more extensive basis than anything heretofore attempted. The development of such a program, according to Dr. John Q. Schisler, who presented the request, would mean " a serious effort to organize into one consistent whole the program suggestions and directions on organization and administration of the church school."

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If your Vacation School is scheduled for the same time, please give one teacher a leave of absence and send her as a delegate to take back the latest and best ideas for the Christian Education of children.

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ATTENTION—LOCAL TREASURERS

The treasurer's books for the five months' period from January to June, 1949, have been closed, and Mrs. David D. Smiley, conference treasurer, asks that all funds be held and sent with the remittances for the first quarter of the new year, August 1, 1949. It adds greatly to her work to send funds now which should have gone in during April when all local treasurers were asked to send for April and May, so please, if you have not sent in your remittances for those months, HOLD THEM until the first quarter.

ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST

On May 10, 125 members of Hawthorne Lane Woman's Society of Christian Service, Charlotte, enjoyed their annual May Breakfast in the dining room of the church. After the business meeting, Rev. W. J. Miller installed the new officers.

Because of the rapid growth in membership, it was necessary to organize 12 circles, instead of eight that have been active in previous years. Reports showed splendid progress during the past year, with $684 sent to the conference treasurer for the period from January 1 to April 30, which was more than 33⅓ per cent increase in giving.

Mrs. Clarence E. Williams, Sec.

OFFICERS' TRAINING—WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

Officers' training is being used to advantage in the Winston-Salem District and is steadily increasing. Three Woman's Societies of Christian Service and two Wesleyan Service Guilds on the Hanes-Clemmons charge met Sunday afternoon, May 22, at Bethel church with about 50 officers present. Mrs. E. L. Ballard led the group in their study of the duties of the officers. Mrs. Clyde Snyder, popular president of the Bethel society, was instrumental in getting this large group together and presided at the meeting.

A similar meeting was held Saturday afternoon, May 21, at Ogburn Memorial Church, with Mrs. Ballard leading the group, assisted by the president, Mrs. W. L. Haslett. Sessions were held in the afternoon and evening, with supper served in the church dining room.

The women of the Lewisville Church met Wednesday, May 25, for a luncheon in the home of Mrs. Gray Mock, with Mrs. Wilbur Hauser assistant hostess. Mrs. H. G. Allen spoke to the incoming officers on their duties for the coming year.

Mrs. W. A. Rock, the retiring president, was presented with a life membership in appreciation of her faithful service for the past four years. The life membership was presented by the pastor, Rev. R. V. Martin.

Mrs. Wilbur Hauser is the new president.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT MEETING

About 175 women of the Winston-Salem District enjoyed a most profitable day at Central Church, Mount Airy, May 17. The good ladies of Central Church had not omitted anything for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests and numerous admiring expressions were used in describing the beautiful arrangements of flowers which adorned the altar and were used profusely in the dining room.

This society furnishes three district officers, Mrs. R. A. George, promotion secretary; Mrs. Oscar Merritt, recording secretary; and Mrs. A. B. Macon, sub-district chairman.

The pastor, Rev. Frank Jordan, led a most helpful devotional and beautiful music added to the effectiveness of the services, especially a solo by the director of music of Central Church, Mr. Glenn Robertson. Mrs. Hoyle Ripple conducted the pledge service and the memorial service was led by Mrs. Oscar Yokley, who set miniature vases of assorted flowers on the altar railing for each memorial member.



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With Mrs. J. S. Hiatt presiding the various officers gave encouraging reports of their work and a skit describing the literature and publications available was used by the secretary of this department. Mrs. R. A. George, secretary of promotion, reported a total of 78 societies in the district, four of these new, and 18 Wesleyan Service Guilds, with one new, giving a combined membership of 3,843. Four promising young girls are already using the study grants and one new one will be added this fall. Miss Mozelle McCormick graduated from Greensboro College last week and will go to Scarritt this fall for further study. A woman's Bible class in the Central Church, Mount Airy, has been supplementing the study grant for Mozelle's expenses and will continue to do this in the amount of $200 a year and the district pledge itself to add to this amount. This district gave $1,252.92 for the Penny-a-Day Fund last year and $1,146.45 for the Week of Prayer and Self Denial offering. Thirty life memberships, one honorary life membership and one baby membership were given.

Mrs. C. W. Clay, missionary to Brazil, held the close attention of her hearers as she told of the work Brazilian women are doing in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. R. A. George was elected delegate from the district to the Assembly at Cleveland, Ohio, next year, and Mrs. Mark Rose was elected first alternate and Mrs. H. G. Allen second alternate.

It gives courage to flagging spirits and cheer to the hearts to have such interested people attend these meetings as Mrs. C. C. Creveling who is "growing old sweetly" by daily expressing her appreciation of people by letter or card or telephone call, and it was a benediction to have her in attendance.

Attention was called to the absence of Mrs. C. C. Weaver, who had not missed a district meeting in many years, and to Mrs. R. G. Smith who was kept away because of the illness of her husband. Messages of cheer were sent to each of these ladies.

NEW WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD—GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Bethlehem Methodist Church at Climax recently organized a Wesleyan Service Guild and their officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Harmon Moser, Pleasant Garden; vice-president, Mrs. Frank Allred, Greensboro, Route 4; recording secretary, Mrs. C. A. Shoffner, Climax; treasurer, Mrs. Jack Donnell, Climax; missionary education, Mrs. Tommy Kearns, Pleasant Garden; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Dwight Fields; recreation, Blanche Fields, Pleasant Garden; and supply work, Mrs. Lee Fields, Pleasant Garden. This information comes to us from Mrs. J. S. Higgins, publicity chairman.

NEW SOCIETY—STATESVILLE DISTRICT

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service is reported at May's Chapel, near Maiden, and will officially take up its work as a separate group in June. This church is on a charge with First Church, Maiden, with Dr. James C. Stokes pastor. The women forming the new society formerly made up Circle No. 5 of the First Church Society.

Mrs. John K. Miller was elected president of the new society, having served for the past two years as chairman of Circle No. 5.

ATTENTION, SECRETARIES OF SUPPLY WORK

The conference secretary of supply work, Mrs. Ira C, Shelley, calls attention to the fact that mention was not made in the publicity material sent out for the School of Missions and Christian Service at Pfeiffer College June 12-17, that workshops would be held for secretaries of supply work. Workshops will be held for workers in this department and local secretaries are urged to attend the school and have the benefit of the workshops.

Mrs. Shelley has already started the campaign with the Palmolive-Peet Company to get coupons for building of the fence around the Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem, and requests that all districts except Charlotte send in their coupons until this project is completed. So far reports show that Ogburn Memorial, Winston-Salem, heads the list with 2,523 coupons and at the rate of 600 coupons required for one foot of fence this society has four feet to its credit. Send the coupons direct to the Bethlehem House, 408 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Una Edwards, secretary of promotion, and her sister, Mrs. Iva Lovelace, treasurer, of the Marion District Woman's Society of Christian Service, in the death of their mother, who passed away May 23. Her

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Students Hold Banquet; Seniors See Planetarium; Eight Visit Clinton; Beach Group Visits Campus

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

FATHER'S DAY GIFT

There are four Pierce children in our Orphanage family. Their father lives in Kecoughtan, Va., and is devoted to these young people. At present, he is receiving hospital care. His older girl, Mary Elizabeth, made some recordings last week and is mailing the record to her Dad.

Mr. Pierce has made a real sacrifice to give his daughter voice lessons. He has not seen his children in a long time. I know he is thrilled to get these records. It is a lovely Father's Day gift and should hasten his recovery.

LARKIN PARTY

On May 27, at 8 p.m., the juniors, seniors and faculty, attended a party in the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Larkin.

Group singing was enjoyed, with Mrs. Simmons at the piano. A color film of the May Day Festival was shown.

Mr. Madison, assisted by Herbert Clewis and Jacob Bland, gave a sleight of hand performance. Fred Hasty, Billy Glover and Gerald Rowe sang a number of popular songs.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

On May 26, the annual junior-senior banquet was given in our campus dining hall. The Mother Goose motif was used throughout the banquet. Various Mother Goose characters decorated each table.

Billy Glover, the junior class president, was toastmaster. The program consisted of toasts to the seniors, faculty and guests, by Mary Strother, Vernelle Wade and A. B. Maness. Special music was rendered by the junior class: Vergie Mae Jeffries, Mary Elizabeth Pierce, Colin Maultsby, Billy Glover and Vernelle Wade. A piano solo was given by Mary Jane Shields. Four entertaining readings were given by Doretha Williamson, Geraldine Long, Margaret Strother and Fred Hasty. The program, music and decorations were under the direction of Mrs. R. A. Simmons, Mrs. Duke Morgan and Mrs. C. F. Holland.

The guest speaker was Dr. R. E. Brown from Durham. He spoke on Character, and brought an inspiring message.

The program was concluded with the singing of Aloha Oe, led by the junior class.

ORPHANAGE DAY AT CLINTON

Early Sunday morning, May 29, eight of us set out for Sampson County. Our final destination was the Methodist church in Clinton where we gave a program before the entire school and the response made glad our hearts. It was my happy privilege to speak at the preaching hour.

Members of our party were entertained in five of the homes. The minister, Jesse H. Lanning, and Mrs. Lanning took good care of the superintendent and his wife. The children visited in the following homes: Mr. and Mrs. Peter McQueen, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Royal.

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SENIORS VISIT PLANETARIUM

On a recent date when our baseball team was playing in Chapel Hill, Brother H. G. Ruark, pastor of University Methodist Church, and a group from his congregation invited the members of our senior class and the members of our baseball team to a picnic supper. The highlight of the evening came when our hosts provided us with tickets to attend the Morehead Planetarium program. Our children were quite intrigued with the various features of the Planetarium.

MANY VISITORS ARRIVE

Saturday, May 28, a chartered bus brought a fine company to spend the day from Carolina Beach Methodist church. The pastor, J. E. Carter, made the plans for the trip. The people brought well filled baskets for a picnic on the campus. Tables were spread under the lovely oaks and many of our children were invited to eat with these friends. I could not figure out whether we were their guests or they were our guests. At any rate, all had a good time.

The Carolina Beach church is young, but is a fast growing institution. The members are loyal to our home and clothe one of our girls, Rosa Lee Ellis. Rosa Lee likes to visit this church in the good old summer time when she can enjoy these friends and play on the beach.

ANOTHER SENIOR WRITES

Dear Friends:

Thirteen years ago I came to the Methodist Orphanage. This was to me the luckiest day of my life. In this lovely home I came in contact with many nice friends.

First, to my grandfather, Mr. Jesse W. Brown, my sincere appreciation comes from the bottom of my heart. For he made it possible for me to wear beautiful clothes, in every season of the year, throughout my stay here. His love and kindness will long be remembered, and I shall be eternally grateful. To you, grandfather, I cannot express in words my feelings within.

I'd like to say "thank you" to the teachers and matrons for the interest they have shown during my stay here. They made this a real home for me and a very happy one.

Mr. Barnes has been a real dad and pal to all of the boys and girls. His kindness is appreciated from the depths of our hearts. He is most understanding with young children, and did everything in his power to make us happy. To Daddy Barnes, a real friend, I am truly grateful.

To our new Dad, Mr. Larkin, I would like to express my appreciation for his love and kindness during the few months he has been with us. He and his family have done a marvelous job with our children, and we can never repay them. To the Larkins, thanks for everything.

We have a large number of friends in Edenton Street church, Raleigh. Among these, the Fidelis Class, which has for a long time admired the work of our students. At the end of every six weeks, they never fail to give a party, or express in some way their feelings, for the honor roll students. For many wonderful occasions, please accept our thanks.

To the other friends of the North Carolina Conference, "You will long be remembered." You have educated me to the best of my ability, and last, but not least, my sincere thanks goes to you.

Sincerely,
Betty Lou Brown.



SENIORS

We have eighteen seniors who will be graduated on June 10. This is the largest senior class we have had since 1938. They will be leaving us after graduation for college and other interests

Sunday School Lesson for JUNE 12

The Cost of the Cross

Mark 15:21-47; Matthew 27:57-61

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Before the cross of Christ we are moved to silent reverence rather than many words. Such, too, is the spirit of the gospel writers. They become strangely matter-of-fact as they tell the story, and refrain from all emotional adjectives and all dramatic rhetoric. They are not cold, but the awe of the cross is upon them.

Simon of Cyrene was forced by the soldiers, as Jesus stumbled under the weight of his cross, to bear it after him. But this disgrace brought him into contact with our Lord, and made him a witness to his sufferings; and we infer that he became a disciple of Jesus, and that Alexander and Rufus, his two sons, also became well known Christians. Otherwise their names would not have been mentioned.

Jesus refused the drink that the charitable ladies of Jerusalem had prepared to deaden the sufferings of those who were nailed to the cross. He desired that even during the last agonized fragment of his life he should be ready for any ministry to his fellow men. And sure enough he was able to comfort the thief who was crucified with him, saying, This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise. And he was able to say to his beloved disciple, Behold thy mother; and to his mother, Behold thy son, and thus bequeath to his mother the richest of legacies, one who would esteem it an extreme honor to render to her every tribute of service and love. The prayer of Jesus as they nailed him to the cross, Father, forgive them, they know not what they do, is a high water mark in his revelation of the Divine Love.

The sufferings of Jesus were intensified by the mockery of the chief priests and the passing crowds. How grateful we are that the evangelists have preserved for us the cry, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' The fact that they tell us that Jesus thus cried out in unspeakable agony shows how faithful they were to the truth, for they would not naturally expect the Son of God, who as no other man had a sense of the presence of his Father, to utter such a heart-breaking cry, especially when to a unique degree he was fulfilling the will of his Father. O Nazárene, we receive thee to our hearts, for thou wast tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin!

The Psalmist whose agonized cry, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? Jesus repeated, suddenly exclaimed, Yea, from the horns of the wild oxen thou hast answered me (22:21); and the rest of the Psalm glows with confidence. So likewise Jesus died peacefully, saying, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. The evangelists suggest that through his death all men are privileged to enter through the rent veil into the holy of holies. This had been for the high priest alone, but now every one through Christ can enter into closest communion with God.

At the foot of the cross the soldiers cast lots for his garments. That was all the understanding they had of the legacy that Jesus left to the world. They did not know that by his death he was bequeathing to them and to all who would believe, unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8) and eternal life.

The centurion when he saw Jesus die exclaimed, Surely this was a son of God! At first he did not seem to be impressed, for he allowed his soldiers to mock Jesus by pretending to offer him wine, as though they were cupbearers to a king. But now the full tide of his soul sets in toward the sufferer. And many others who had looked on staringly also felt the reaction, and returned to the city smiting their breasts. The Galilean had already begun to conquer.

W. N. C. Woman's Page

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Christian influence will be greatly missed in the home and in the church at Cliffside.

PROGRAMS 1949-50

The theme of the programs for 1949-50, which will begin with September, is "Christ Jesus Himself the Cornerstone," and these will be available about June 15. The Program Packet contains the program material and worship services from September, 1949, through August, 1950, and is 60 cents. It is necessary that local societies get their orders in early to Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

NEWS FLASH

A bequest of $70,500 to the city of Nome, Alaska, has been awarded to the new hospital by the trustees of the McDougall Estate as a most outstanding piece of welfare work in its benefit to the city. The proviso that the name of Mr. McDougall be included in the name of the new building has been accepted by the Woman's Division. The name "Maynard" is also a memorial name—Mrs. Horace Maynard having given the first contribution toward the hospital in Nome. The hospital will hereafter be known as the Maynard-McDougall Hospital.

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Children's Storytime

It's Budget Time

By Flora Belle Boger

"I'd like to be in the play, but I just don't have time!" Patty sighed.

"I want to be on the basketball team, but I have too many home chores to do!" Bill grumbled.

"If only we could sandwich in some more of these things we like to do—" Patty rested her chin on her palm, and leaned back against the pillar behind the school steps.

"It can't be done!" Bill waved a dramatic hand. "One teacher demands this outline! My father lays out work for me at home! Mother has shopping trips—"

"But if we could work out a system—" Patty said thoughtfully.

"Sort of a schedule?" Bill demanded.

"Yes," Patty nodded. "We could have one afternoon for special shopping. We could work in our outside activities two or three evenings a week."

"But don't forget our curfew!" Bill scoffed.

"I won't." Patty jumped to her feet. "Let's talk to the others on our block. We could figure out how many hours we have free, and work out a budget of time to fit in our extra activities."

"We can't do everything we want to do!" Bill argued as they started down the walk.

"Who can do everything he really wants to?" Patty came back. "But we can work out a plan so that we can do the thing we most want to do—within regulations from home, too, of course."

"Maybe." Bill still looked doubtful. But he was surprised as the others in the crowd began making out the budget of time. It was surprising just how much time was left over between sleeping, school, and home chores.

"We've been wasting a lot of precious hours," Patty exclaimed. "The time is there, but we haven't used it properly."

"Why, I could take music lessons!" one of the other girls cried. "Practice could come here between my last class and dinner time. I usually just talk over school for that hour."

"If I got some more of my work done at home on Saturdays," Bill mused, "that would leave basketball practice time free for me."

"Well, I can see where a time budget will allow me enough time for play practice, and for Pioneer Council Meeting, too!" Patty exclaimed.

Down the line went the pencils, setting aside the hours that had been lost time before, but which, with care, could be turned into precious hours, yielding up skills and friendships they hadn't time for before.

"I've heard of budgeting money!" Bill shook his head in wonder, "but budgeting time! That's something new. I hope it works!"

"It works in the classes in school, doesn't it?" Patty pointed out.

"Oh, that!" Bill grimaced.

"It's up to us to make it work!" Patty said. "I, for one, am going to choose the things I plan to do a week or two in advance, and work my other activities in at convenient times."

"That will take some cooperation at home, too,' Bill scowled.

"Well," Patty laughed, "if I know our parents, they're going to be as happy about this as we are!"—Onward.

On a Winding Mauntain Road

What makes the road unwind before
Like tape from round a spool?
My hands could reach and pull up trees
To fling them in the pool
Way down, where water rests a while,
Then walks on very slow.
It hurries so right at the last,
It's kicked itself in two.

I like my playground sweet and small
But this one is so grand,
It must be one the angels made
For all the heavenly band.

—Edith Deaderick Erskine.
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Charles (coming from school):: "I'm like Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson—"
Pop: "Why?"
Charles: "I went down in history."



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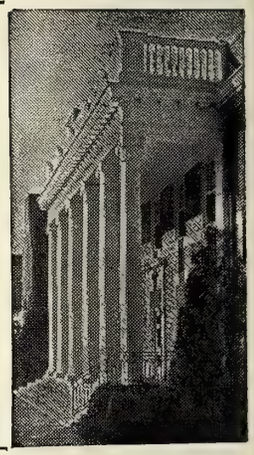
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June

Waxhaw: Mineral Springs, 11 26

July

Charlotte, First, 11 3
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Johns, 3 10
Hawthorne Lane, 11 17
Pineville: Marvin, 3 17
Unionville: Bethel, 7:30 17
Union County Preachers, 10 18
Monroe, Central, 8 18
Huntersville, 8 19
North Monroe-Benton Heights, 8 20
Cole Memorial, 8 21
Calvary, 8 22
Ansonville: Concord, 11 24
Prospect: Mount Carmel, 3 24
Marshville, 7:30 24
Anson County Preachers, 10 25
Wadesboro, 8 25
Belmont Park, 8 27
Big Spring, 7:30 28
Hickory Grove, 8 29
Weddington, 8 30
Peachland: Mount Moriah, 11 31
Lilesville: Forestville, 7:30 31

GASTONIA DISTRICT

W. A. Stanbury, D.S., 606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.

June

Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 11 12
Gastonia, East End, 7:30 12
Stanley, 11 19
Gastonia, Trinity, 7:30 19
Lincoln Circuit, McKendree, 11 26
Gastonia, Bradley Memorial, 7:30 26

MARION DISTRICT

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S., P.O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

June

Red Hill, Deyton Bend, 10 5
Red Hill, Red Hill, 11 5
Bakersville, Glen Ayre, 3 5
Red Hill, Tipton Hill, Night 5
Marion, First Church, 11 12
Old Fort Ct., Bethlehem, 3 12
Cross Mills, Cross Mills, Night 12
Boone, Youth Rally, 5 19
Elk Park, Montezuma, Night 19
North Morganton, 11 26
Table Rock, Oak Hill, 3 26
Marion Ct., Glenwood, Night 26

July

Creston and Green Valley 3-8
Bostic, Salem, 11 10
Bostic, Sunshine, 10 10
Bostic, Oak Grove, Night 10
Spindale, 11 17
Sunshine, Golden Valley, 3 17
Sunshine, Hopewell (Revival) 17-23
Pleasant Grove, 11 24
Broad River, Wesley, 3 24
Rutherfordton, night 24
Morganton, First Church, 11 31
Rutherford College, Shady Grove ,3 31
Connelley Springs, Connelley Springs, Night 31

SALISBURY DISTRICT

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June

Bethel, 11 19
Midland: Pine Bluff, 2 19
Stanfield: Love's Grove, 4 19
Spencer: Central, 11 26
Salisbury, First, 3 (Organize Rowan Co. Mission Society) 26
Kerr Street, 8 26

July

Albemarle, First Street, 11 3
Pfeiffer: Zion, 3 3
Concord: Forest Hill, 8 3
Norwood, 11 10
Albemarle, Central, 3 (Organize Stanley Co. Mis. Soc.) 10
Jackson Park, 8 10
Salisbury, Park Avenue, 11 17
North Kannapolis, 8 17
Mount Mitchell, 11 24
Concord, Central, 3 (Organize Cabarrus Co. Mis. Soc.) 24
Mount Olivet, 8 24
Roberta, 11 31
Harmony, 8 31

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H.Armbrust, D.S., Statesville, N. C.

July

Helton: Trinity, 11 3
Warrensville: Smethport, 3 3
Laurel Springs: Chestnut Hill, 7:30 3
West Jefferson, 7:30 4
Stony Point, 7:30 5
Claremont-Shiloh, Shiloh, 7:30 6
Mooresville Ct.-Triplett: Triplett, 7:30 7
Harmony: Turnersburg, 7:30 8
Lenoir, First, 11 10
Harpers: Harpers, 3 10
Whitnel, 7:30 10
Mooresville, Broad Street, 7:30 11
Hudson: Hudson, 7:30 12
Hickory, Bethel, 7:30 13
Granite Falls, 7:30 14
Newton, Abernethy Memorial, 11 17
Catawba: Hopewell, 3 17
Olin: Olin, 7:30 17
Hickory, Highland-Fairgrove: Fairgrove, 7:30 18
North Wilkesboro, 7:30 20
Millers Creek: Charity, 11 24
Jefferson: Orion, 3 24
Troutman: Troutman, 7:30 24
Statesville, Boulevard, 7:30 27
Lenoir Circuit: Littlejohns, 11 31
Dudley Shoals: Ebenezer, 3 31
Wilkesboro: Union, 7:30 31

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

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June

Surry Project Evangelistic Week 20-24

July

Yadkin Evangelistic Week 10-15

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June

Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg, Saturday and Sunday .. 11-12
Burlington, Davis Street, 11 19
Mebane, Mebane, 7:30 19
Roxboro, Grace, 11 26
Mt. Tirzah, Mt. Tirzah, 3 26
Durham, Bethany, 7:30 26

July

Rougemont, Union Grove, 11 3
Dedication Phillips Chapel, 3 3
Durham, Asbury, 7:30 3
Brooksdale, Trinity, 11 10
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30 10
Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove, 11 17
Durham Circuit: Pleasant Green, 7:30 17
Orange, Hebron, 11 24
Eno, Palmers Grove, 7:30 24
Bahama, Mt. Bethel Dedication Services, 11 31

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June

Plymouth, 11 12
Roper: Siloam, 3 12
Murfreesboro: Union, 11 19
Belhaven: Belhaven, 8 19
Hertford, 11 26
Chowan: Bethany, 3 26

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June

Convocation 7-10
Walstonburg: Arthur, 11 12
Mount Olive Circuit: Bethel, 11 18
Kinston, Queen Street, 11 19
Vanceboro: Chapman's, 11 25
Marshallberg, 11 26
Atlantic: Sealevel, 7:30 26

July

Hookerton: Frizzelle Memorial, 11 3
Morehead Circuit: Camp Glenn, 11 10
Morehead City, First, 8 10
Newport: Oak Grove, 11 17
Beaufort, 11 24
Goldsboro, St. Paul, 11 31

August

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June

LAYMEN'S RETREAT, Louisburg College, ... 11-12
Cary, 8 12
Fuquay Springs, 11 19
Vance: Gillburg, 11 (Dedication) 26
Clayton, 8 26

July

Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 11 3
Louisburg Circuit: Shiloh, 11 10
Raleigh, Trinity, 8 10
Raleigh, Edenton St., 11 17
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June

Weldon, 11 12
Halifax, Pierce, 3 12
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 19

July

Marvin: White Oak, 11 3
Evansdale, 7:30 10
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June

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Laymen's Retreat, Louisburg College 11, 12
Jacksonville, 11 12
Richlands: Gum Branch, 8 12
Bladen: Windsor, 8 19
Clinton Circuit: Epworth, 11 26
Duplin: Unity, 3 26
Maysville, 8 26

July

Swansboro: Queens, 11 3
Town Creek: Bethel, 11 10
Whiteville, 8 10
Carolina Beach: Federal Point, 12 17
Garland: Salem, 8 17
Waccamaw: Bethesda, 11 24
Tabor City: Zion, 3 24
Fairmont, 8 24
Pembroke Circuit: Buies, 11 31

August

South Robeson: Bethesda, 11 7

I TEACH YOUTH IN JAPAN

(Continued from page five)

half hours without moving, and then a walk home at night. It's enough to make me shiver through my three pairs of warm socks and my heavy G.I. boots.

But all is not English teaching. For the junior high there is an English Club every week. We had our elections last month. A boy was elected president; a girl was elected vice-president, and a boy, secretary. The boys had to be convinced that we actually had females in our American Congress, but they now accept Miss Ichikawa as a real leader. The club numbered about 20 last month. Yesterday 58 came to the meeting. They can sing, "Old Black Joe," "Jacob's Ladder," and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" well enough to put most American kids to shame. They put on extemporaneous plays in English. They listen to me tell Bible stories with understanding attention. After the meeting, voluntarily, they scrub the room clean—mostly, I think, just to hang around and get in a few more licks at English and another laugh at "that crazy American." By the way, this club is 50-50 co-ed. Never under estimate the power of Japanese youth!

The senior high school has its English Speaking Society. There, too, we have had our elections and only last week the president handed me a rugged constitution for correction. In the E. S. S. we open our meetings with a prayer in English by one of the students; then each week we learn a new hymn and review the old ones. Hymns are fine, but you just can't beat "You Are My Sunshine" and the Kitchen Song ("Home on the Range"). The boys put on their own plays, choose their own topics for roundtable discussion, play "Twenty Questions," visit American homes, and next Sunday we go for an all-day hike to Takatoriyama for our own church service and picnic in the mountains.

I felt a need for a Student Fellowship Group of college-age boys and girls. We started as a discussion group of four people last month. Next Sunday we meet again with about 40 members. A Jewish army chaplain will speak. We have temporary chairmen and a steering committee who have planned our next series on comparative religion. The student members plan and lead their own worship service at the beginning of the meeting, and the recreation chairman plans the social hour and refreshments at the close. Next Saturday we meet for some volleyball. The Fellowship is determined to be self-sufficient; to be designed for and run by young people. There are some G.I.'s who attend, some occupation young people; the two other young missionaries in Yokahama; but the majority are Japanese college students. Last week the leader of worship was too frightened, showed up just after I led the impromptu service. She apologized, promised to work with me in preparing next week's worship. Feeling that we young people were still slightly on the ignorant side, the group decided to call in speakers, to ask them questions, and then, after they leave, hold a free discussion.

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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, RURAL AND URBAN

By M. R. Chambers

One-fifth of all the members of Methodist churches in the North Carolina Conference are inactive, as is disclosed in the 1948 Minutes. According to the Discipline (par. 127), these are persons who for a period of at least two years have manifested no interest in continuing their membership in the church, either by attendance, financial support, or other recognition of their membership vows, despite the efforts of the pastor and membership committee to renew their interest and support. We may derive some comfort from the presumption that studies in other conferences and other denominations might show the same ugly picture.

After the urban and rural charges had been separated, omitting those with incomplete data, it was found that the percentage of active members was practically the same in both groups. Rural charges have slightly under 80% active, while those in urban charges are slightly over that figure. The difference between the two is less than one per cent.

Officers and teachers in church schools include 6.9% of the active members of rural churches, but only 4.7% of those in urban churches, showing a higher degree of social participation and church loyalty in the country than in the city. Furthermore, Sunday school enrollment is 83.1% of the active membership in all rural charges, and 59.8% in all urban charges.

The success of the church in reaching the various age groups is reflected in the enrollment by departments. The population age-pyramid has been changed somewhat in recent years, there being a great many more very young children in cities now than in normal times. No general figures are available on present rural-urban population by age groups, but it is well to remember that the normal pattern does not now exist.

In the 1940 census of North Carolina, white persons between the ages of 12 and 23 (inclusive) comprised 24.1% of the urban and 25.8% of the rural population. Children from age 4 to 11 made up 13.% of the urban and 18.6% of the rural population, while the percentage under four years of age was 6.6% in urban and 8.3% in rural areas. A complete census at this time would doubtless show considerable change in these percentages. Even so, the figures are not strictly comparable with conference data, since the base used in this study is the active church membership and does not include the entire Methodist constituency in each community.

From a study of the conference Minutes, it is seen that Sunday school enrollment in the nursery department is 5.4 for every 100 active members in urban churches and 5 per 100 in rural churches. This, however, is the only department in which the rate is higher in urban than in rural churches. The enrollment rate of children is 20.2 in rural churches and 16.2 in urban churches. The urban rate for children (4-11) exceeds the rural rate in only one district, as compared with four districts in which the urban rate is higher in the nursery department. In spite of its lack of equipment, the country church is meeting its responsibility to its children in an admirable way.

It is surprising to learn, too, that more young people per 100 active church members are enrolled in rural than in urban Sunday schools in every district. In four districts taken together, the rural rate is more than double that of the urban rate. The average attendance at additional meetings was not considered in this study, since it was impossible to ascertain the number who attend two or more meetings of the church school. Attendance at these meetings and at Sunday school will be considered in a later study. In the entire conference, the rate of enrollment is 17.1 young people (age 12-23) per 100 active church members. But the rural rate is 19.9 and the urban 11.7 per 100.

Much publicity has been given to large adult Bible classes in some city churches. This publicity is well deserved, for great work is being done in such classes. Yet the adult enrollment throughout the conference is higher in proportion to church membership in the country than in the city. This rate, also, is higher in rural than in urban Sunday schools in every district in the conference. Rural Sunday schools have enrolled 31.1, as compared with 27.9 urban, adults per 100 active church members.

Two conclusions are suggested by this study. One is that many church problems are largely urban problems. Rural ministers and other workers sometimes complain that most books which are published on church methods are applicable only in urban situations. But obviously it is here that increased activity is more necessary. Most rural communities still have sufficient primary social force to give momentum to an institution which commands that force. Rural people need a shot-in-the-arm of commendable pride and self-respect. Let the rural church quit thinking of itself as a problem step-child, and assert its leadership in community life and in the total program of the Kingdom of God.

The second observation is that the rural situation not only deserves the sympathy and good will of the church at large. It is entitled to the respect and admiration of the world as the place where Christianity is diligently at work at the task of training and developing leadership for professional and lay service in both city and country. As such, it deserves the best in leadership, support, and understanding which a great church has to give.

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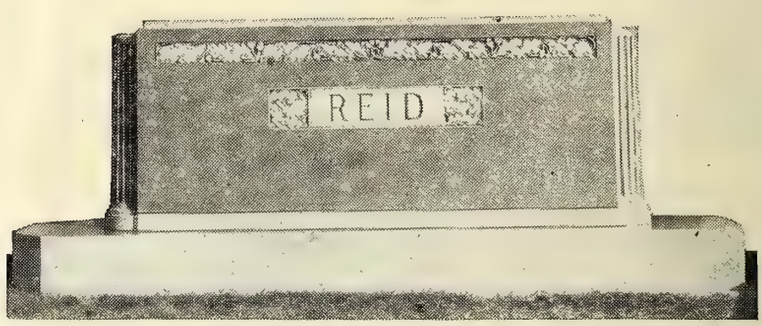
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Scene from Our Religious Heritage, Biblical exhibit from the Holy Land, shown at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, last month. Here A. S. Arnold, director, in the foreground, instructs the children. Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church observes. See page two.

Church Has Extensive Building Program for Homes For Aged; Changes in Appointments

METHODISTS SPENDING $7,000,000 IN HOMES FOR AGED

Methodists are experiencing a housing boom for the aged which will cost nearly $7,000,000 when projects now planned are completed. From the Atlantic to the Pacific and North Dakota to Florida, Methodists are working to meet the increasing responsibility of the care for the aged.

Many of the projects have been completed recently or are under construction at the present time. Claremont Manor, Claremont, Calif., was dedicated April 29. This home, operated in conjunction with the Pacific Home, Los Angeles, houses 130 persons and was made possible by the gifts of persons now living in it. Around the main building are 24 cottages where couples live privately.

The first Methodist home for the aged in the Southeastern Jurisdiction was opened in July, 1948, a few miles from Charlotte, N. C., and a new wing is nearing completion. This is part of a program which will provide for 200 persons. At Gaithersburg, Md., the Asbury Home for the Agel will hold dedication services June 25 for Cassell Hall, a new building which is part of an expansion program.

Ground was broken April 21 for "Friendship Haven," a new home which will eventually care for 100 elderly persons at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Early this summer "Wesley Acres" in Des Moines, Iowa, will receive its first guests. This is the beginning of a project which will eventually care for 100 persons. The Philadelphia Conference recently obtained a 74-acre estate, including a 29-room mansion at Cornwall, Penn., near Lancaster. To be known as "The Methodist Home of Cornwall," plans call for a home providing for 100 aged persons, a summer camp, and facilities for carrying on various church activities throughout the year. The mansion will be used for the first time this summer when it will house educational leaders attending a nearby training institute.

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

North Carolina Conference

Oxford Circuit

Bishop W. W. Peele authorizes the appointment of Joe Allen Wagnon, supply, to the Oxford circuit, replacing J. Emerson Ford, Jr., resigned.

H. B. Porter, District Supt.

Western North Carolina Conference

Bishop Costen J. Harrell has announced the transfer of Rev. R. C. Nimon to the Baltimore Conference, in which he has been appointed to the Pipe Creek circuit, Uniontown, Md.

W. A. Stanbury, District Supt.

Elk Park

Bishop Costen J. Harrell authorizes the appointment of Rev. Wesley Joines to Elk Park.

John Hoyle, Jr., District Supt.

Seagrove

The appointment of Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, Jr., to the Seagrove charge in the Thomasville District has been authorized by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. Mr. Hornbuckle, prior to entering the chaplaincy in the United States Army, was pastor at Seagrove. He succeeds Rev. H. A. Forester, deceased.

George B. Clemmer, D. S.

ELKIN SUB-DISTRICT FORMED

The Elkin Sub-district Young Adult Fellowship was organized last Sunday afternoon at the Jonesville Methodist Church with Rev. R. W. McCulley, district director, and Rev. Marvin Boggs, sub-district director, in charge.

Delbert Caudle of Yadkinville was elected president; Robert Crater of Elkin was elected vice-president, and Van Dillon, Jr., of Elkin was elected secretary and treasurer.

With the formation of this fellowship the Winston-Salem District now has three sub-district Young Adult Fellowships. The other two serve the Winston-Salem and the Mt. Airy areas.

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West Market St., Greensboro,	
Mrs. Frank Little	4
Bethel, Greensboro, M. V. Thumm	4

OUR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

The picture on the front cover is a scene depicting Our Religious Heritage, a Biblical exhibit from the Holy Land. The entire exhibit includes 24 cases containing 265 articles of Biblical significance, 75 pictures and 24 maps and charts. Also available with this program is a series of illustrated lectures on our Christian Heritage. The exhibit was sponsored last month by the Methodist churches of Forsyth County, and is available to local communities. In charge is A. S. Arnold, Box 2815, Greensboro, and Mrs. Arnold, both members of West Market Street Church.

The exhibit has received high praise from churchmen of all faiths. Known as the Dad Arnold Foundation, the exhibit was set up by a group of Greensboro business and professional men to make our religious heritage available to multitudes of people.

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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

The necessity of avoiding the "green-eyed monster" jealousy. The minister who assumed that his high and sacred call lifts him above the danger zone of evil spirits makes a grave mistake. "Perils are ever the attendants of privilege, and they are thickest round about the most exalted stations." There is no demonic temper of mind among ministers more subtle, more deadly, than jealousy. It appears first in a sort of discontented comparison of his own with the better fortunes of his associates. Unless the minister is wise enough to destroy this evil spirit at the start, he soon displays a disparaging, a critical, a covetous mood of mind toward one who otherwise would be a friend. It sometimes resorts to anonymous letters and cards of injurious propaganda. Such jealousy is convincing evidence of one's own inferiority. It inevitably leads to a loss of faith in himself, in his church, and in his religion. Instead of achieving the more fortunate station which he coveted, he loses the security of his present rank and eventually loses power and influence for an effective ministry anywhere.

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Faith in Christian Principles Versus Faith in Atom Bomb

Last week David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, denounced "bewitched and jumpy men" who put their faith in the "black magic" of the atom bomb. Speaking to the graduating class of Michigan State College, Mr. Lilienthal declared: "The faiths we hold are the chief armament of our democracy. We are a people with a faith in each other, and when we lose that faith we are weak, however heavily armed." He went on to say that many Americans believe that our power is found in the possession of this powerful instrument of destruction. "They seek to solve the world's problems," he pointed out, "not by work, not by hard, clear thinking . . . but by what in their hysteria and fright they believe to be black and secret magic—the atom bomb."

Mr. Lilienthal stated that he would be perhaps the last one to underestimate the bomb's destructive power. But he declared that neither the atom bomb nor any other form of power and force constitute the true source of American strength. He warned that if the nation falls for the myth of the atomic bomb, it will relax its vigilance and forget the true source of its strength. The nation's greatness, he affirmed, stems neither from its armed might nor its economic system, but from its sense of what is right and wrong, of what is fair and decent.

We believe Mr. Lilienthal has spoken sound words to America. Our real security lies not in the atomic bomb or in any form of military might, but in our faith—our faith in God, our faith in one another, our faith in democracy, our faith in righteousness. When we forsake these for the atom bomb or any form of military power we are destined to go the way of all nations who have put their faith in the power of arms. It is just as true now as it was nineteen centuries ago that they that take up the sword will perish by the sword.

Our security lies not in faith in the black magic of the atom bomb, but in faith in the Christian principles that have made our nation great and strong.

Faith is a grasping of Almighty power;
The hand of man laid on the arm of God;
The grand and blessed hour
In which the things impossible to me
Become the possible, O Lord, through thee.
—Anna E. Hamilton.

An Investment That Yields Rich Dividends

During the next few weeks hundreds of churches in North Carolina will be teeming with gay, rollicking youngsters attending Vacation Church School. Perhaps because the Vacation Church School affects most directly only the children and because nothing sensational seems to be achieved at once, this event in many churches will go virtually unnoticed by official boards. Yet in all of their varied activities during the year the churches will do nothing more vital or of greater consequence.

It is not easy to have a successful Vacation Church School. For one thing, it requires considerable preparation. A successful school does not just happen. It demands the best thought and skill and the most careful planning. Not many churches have enough workers who are willing to make that sort of investment. Moreover, the Vacation Church School requires a great deal of time. Three hours a day for two weeks plus daily preparation are the minimum requirements. To find enough workers who can or will put that much time in the school is a very perplexing task.

Yet the Vacation Church School is worth all the effort and trouble it requires. So many children get practically no religious instruction at home. Even the Church School on Sunday morning has so little time for actual religious instruction. Moreover, in many churches some of the children's classes are woefully neglected. A good Vacation Church School operating for two weeks can accomplish about as much as the ordinary Sunday School does in a year.

The church can afford to give more attention to the Vacation Church School. It is an investment in character building. It is an investment in the church of tomorrow. The more seriously it takes this responsibility the greater will be the dividends in character and church leadership of tomorrow.

Our Opportunity to Serve the Ecumenical Church

All our denominations are deeply indebted to the North Carolina Council of Churches for keeping before us the spirit of ecumenicity and for its splendid record of achievement. For more than a decade now this cooperative body of fifteen communions has been helping the churches to do together a much more effective job than they could have done working alone. The Council has sponsored a weekday program of religious education which this year reaches 30,000 pupils in 187 public schools with Bible instruction. Its program of overseas relief has been unsurpassed anywhere in the nation. It has given guidance to ministers through seminars on pastoral care, parent-child relationships and is one of the sponsors of the Christian Convocation at Duke University. The Council touches the church life of the State in many ways; and wherever its hand is felt, the cause of ecumenical Christianity is strengthened.

None of us as individuals and none of our denominations are giving the Council the kind of support it deserves. Some of us are so absorbed in our sectarian affairs that we are losing sight of this broader program of interdenominational Christianity. We talk in glowing terms about the church universal. But we are doing little about it.

The North Carolina Council of Churches gives each of us an opportunity to do something practical about cooperative Christianity. Therefore, it is fitting that the churches on Sunday, June 19, which is the Sunday set aside as Council Sunday, or on some other appropriate Sunday, pause to lift up the cause of the North Carolina Council of Churches. It is appropriate for ministers to inform their people of the work of the Council, to receive an offering for the Council and to preach a sermon on ecumenical Christianity. It is also appropriate that they seek new and larger ways in which the churches can work together and become in spirit and practice the real body of Christ.

The measure of support we give the Council is the measure of our real faith in universal Christianity.

THE SURRY PROJECT LOOKS INTO THE FUTURE

By J. E. RINK*

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Those who have been most closely associated with the Surry Project have been concerned that the Project not end with the changing of a few more charge boundaries and the improvements in the financial condition of the churches in the area effected by the program. As important as these are to the achievement of larger goals, they have been regarded as changes in the mechanical structure within the Project. They point to a more effective work in the main business of the Church.

More laymen are being encouraged to prepare themselves and make themselves available as lay speakers in worship programs and church school classes in the local churches. It is the aim of the Surry larger parish soon to have a worship service in every church each week by using lay speakers where the pastor cannot be present. Laymen will also be used in deputation teams to carry workable ideas from one group to another. The pastors will continue to encourage promising youth and young adults to consider the ministry and other full-time religious work.

The Board feels that in most cases the work of the charges can best be directed by regular charge-wide Stewards' meetings to consider the work of the charge as a whole, as well as that of the local church.

The Surry Board stands ready to help the officials of the local churches to study and meet certain needs of the church, such as: adequate educational buildings and equipment, recreation facilities, transportation problems and putting on buses where most needed, and providing comfortable parsonages on the two circuits now without them.

Church leaders in the Surry area are aware that the country church is going to be strong or weak in relation to the economic stability of the community. A definite emphasis in the work of the Surry Board for the next several years will be cooperation with the various farm agencies—county, state and federal—to improve the economic conditions for farm families, especially encouraging farm and home ownership and the fullest use of the services provided by these agencies.

There are some things, however, that the Project as a whole can do better than the local church, working alone, can do. Some of the activities listed below are being done by other groups all over the Church. But the Surry Project is different in that it is an organic unit set up for cooperative work in the total program of the Church, rather than a temporary committee called for an occasional project of common interest. The following are being done or will be done in the future by the Project on a county-wide or sub-county basis.

1. An annual training school for Christian workers, youth learning for life conference and rural life conference will be held. In addition, there will be training conferences for special groups, such as, departmental workers and officers in the church school, stewards, choir leaders and members, WSCS leaders, and ushers. Negotiations are now under way to secure a suitable camp to provide adequate camping program for children, youth and adults, including camping in family groupings. This camp will also serve as a place for retreats for church leaders on a local church sub-county or county-wide basis.

The Surry project is far from complete. Those who have promoted it rejoice in the achievements thus far. But they also plan for the future. Here is an outline of the plans

2. The evangelistic work of the church also can be greatly strengthened by co-operative effort. Simultaneous revivals, or workshops, have been planned for the Mount Airy section of the Project for June 19-26. Most of these will be preceded by a week's visitation evangelism. Surveys have been made or will be made in the various communities. As people move into or out of the communities, ministers will correct their files accordingly, thus making it unnecessary to repeat the survey every year or two. Cooperative Holy Week services were held this year, with Bishop Paul Kern preaching at Central Church, Mount Airy. Methodist churches in this area also cooperate in city-wide interdenominational revivals. Guest preacher this year was Dr. C. E. Rozzelle. More adequate use of the radio as an educational and evangelistic medium is being studied by the Project.

3. Some basic equipment, such as slide projector, slides, and addressograph machines have been bought by the Project. Other equipment will be added from time to time, including a larger library of slides, mimeograph machine, motion picture projector, and wire recorder. A larger parish monthly or quarterly periodical carrying information and ideas about the program of the Church is being considered. There are still a few large areas in the county not being served by a Methodist Church, and in some cases by any church. These communities should be surveyed carefully, measuring the potential Methodist membership and the work being done by any nearby church, and where the need warrants new congregations should be formed.

The Surry Board has discovered that most of the work can best be done in township or sub-county divisions rather than by the county as a whole. Surry County naturally is divided into three communities, with Mount Airy, Elkin and Pilot Mountain serving as the hubs of these communities. While the Board is made up of representatives from all sections of the county and stands ready to help in any area, most of the work is carried out through public meetings on a sub-county level.

As the Surry Project looks to the future, it should remain adaptable to the needs that will arise from time to time. The present work and organization are not the result of some master plan conceived in the beginning of its operation, but the result of meeting needs as they arose or could be anticipated.

Editor's Note—This article brings to a close the series on the Surry Project. Of course, words cannot adequately describe the splendid work being done in Surry County. Nevertheless, they give us a clearer picture of the project, and a deeper appreciation of those responsible for this worthy undertaking. We are grateful to Dr. Allen, the four authors, and all who have helped to make this series available to our readers.

*Pastor, Rockford Street Church, Mt. Airy.

Martha's Prayer

I'm tired, Lord.
Worn out by ceaseless hurry through the day,
And plans that scurry through my brain at night,
Unhappy that I have but one pair of feet, one pair of hands
To carry out the bidding of my brain,
I lie awake.
What unneeded chores can I discard
So that I may find more time for Thee?
Which are essential, which non-essential?
Help me decide.
Help me, as cares of life come on apace
Decide to lay my all down at Thy feet;
My heart, my hands, my life to work
Thy will, not mine.

—Dora Taylor Riddick

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The Children Play Around a Table in the Yard

Bombed Church Site Serves Slum Children

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Shanghai, China

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The Chapei Child Welfare Center, in Shanghai, stands on a site that, before World War II, was the location of a flourishing Methodist Church—a prominent edifice for worship and residences for church workers. During the war the church was destroyed by bombs except for a small section of the sanctuary roof which was left attached to a side wall. Following the war this was walled in to make a small meeting room for those of the congregation that still remained. The yard was left a rubbish heap. All that remained of the residences for church workers was the cement floor.

In this setting one of the UNRRA quonset huts was set up. Last winter windows were put into the hut for better lighting. At one end two small rooms were partitioned off, one for a teachers room and one for a store room. A small kitchen was built at the back of the hut.

This church is situated in a slum area where there are many neglected children. Most of them live in one-room homes that are geared to the adults' way of life. The people who live in this area whose children would be in such a center are peddlers or people who are clerks in rice shops and are poorly paid. Some are "Mai T'an Tze Ti" or those who spread their wares on a small piece of matting on the side of the road and that is their shop. Others are "ragmen" who collect rags and sell them for a living. Many are jobless.

The children from these homes had no other play place but the streets of the city. Miss Diana Chu, a social worker, seeing this situation, suggested that the quonset hut and the church grounds be used as a children's center. In the past it had been the policy of the American Advisory Committee and Church World Service to aid centers that were already operating. To start a center would be a decided change of policy. However, all realized that something should be done for these children and here was a setup waiting to be used. So the American Advisory Committee decided to meet this need. Moore Memorial Church (Methodist) in Shanghai, cooperates in this work.

Working through the pastor, a survey was made of the area and 50 children chosen as the first group to receive the benefits of the center. The plan is to improve the children's health by giving them milk and vitamins, teach them some reading, mathematics, singing, etc., but mainly to teach them how to live together. So the Chapei Child Welfare Center was opened December 27, 1948 with an enrollment of 50 children, some of whom had never been to school and some who had to drop out because their parents could no longer pay for their schooling.

In order to care for these children some additions to the set up had to be made—piping water into the court yard and building toilets, one for boys and one for girls. Two teachers were secured, one for those who had had some schooling and one for those who had not.

The teachers had their problems, too. The children are so thrilled with the center that they are there an hour before it is supposed to open. They like the children, but they have to have time for meals. The kitchen is arranged only for heating milk so they could not cook food there if they wanted to. The stove is made of an oil drum so that the big aluminum kettle in which the milk is heated fits right into it. The suggestion was that they bicycle to Moore Memorial Church for their meals, but this was too time-consuming. Finally one of the families, members of the church where the center is located, offered to provide meals at cost.

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Milk from America Supplements the Diet of Many Chinese Children

Laymen Favor Annual Conference Change; Fletcher Church Adds Unit; Gillburg Unit to Be Dedicated

LAYMEN RECOMMEND CHANGE OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO SUMMER

Laymen of the North Carolina Conference in their annual retreat at Louisburg College last week-end voted overwhelmingly to recommend that the North Carolina Annual Conference be held at a suitable date during the summer rather than in November, as is now the custom. The group also voted enthusiastically to get behind the Camp Don Lee building program with financial support, and to back the trustees of the camp for an early completion of the project.

During the discussion period Sunday morning Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham District, raised the question of a change in dates of the meeting of the Annual Conference, and the group participated freely in the discussion. It was brought out that a fall session breaks into one of the most fruitful seasons of activity in the church year, and works a hardship on children of ministers changing school in the middle of the school year. The only objection raised was the question of finances entailed in changing the date of the conference and in holding the conference at a time when finances on rural charges particularly would be low. It was brought out, in aswer to this objection, that the change could begin with a short year in which all finances would be raised on the basis of the months involved and that after the change was effected, much of the budget could be raised at the beginning of the conference year rather than at the end.

The vote of the group was only advisory, and final action can only be taken by the Annual Conference.

The retreat, which began at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, brought together about 125 representative laymen from all over the conference for a discussion of "Our Faith," the first phase of the Advance for Christ program for the new quadrennium. W. Jasper Smith of Bethel, conference lay leader, presided at the sessions. The program got under way with a discussion of the over-all Advance program by Rev. W. L. Clegg of Burlington. Dr. E. L. Hillman of Durham discussed "Our Faith in God"; Dr. S. M. Holton of Louisburg, "Our Faith in Christ"; Blaine Madison of Raleigh, "Our Faith in the Holy Spirit"; Rev. B. B. Slaughter of New Bern, "Our Faith in Prayer"; Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham, "Our Faith in Love"; S. B. Underwood, Jr., of Greenville, "Our Faith in the Bible"; Dr. H. B. Porter of Raleigh, "Our Faith in Immortality"; Rev. C. D. Barclift of Wilmington, "Our Faith in the Kingdom of God." Rev. C. W. Robbins of Greensboro summed up the discussions and Rev. J. G. Phillips of Durham showed colored moving pictures of Camp Don-Lee, and spoke on "Keeping Faith With Youth."

Greetings were extended by Dr. S. M. Holton, president of Louisburg College, and Rev. A. C. Lee, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church.

The group in a free-will offering gave approximately $170 for the Louisburg College library.

It was voted that the retreat next year would be held a week later, which would be June 17-18.

The group voted resolutions of respect to Albert W. Oakes of Weldon, member of the Conference Board of Lay Activities, who died recently. Expressions of sympathy were also sent to W. A. McGirt of Wilmington, a former member of the Board, in the recent loss of his wife; and to Dr. A. J. Hobbs of Rocky Mount, who was unable to attend on account of a death in the family.

The retreat, which ended at 2 p.m. Sunday, was sponsored by the Conference Board of Lay Activities.



Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, is the speaker at the North Carolina Conference Youth Assembly being held this week at Louisburg College.

FLETCHER METHODISTS OCCUPY NEW ADDITION TO CHURCH

Fletcher Methodists have recently completed an addition to their church which will take care of their educational and social needs. Built to adjoin the church which was erected in 1928, the church property is valued now at $50,000 and is complete with modern furnishings. A new electric organ has been installed in the sanctuary in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burge.

The lot for the annex was given by Mrs. Idalee Poteat Lance, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Poteat, who gave the land for the church.

Two years ago the church became a station, at which time the congregation was paying a salary of $1,600. This has been raised to $2,800, with proportionate advances in other items of the budget. This year the church has a budget in excess of $5,000. Rev. Edgar C. Price is in his second year as pastor.

GILLBURG EDUCATIONAL UNIT TO BE DEDICATED

Dedication of the new educational unit of the Gillburg church on the Vance charge will take place Sunday morning, June 26, with Dr. H. B. Porter, superintendent of the Raleigh District, in charge of the dedication. Rev. R. E. L. Moser, pastor, will be in general charge of the program that begins at 11 o'clock. Following the service dinner will be served on the church grounds.

Organized about 1900, the church began the present enlargement program, which includes five class rooms, more than a year ago. Total cost of the project was $8,500.

Former pastors, former members and friends are invited.

CHURCH EMPHASIZES CAMPING PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The General Board of Education has long been aware of the significance of camping for growth of Christian experience, according to Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Board's Division of the Local Church.

While the General Board does not conduct camps itself, it provides standards, information and guidance in campsites, equipment, and programs—but the initiative and direction is in the hands of the conference boards of education.

Now that summer is here and church school workers are alert to suggestions concerning outdoor recreation, Dr. Schisler calls attention to some of the objectives of church campaign. These include: An increased awareness of God and his creative processes; growth in the meaning and experience of friendship; increased self-reliance and dependability; and a growing sense of Christian fellowship which is the foundation of the Church Universal and contributes to the growth of world community.

The Division of the Local Church has for distribution a free leaflet, "Camping in the Program of Christian Education" (70-B), which church leaders could read with profit. It may be ordered from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.



FLETCHER METHODIST CHURCH

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

REV. F. E. HOWARD of Cramerton is the speaker in evangelistic services at Lincolnton June 16-26.

THE PELHAM CHURCH will hold revival services June 16-25, with the pastor, Rev. Howard Allred, as the preacher.

DR. H. C. SMITH of Raleigh is the visiting preacher in special services this week at Angier Memorial Church, Angier.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Howard Allred of Pelham a daughter, Susan Ann, on June 6, at Wesley Long Hospital. Greensboro.

REV. J. H. LANNING of Clinton preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, June 5, at the Clinton High School.

DR. G. RAY JORDAN of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, has been elected an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of North Carolina.

DR. GILBERT T. ROWE of Durham will preach at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, next Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Paul N. Hardin, who will preach at Lake Junaluska.

MISS HULDA WHITELY of High Point has assumed her duties as director of Christian Education at Central Church, Asheville. For the past three years she has held a similar position at Mount Vernon Church, Danville, Va.

WOODLEAF CHURCH, Woodleaf charge, will observe homecoming on Sunday, June 19. Picnic dinner will be served at noon. Former pastors, former members, and friends are cordially invited to be present for the day of worship and fellowship.

REV. BOYD C. WINN of the Winston-Salem District, and 1949 graduate of Candler School of Theology at Emory University, tied with two others for second place in the annual preaching contest for the Quillian Award. Boyd received the B.D. degree June 3, and plans to return to the Winston-Salem District at an early date.

BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT of the San Francisco Area has been chosen by the Board of Directors of The Associated Alumni of the University of Colorado to receive the 1949 Norlin Medal for distinguished achievement in his chosen profession. The award, which represents the highest of all honors conferred by the faculty and alumni of the university, was presented at the annual commencement at Boulder, Colo., June 13.

METHODIST giving to World Service for the fiscal year which ended May 31 totaled $7,672,360 according to the annual report released by Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, executive secretary and treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance. This is the first annual report of the 1948-52 quadrennium and represents an increase of 29.6 per cent over the annual apportionment for the 1944-48 quadrennium. Commenting on the increase, Dr. Lugg stated, "Recognizing the fact that almost 50 per cent of the Annual Conferences did not begin operating under the new apportionments until half of the year had elapsed, this is a splendid advance for the first year of the 1948-52 quadrennium." Special gifts received in the denomination's Advance for Christ and His Church program during the past 12 months totaled $1,353,415 and the Week of Dedication offering, March 13-20, was $788,072. Thus, total giving to general benevolences for the fiscal year was $9,813,847.

DR. E. C. FEW of Greensboro preached the baccalaureate sermon recently to the seniors of the Greensboro High School.

REV. C. A. JONES of St. Pauls is assisting in three revivals this month on the Stedman charge. From June 5-11 he preached at Bethabara; from June 12-17 he is at Cokesbury; and from June 19-25 he will be at Bethany. Rev. C. B. Long is the pastor.

DR. JOHN O. GROSS, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions, Board of Education, was honored by Boston University at its commencement, June 6, with the degree of S.T.D. Others receiving the same degree were Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Boston Area and Bishop Norman B. Nash, Episcopal bishop of Boston.



DR. A. W. PLYLER, above, of Greensboro, former editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa Associates. A select national group, limited to 200 members, membership is chosen from the more than 100,000 members of Phi Beta Kappa in the United States. Vacancies in the organization occur only by the death of a member or by transfer to the roll of life membership, which automatically follows a ten year membership. A member of the Duke Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Plyler is the second North Carolinian to receive this signal honor.

DR. and MRS. H. G. ALLEN and T. B. Dixson and family, all of Winston-Salem, left this week for a trip that will include visits to the West, Mexico, the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Alaska. During the trip the group will inspect our missionary work in Mexico and Alaska. Dr. Allen is superintendent of the Winston-Salem District. Mr. Dixson is superintendent of the Centenary church school.

THE ORANGE CHAPEL Memorial Association will hold its 20th annual session at Orange Chapel Church which is on the Saxapahaw charge on Sunday, June 19. The guest speaker will be Prof. Guy B. Phillips of the University of N. C. There will be special music throughout the day, and a picnic lunch served at the noon hour. It is hoped that a large concourse of members, former pastors and friends will be in attendance.

DR. B. G. CHILDS of Duke University has delivered ten commencement addresses this spring to seniors in high schools and colleges.

JONESBORO HEIGHTS Church, Sanford, has on hand $16,000 for an educational building. Launched a little more than a year ago, the campaign for funds will continue until a total of $30,000 is collected, the amount needed for the building.

REV. RICHARD J. PARKER, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, has been visiting his son, Rev. Edwin W. Parker, who is pastor of First Church, Ponca City, Okla., and has preached on several occasions.

THE CLINTON CHURCH observed Laymen's Day Sunday, June 5, with Jule T. Doughtie, charge lay leader, and Sam N. Welsh, chairman of the official board, bringing addresses. Norwood Parker and Dan Larkins also participated in the service.

FUQUAY SPRINGS Methodists participated in a bride and groom service last Sunday morning at the worship hour. Based on the marriage ceremony of the Methodist Church, the service included wedding music, the reading of part of the wedding ritual and a sermon by Rev. J. W. Lineberger, pastor, on the theme "What God Hath Joined Together."

THE KINSTON subdistrict of the MYF elected new officers at their meeting recently at Webb's Chapel Church. John W. Mitchell, Jr., La Grange, was elected president; Leslie Eason, Snow Hill, vice-president; Jeannette Redick, Maury, secretary; Sara More, Kinston, treasurer. Rev. B. B. Slaughter, superintendent of the New Bern District, brought the message.

DAVIS STREET CHURCH, Burlington, will begin construction soon on a $200,000 building. More than one-half of the funds are already on hand, and a considerable amount has been pledged. The architect is drawing plans for the extensive project. In addition a gift of $15,000 has been received for a new pipe organ. Begun around 1890, the church has a membership of 1,141. Rev. S. J. Starnes is pastor.

THE NEW HOPE congregation on the Roanoke circuit has begun construction on a new educational plant which will include four classrooms and a social room. With $1,600 on hand, the members gave $700 more on Loyalty Sunday recently. The program is expected to be completed this summer. Rev. J. T. Maides is pastor. James Hockaday drew the plans and H. C. Case is chairman of the board.

DR. JOHN R. MOTT told a representative of Methodist Information recently upon his return from a tour of the Far East and on the eve of his 84th birthday that he'd rather live through the next ten years than any other period he'd known. Returning to the States with renewed hope about the future possibilities of the Christian movement, the noted Methodist layman and world Christian leader declared that "the doors are wide open to the gospel message in Japan." Through a long and effective lifetime of outstanding service, Dr. Mott has pioneered in helping found five great world Christian movements. In the course of his travels he has visited nearly 80 countries and has crossed the Atlantic 110 times and the Pacific 18 times. This tour included the Philippines, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan. People were eager to hear the Christian message, he reported.

Many Attend Opening of Oak Grove Church; Korean Christians Meet Communist Threat; Homecoming

KOREAN YOUTH PRAISES CHRISTIANS IN KOREA

LAKE JUNALUSKA.—"Korean Christians are Bible Christians and praying Christians. They have suffered in the division of territory in their country but I don't think the Communists will ever win over Christians, no matter how hard they try. The situation is crucial and we are not prepared to use force, but the Christian Koreans will never go over to Communism; they are for the democratic way of life."

That is what Charlie Song, a second generation Christian who attended the Student Regional Conference at Lake Junaluska last week, had to say about the conflict between democracy and communism which has divided his native land into two parts. Originally living in the northern part of Korea, now occupied by the Russians, Song said that he along with 5,000,000 other people, refugeed into the southern part of Korea, abandoning their homes and other property to the Communist armies. The American soldiers, he said, "are very fine; they are kind, generous and respected."

Song, who is in the States on a Crusade for Christ scholarship at Emory University, Ga., said he has fallen in love with Lake Junaluska and the people on this his first visit here. The conference he attended, Mr. Song said, had impressed him for its sincerity and friendliness and the eagerness of the 300 young people registered to discharge their responsibility for promoting Christian life and work on their respective college campuses. "I covet for my beloved Korea," he said, "a place similar to the Junaluska Assembly which will become a center of Christian influence."

Mr. Song has two more years at Emory.

NORTHAMPTON CHURCH FORMALLY OPENED

Oak Grove church on the Spring Church-Garysburg charge was formally opened recently, with more than 600 persons attending. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, preached at the morning service, and Rev. J. E. Garlington of Conway, former pastor, preached during the afternoon. Rev. Matt R. Gardner, pastor, was in charge of the services.

Built at a cost of $25,000, including furnishings, construction was begun last December following a cornerstone laying service. The church has a sanctuary that seats 300 persons, several church school rooms, kitchen and other rooms. It is equipped with hand-made pulpit and altar furnishings, fifteen memorial windows and an electric organ.

Plans for the new church were begun during the pastorate of Rev. E. C. Crawford.

The new structure marks the fourth church to be erected on the same site. The first was built in 1821, and the present building replaces a one-room frame church erected in 1885.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PROCTER-MARRIOTT FAMILIES

By A. J. Hobbs

Editor's Note—The following tribute was given Sunday, May 22, the occasion of the dedication of the Wurlitzer organ at the Battleboro Church.

In the fall of 1942, shortly after assuming the pastorate of Edenton Street Church in Raleigh, I met a charming and gracious woman walking down the hall of the Poindexter Memorial Building. She had come to Sunday school, as was her usual custom. She was about the same age as her good friend, the Honorable Josephus Daniels. I knew I was in the presence of a superior person. In her eyes, in her voice, and in her innermost self she revealed culture, high ideals, love of God, love for God and His church. She was Mrs. Ivan M. Procter, formerly Lucy Marriott. To know her was to love her.

She has been a blessing to multitudes of people. Her service to God and the church has inspired thousands. Through the years her loyalty has been manifested in countless ways. In the city of Raleigh and in Edenton Street Church she has made a name that will live through the years.

It was from her heart and mind that sprang the custom of having the annual Christmas party for the children of The Methodist Orphanage. For almost half a century she has made her way to the orphanage every Christmas afternoon, to give presents to the boys and girls. Hundreds upon hundreds of these young people have been blessed by her ministry of good deeds; and today they remember her with appreciation and love. Her name is synonymous with genuine, unselfish service; with high and holy living and loving; with reverent worship and loyalty to Christ and the church.

Then it was my great privilege to know other members of this family, and to appreciate them for their worth.

Sixty-three years ago last Thursday, May 19, 1886, Lucy Marriott was happily married to Ivan M. Procter here in the Battleboro Methodist Church. And it is eminently fitting that today, in this place hallowed by the most sacred of memories, she and her honored sister, Mrs. John M. Donlan, should memorialize their dear mother, Tempie Ann Marriott; and that other members of the Proctor family should honor those two choice children of God by leaving here this musical instrument—to inspire God's children, to add to the beauty of worship, and to bring God closer to men, women, and children in the years to come.

These people, the Procter-Marriott families, love music—in their church, in their community, in their home. And today their good friend, Ralph Thomlinson, baritone, of New York City, is here to add to the joys of this occasion. I have heard him sing in the civic club, in Edenton Street Church, and in the Procter home. I have heard Caruso; I have heard Ralph. I must be truthful, I enjoyed Ralph more.

HEBRON CHURCH HAS HOMECOMING

Hebron church, Weddington charge, held its homecoming Sunday, June 5, with Dr. Edgar H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte District, preaching at the morning hour. A large congregation heard Dr. Nease preach on "The Church is the Body of Christ." Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., pastor, was in charge. After a picnic dinner in the church yard, a special song service was held, with several visiting quartets and the young people's choir leading in the service. Dr. L. B. Abernethy, executive secretary of the Board of Missions, was present for the afternoon session and told the congregation that he would give one dollar for every four that they raised to be used in purchasing a new floor for the church. More than $115 was given at that time by the congregation. Pledges amounting to more than $400 were also taken, which will be used in beautifying and landscaping the church grounds. Two former pastors, Rev. T. J. Huggins and Rev. J. O. Cox, were present for the day.

Hebron church was organized in 1909 under the leadership of the late Rev. J. H. Bradley. The church was re-roofed and the interior completely remodeled this spring.



Opening Day at Oak Grove Church

Bishop Peele Writes Tribute to Dr. Rowe; Dr. Raymond Smith Reviews Several Recent Books

A TRIBUTE TO DR. GILBERT T. ROWE

By Bishop W. W. Peele

Editor's Note—The following tribute was presented by Bishop W. W. Peele on Wednesday evening, June 8, at the annual Duke Divinity School Alumni banquet. Dr. Rowe retired from the faculty of the Divinity School last July. The poem which accompanies the tribute was written by Mrs. Rowe, talented poet, and read by Dr. Rowe in response to Bishop Peele's words of appreciation.

There is a text somewhere in the Bible which says, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." I always want to believe the Bible. I have been taught that not to do so is heresy. I have been rather closely associated with Dr. Rowe for many years and at times along the way it seems that in spite of anything he was determined to make a heretic out of me.

Look at the situation he has placed us in tonight. Here at a meeting of the Alumni of the Divinity School of Duke University, by his life and by the records of his ministry, he is compelling us, if we are honest, to declare before the world that this text of Scripture is not true and that a prophet is not without honor in his own country. Let us look at the record.

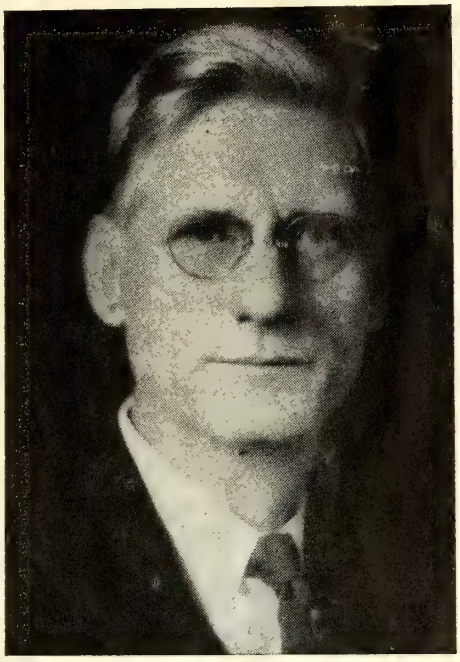
Ordained a minister in 1896, since that time he has been assigned to the high-ranking appointments in his own conference, the Western North Carolina Conference—at one time reaching the heights of a district superintendent for two years; a member of two Ecumenical Conferences; a member of eight General Conferences, and it is beginning to look as though he might be a member of eight more. You recall what happened at the last election. Just before the vote was taken Dr. Rowe was kindly given the "Retired' relation. The Conference didn't seem to know just what that meant. Dr. Rowe didn't explain. He kept silent. When the votes were counted, he led all the rest; he reaped what Wordsworth called "the harvest of a quiet eye." So far as I know he has no plan for the announcement, "I do not choose to run."

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, a scholar by native endowment and academic preparation, has served his day and generation and his church in a unique, diversified and highly effective way. Those who knew him in his student days and during his early ministry were afforded clear proof of his keen, analytical mind, his sprightly sense of humor and his unquestioned commitment to Christ and His Church.

In the years he served as an editor of the most scholarly periodical published by the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he proved with his pen his ability to express himself in clear, forceful, even striking manner. He led his church in the formation and growth of its sound, yet progressive, theological views.

It remained, however, for his call to membership in the faculty of the Duke Divinity School to bring forth his greatest gifts—to the University, to scholarly research, and to the Methodist Church. As a teacher of young ministers, as a university lecturer, as an author, and as a preacher, he has stamped his mark indelibly upon the church universal. He has known how to be critical, without giving offense to anyone, yet constructive, moving with ease and grace among the giants in scholarship, but equally at home with the common man, demanding in the classroom, yet the friendly and accessible counsellor at all times. Duke University, the Duke Divinity School, the Methodist Church, and the cause of Christ in our day can gratefully call him a true and faithful servant.

To me personally, Dr. Rowe has been an inspiration and a tower of strength through the years. He is your friend and my friend. His going out and his coming in amongst us have been a benediction to us all. There is nothing which we have that is too good for Gil Rowe, and in this meeting of the Duke Divinity School Alumni, we wish we had words to objectify adequately the sentiments of our hearts. We say simply, but sincerely, "Dr. Rowe, we love you."



Dr. ROWE

ON GROWING OLD

How comfortable just to relax
And gently wane while others wax;
To know we've won our little fame,
Or winning none to feel no shame;
When evening comes to feel at ease
In carpet slippers if we please.
And in trusty old bi-focals
Glance across the daily locals,
Aware that all this fuss and chatter
Is mostly froth and does not matter!

—Sophie T. Rowe.

Book Reviews

FATHER WE THANK THEE. Graces and Prayers for the Home. By William A. Clough. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn., 1949; 112 pages, $1.25.

Two hundred table graces and one hundred prayers make up this slender volume written by a layman who is a journalist. The author believes many families "who have wanted to say grace or offer family prayers but who have not done so because of hesitancy to pray openly" will find in this volume the answer to a real need. The prayers, most of which were used in the Clough household, are quite informal, as befits family prayers. For many people who have come to love the classic prayers of the church many of these will appear to lack maturity and dignity. Such expressions as "dear God" and "we thank you" will not add to the value of the work for those who prefer the more traditional forms of prayer. Others may find it helpful.

HOW RELIGION HELPS. By Albert W. Palmer. MacMillan, New York, 1949; 57 pages, $1.50.

This little book is offered by the former president of the Chicago Theological Seminary as a "book for convalescents" and grows out of a personal experience of severe illness which came to the author. During the period of enforced rest which came as a result of the illness of Dr. Palmer had plenty of time to re-think the whole question of the relationship of religion to health. When he was told by the doctor what he would have to do he said: "I have taught this faith, now it is up to me to see if I can live it." The book is very small (pocket size) and will be found useful by many pastors who are looking for something to place in the hands of parishoners who are ill.

THE CHURCH BUILDER. By Elbert M. Conover. Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, New York; 1949; 192 pages, $2.75.

Dr. Elbert M. Conover says buildings and equipment valued at more than $700,000,000 are now being planned by American Protestant Churches. He ought to know, if any one does, for he is the secretary of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture which serves as building counsel for 25 denominations.

The present volume contains 27 chapters, more than 100 illustrations, and lists more than 300 "commendable" church buildings, ten of which are in North Carolina.

The first six chapters are of a general nature, being concerned with the relationship between architecture and religion. Other chapters of a more practical nature deal with the planning of the site and location, the chapel, acoustics, the use of color (glass, painting, woodwork, etc.), the church organ, mechanical equipment, religious education needs, social needs, financing and promoting, architectural service, remodeling and other topics.

If, as Conover says, the first requirement of a church building is to look like a church, then many building committees and ministers of the past have a lot to repent of! He believes, however, that there is a renewed interest among the clergy in building the sort of churches which makes worship easy. "It is impossible," says he, "to estimate the number lost to the churches because of the depressing ugliness of innumerable Protestant church buildings."

Perhaps the weakest part of the book is the scant attention given to the educational equipment. Only one chapter is given to the problems of the church school. But this, unfortunately, is an indication of the concern most writers of books on church building have for the educational work of the church. In spite of this limitation, those who are contemplating building will wish to own and use this book.

Raymond A. Smith.

Three bishops and four wives of bishops who died during the past year were honored in a memorial service conducted in conection with the annual session of the Council of Bishops at Atlantic City.

Young Adult Assembly at Lake Junaluska July 14-17; Camp Fund Climbs; Camps Being Rapidly Filled

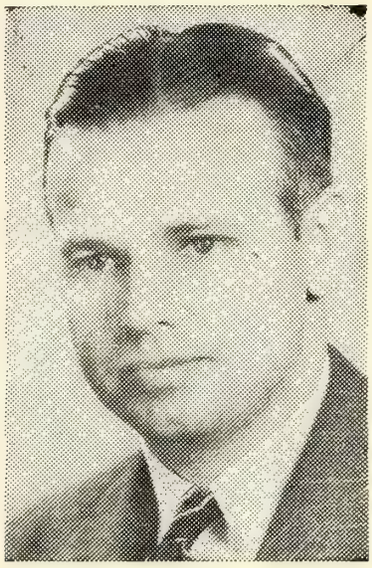
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YOUNG ADULT ASSEMBLY

Officers for the Conference Young Adult Fellowship are: Aubert M. Smith, Charlotte, president; R. Delbert Byrum, Winston-Salem, vice-president; and Miss Nita Whitby, Charlotte, secretary. These persons, working with district and sub-district leaders, have completed plans for the annual assembly at Lake Junaluska, July 14-17.



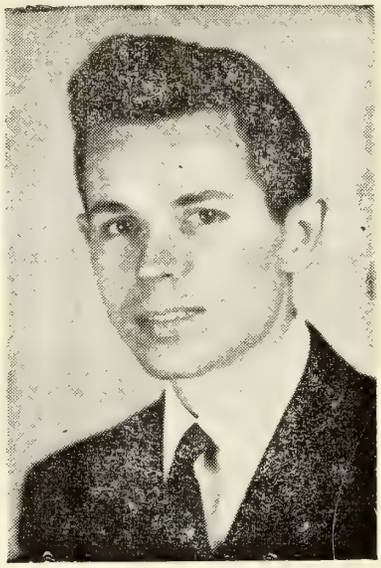
AUBERT M. SMITH, President Young Adult Fellowship

Addresses

Paul Worley, pastor at Munsey Memorial Methodist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, will speak to the assembly four times on the general theme "Our Faith." Each message will be followed by a forum period. After graduation from Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Paul Worley was chosen to lead the Youth Crusade in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. After two years of excellent leadership with this program, he began his ministry in the Holston Conference where he has become one of the leading ministers of our church. He now has a large building project underway, an excellent Young Adult Fellowship, and a good general program in his entire congregation. Under his leadership Munsey Memorial has become one of the great churches of Methodism.

Vespers and Morning Watch

Vesper services will be held each evening with Douglas Corriher, Charlotte; Wilson O. Weldon, Thomasville; and John R. Hamilton, Charlotte, as speakers. Morning watch will be conducted by Thad L. McDonald, Jr., Black Mountain; Clyde L. Collins, Canton; and J. Edward Stowe. R. W. McCulley, Winston, will be in charge of the music for the assembly.



R. DELBERT BYRUM Vice-President Young Adult Fellowship



CECIL G. HEFNER Salisbury District Director

Classes and Teachers

Five study groups are scheduled to meet morning and evening. These are: Fundamentals of Young Adult Work, Courtney B. Ross; Religion and Human Relations, B. Reid Wall; The Teacher and Study Opportunities for the Young Adult Class, Dr. James C. Stokes; Parents and Children Working Together to Build a Christian Home, Mrs. W. R. Reed; and Recreation, R. Harold Hipps.

Register With District Directors

Asheville, Thad L. McDonald, Jr.; Charlotte, John R. Hamilton; Gastonia, Rollin P. Gibbs; Greensboro, Ernest Scarboro; Marion, Courtney B. Ross; Salisbury, Cecil G. Hefner; Statesville, G. W. Bumgarner; Thomasville, Wilson O. Weldon; Waynesville, Clyde L. Collins; Winston-Salem, R. W. McCulley.

SCHOOL DAY

Church School Day is being observed from week to week by churches of the conference. Contributions to the Camp Fund have been received as follows during the past two weeks:

Badin	$ 5.00
New London	16.00
Kilgo	16.50
Myers Park	308.00
Elkin	50.00
East End, Gastonia	13.00
North Kannapolis	22.95
Central, Kings Mountain	43.49
Matthews	20.15
Sharon, Shelby	25.00
First, Thomasville	22.76



CLYDE L. COLLINS Waynesville District Director

CAMP REGISTRATIONS

All places for the first camp session beginning June 18 are now taken with the possible exception of two or three boys. There are still a few places for both boys and girls in the session beginning June 24. There are quite a few places for both boys and girls in weeks beginning July 2, 9, 16, 23. Please send registration cards for both boys and girls, indicating first and second choice for dates, to Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Box 828, Salisbury. Additional registration cards will be sent on request.



R. W. McCULLEY Winston District Director

Guilds Report $9,163 in 5 Months; Caravans Reach 466; New Hanover Zone Meets; Wharton Celebrates

Edited by Mrs. A. H. Borland
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ADVANCE, AND AGAIN, ADVANCE

During the summer the Advance must go forward as forcibly as during the other months of the year. There can be no vacation from the responsibilities of the world and its needs. "The Advance Clipper" issue number 6 gives some fine suggestions for summer activities.

For the Spiritual Life group the Northwest Texas Conference sends this suggestion: Ask different women to select a time when each would pray for the Advance, and be sure that every hour is assigned. In this way there will be prayer "without ceasing."

For the membership committee there is an excellent suggestion. Assign all names of the women of the church to some circle for the summer quarter, with the understanding that while it it hoped these women will join at the end of the period, there will be no embarrassment if any does not care to. Cultivation of friendship for the church and the Woman's Society may go a long way here. Send a brief, interesting letter to these women of the church, both members of the W. S. C. S. and the non-members, from the Society each month. A large committee working together here could write personal letters to the non-members and create more good feeling for the W. S. C. S.

Exchange visits within the district or zone, one society having a guest day program and tea, inviting several other societies. Use the regular program of the month and see how interestingly it can be presented.

For the Christian Social Relations secretary, it is suggested an "Illumination Tea." Some timely subject selected for informal discussion, and one or more women prepared to serve as resource persons, bringing with them material related to the general theme. This could be on international relations, interracial relations, domestic relations, juvenile problems, alcohol or other narcotics, community projects or problems, and other related subjects. Summer visitors will enjoy cooperating in these.

Have an old-fashioned "Porch Party" with the women bringing their sewing or fancy work, discuss some pertinent subject, and take a silver offering. Visitors for the summer will enjoy this get acquainted method and may join the Woman's Society in the fall.

A "Quiet Meal" is another good way to vary the programs for the summer. Announce the plans beforehand, have a regular menu for the meal, and get some well prepared person to either read or talk quietly on thoughtful devotional material. There must be no conversation. This can be a real spiritual retreat, and be food for the soul.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS REPORT

Miss Sarah G. Godfrey, conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, says, "I thought the financial report of the Wesleyan Service Guilds for the five months interim period was exceptionally fine." The Guilds of the conference should feel justly proud of their efforts and of the progress made during this period.

Missions	$3,458.14
Life memberships	500.00
Week of Prayer	13.80
Supply Work	402.83
Christian Soc. Rel. & L. C. A.	4,259.45
Conference Registrations	122.00
Cultivation Fund	242.40
Sacrificial Offering at Conf.	165.00
	$9,163.62

YOUTH SECRETARY IN WILMINGTON

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary of the Wilmington District, announces that Mrs. Jesse Peters of Clinton is the new secretary of youth work for the district, replacing Mrs. Jesse Lanning.



AFRICAN MOTHER AND BABE

A child-care specialist who has been working in the war-stricken area of Europe, has just visited Johannesburg, where there is a Methodist mission among the miners, and says, "In spite of having been all over Europe recently and seen how children live there, I can honestly say that I have never seen children living in worse conditions than the native children of Moroko Township outside of Johannesburg." Annual record of births, deaths, and causes of death are not kept for about four-fifths of the population. One out of 133 people is blind. The tuberculosis death rate is the highest in the world, it is said. Over 80 per cent of the 8 millions of Africans in South Africa cannot read or write.

NEW HANOVER ZONE MEETING

Officers' Training Day for the New Hanover Zone was held at the Youth Center at Wrightsville Beach on Thursday, May 19th. Miss Ida Hankins, retired missionary from Korea, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Victor Venters, district secretary of Children's Work, spoke in the interest of the Advance program and urged Christian women to meet the opportunities of supplying the missionaries and Christian workers needed all over the world. Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary, gave helpful suggestions for gaining new members. Mrs. L. D. Hayman spoke on education and Mrs. W. W. Sellars spoke on the increase in giving.

Mrs. Jesse Peters of Clinton was introduced by Mrs. Jesse Lanning as the new secretary of Youth Work. Mrs. Walter Davis explained the missionary personnel committee. Mrs. James C. Murdock presented a skit, "What Can I Do?"

Following the program, workshops or clinics were held with each district officer. The lunch was served by the Wrightsville Beach Woman's Society. Mrs. Ben McDonald is the president.

Mrs. C. D. Barclift, conference recording secretary, was present. District officers present, other than those on the program, were Mrs. William Hobbs, Mrs. K. R. Wheeler, Mrs. Laura Sutton, Mrs. W. I. McLamb, and Mrs. A. D. Craig.

Mrs. A. D. Byrd, zone leader, presided. There were approximately 85 attending the meeting.

MRS. DOUGHTIE REPORTS ON THE CARAVANS

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary of the Wilmington District, says: "We had our six zone meetings as planned and 466 attended. We had the Advance Caravans and the officers' training days jointly. All district officers served on the caravans in some way and attended all the meetings. We feel that the caravans have been a success."

DAVIS STREET INSTALLATION AND PLEDGE SERVICE

The May meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Davis Street Church, Burlington, was an installation and pledge service conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Starnes.

During the business, the retiring president, Mrs. C. F. Foster, was presented a life membership and a gift as a token of love and appreciation for her services. The Society paid $2,700.00 to the building fund of the church.

"A new circle has been added this year," reports Mrs. J. W. Bentley, secretary, "making 8 circles, with the home circle, and a Wesleyan Service Guild."

WHARTON W. S. C. S. CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wharton Church on the Grimesland Charge, New Bern District, celebrated its 23rd birthday in April. "This is always a special occasion," said Rev. C. G. Nickens, pastor, "when the funds raised for the church are laid on the altar."

Mrs. Robert Griffin, president, presided over the meeting. After the hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung, Mrs. Josephus Legget lead in prayer. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. J. R. Brown. Mrs. William Jones gave a message on "Prayer." Special music was rendered by the Junior Choir, accompanied by Mrs. D. L. Latham.

At the conclusion of the worship program, corsages were presented to Mrs. Josephus Legget and Mrs. William Jones for having made the most progress during the year. In honor of these two outstanding women, the Society presented a pulpit light to the church. As the funds were laid upon the altar by the circle leaders, Mrs. D. L. Latham read a poem about how the groups had raised the funds.

Mrs. William Jones was presented a gift as the leader raising the largest amount, and Mrs. D. L. Latham received a gift as the individual raising the largest amount. The Doxology closed the meeting.

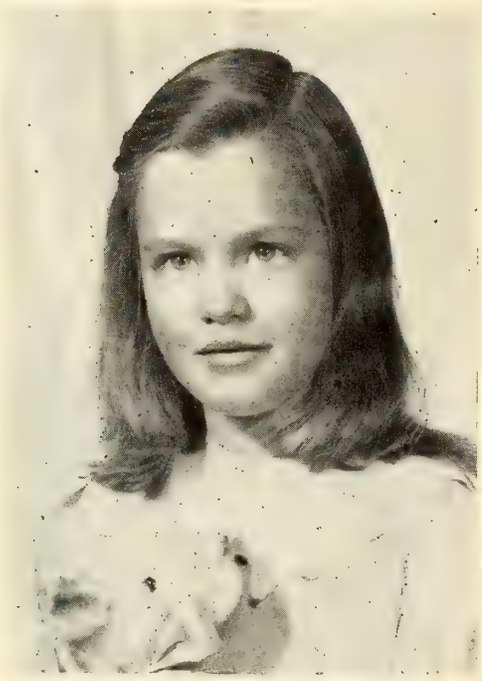
In the recreation room, the birthday cake with 23 candles was cut and served to the members and guests present.

Per Capita Cost Last Year $626.78; New Financial Plan Studied; 17 Graduate; Vacation Plans Made

By O. V. Woosley

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DUKE ENDOWMENT REPORT

Information received from the Orphan Section of The Duke Endowment confirms our figures to the effect that The Children's Home daily per capita cost of 1948 was 1.7125. This is .6493 less than the average daily per capita cost for the Baptist Orphanage, Oxford Orphanage, Junior Order Children's Home, Methodist Orphanage, Barium Springs and The Children's Home. Our annual per capita cost for 1948 amounted to $626.78, $237.64 less than the average for the six child-caring institutions previously mentioned. The annual per capita cost for the other five ran as follows: $1,055.29, $958.88, $808.05, $792.46 and $951.09.

VALUED OPINION

It is the custom of the Duke Endowment to forward to us, as is doubtless done to other child-caring institutions, a comparative statement of per capita costs at The Children's Home with the average similar per capita costs of the 13 child-caring institutions in North and South Carolina enrolling more than 125 children per day. We in turn forward this information, along with explanatory statements to the 20 members of our board of trustees. Relative to this matter Mr. James A. Gray, chairman of our finance committee, writes: "I hasten to congratulate you on the continued splendid comparison of costs at the Children's Home with those at similar institutions. Furthermore, I fully concur in your feelings that the essential needs of your boys and girls are not penalized through the economical operation of the Home but, on the other hand, it is an evidence of the fine achievements of yourself and staff."

PLANS OF SUPPORT

One of the big challenges confronting those who have the management of an enterprise such as ours is that of securing sufficient finances to properly operate the business without going in debt. In order not to penalize the children for whom the institution is built and for whom it operates, sufficient funds must be secured to properly provide for their needs and to direct their aspirations. It was first thought that fifth Sunday offerings would provide funds for this purpose but only one year proved the fallacy of this expectation. An apportionment equal to ten per cent of the pastor's salary was then voted by the Western North Carolina Annual Conference as a means of supporting the constantly growing Children's Home family. The fifth Sunday offerings were expected to supplement this apportionment. This plan of financing the Home was in operation for 30 years. In 1941 our Annual Conference voted, due to an increased family and decreased income, to add supplementary apportionments of from two to 15 per cent. In the run of time these supplementary apportionments have been voluntarily accepted and we have been enabled to go along without going in debt, even accumulating a little surplus to be used for building purposes.

A NEW PLAN

Without The Children's Home having asked for it, the Commission on Town and Country Work recommended and the Annual Conference adopted their proposed plan for a study of basing the Children's Home fund, along with three others, on the total amount raised by each congregation on "current expenses and incidentals," "church school administration and supplies" and "amount raised for pastor and associate pastor." If this plan should be adopted The Children's Home's apportionment percentage would be reduced to an appreciable extent. We have the feeling that the proposed plan is better than the one now in force. We also have the feeling that even a better plan than that would be to base The Children's Home apportionment on the entire budget of the local church, excluding amount raised for building, payments on interest or debts and contributions to special causes. If The Children's Home apportionment were based on the entire budget of the congregation, as is done with reference to the Methodist Orphanage in the North Carolina Conference, we figure that an apportionment of eight per cent of the entire budget would bring in as much money as we now receive.

PRESENT SITUATION

The Children's Home has been getting along very well with the present apportionments, basic and supplementary, except in those areas where the issue of prior claims is precipitated. In some instances we have found leaders who have encouraged congregations in being satisfied with paying only the basic ten per cent. If such a plan were to be extensively used it would mean that we would have to place a number of our children somewhere else to be raised. Rather than to have the ambiguous situation that now prevails it may be well to have the streamlined basis of apportionment, either the one proposed by the Commission on Town and Country Work or, preferably, the one that may be based on the entire budget of the congregation.

A LOVABLE LASSIE

The picture this week is that of Eva May Stafford who will become eight years old the 25th of June and who was recently promoted to the third grade. Little lovable Eva came to us less than a year ago and has already fallen in love with the Home and has caused those at the Home to fall in love with her. She is a happy member of the Smith cottage family, composed of thirty little primary girls whom we call "Smithies." Eva is sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church, Hendersonville, Miss Joyce Shook being the correspondent.

SEVENTEEN SENIORS

We have seventeen youngsters, six boys and eleven girls who graduated Tuesday night, June 14, from the Richard J. Reynolds High School. They, along with some 300 others were seated in elevated positions on the big stage in the beautiful Reynolds Auditorium. These boys and girls are now receiving the attention that comes to a high school graduate, a feature time in one's life. They, with the rest of us, have mingled emotional stimulations, glad for graduation and regretful over leaving The Children's Home family. Already arrangements for the future going of most of the graduates have been made. Others are in the making. No youngster ever leaves The Children's Home without a good place to go. This year the girls outnumber the boys in the graduating class. Indications now are that boys will outnumber the girls in the next graduating class, one a bit larger than this one.

BOWLES' BIVOUAC

Another time Rev. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of Broad Street, Statesville, has written to invite two of our boys and two of our girls to join groups from his congregation in a week's bivouacking out at Camp Fellowship, on the Catawba River. The first week, beginning June 27, will give Major Stutts and Marie Stepp, of the senior group, an opportunity to mingle with the good Statesville campers. The second week, beginning July 4, will give an opportunity for two intermediates to join the happy Statesville band, these being Ada Reece and Tommy Muse.

VACATION PLANS

By common consent, our children are not talking much about vacations but our staff is already planning for them. According to our custom, a few of our older boys and girls will have their three weeks' vacation beginning on July 9 and extending to July 30, when they will return to take over the operation of the Home while a larger number of our youngsters will leave for being away from July 30 to August 30. During the August vacations all our cottages will be closed, permitting a large number of our staff members to have their vacations. The three weeks' vacation will be provided for each youngster who has a place to go and who we feel will be benefitted by it. Those not going away on vacation will have added consideration while here. Each year an increasing number of youngsters prefer to stay here with a smaller family than to go away.

Sunday School Lesson for JUNE 19

The Triumph of the Resurrection

Mark 16:2-7; John 21:1-14

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The women who came early to the tomb found the stone rolled away, and looking in, they saw an angel. That was not the last time the followers of Jesus looked into a tomb where their hopes were buried and saw the shining form of a messenger of hope.

Jesus is risen, said the angel; go back home to your familiar haunts; there shall ye see him. And millions of times since, he has appeared to his disciples in kitchens and workshops, and wherever else men pursue their daily tasks. That is the wonder of Jesus that he makes himself unspeakably real to his faithful ones in the most unlikely places.

When the disciples got back to Galilee Peter said to his hungry fellow disciples, I go a-fishing; and they said, We also come with thee. But they fished all night and took nothing. What a weary, long night that was! Peter remembered wistfully the day when he first went a-fishing with Jesus, and had that wonderful catch (Luke 5:4-11). But now Jesus was gone, and the promise that he would be with them always was not being fulfilled.

But suddenly in the midst of the morning, a voice came from the shore, Boys, have ye anything to eat? And they answered, No. And the voice said, Cast the net on the right side of the ship and ye shall find. So they cast it, and now they were not able to draw the nets for the multitude of fishes. Some would have said, What great luck! But that disciple whom Jesus loved exclaimed, It is the Lord. Blessed is the man who recognizes that it is the Lord when his efforts are suddenly reinforced by an unseen power.

Peter forgot all about the great haul of fishes when he heard that it was the Lord and leaped into the sea to go to Jesus. When the disciples came to land they found a charcoal fire there with fish laid thereon and bread.

After Peter had drawn the net to land Jesus said, Let us have breakfast. Some foolish people would have said, Sit down and I will instruct you, and after that breakfast. But Jesus knew that breakfast should come first. The disciples had a morbid desire to ask, Who art thou? but underneath all doubts was the conviction that they were in their Master's presence.

After breakfast Jesus asked Peter, Lovest thou me more than these? Did he mean more than these love me, as Peter had boastingly declared? or did he mean, Do you love me so much that you forgot all about the wonderful catch of fishes? One is inclined to the latter interpretation. Three times Jesus asked, Lovest thou me? as though that were the only question whose answer really mattered. And three times Jesus said, If ye love me show it by ministry to my disciples.

When Jesus says, Feed my lambs, he tells us to become experts in telling the stories of the Bible to the children. When he says, Tend my sheep, he would have us alert and observant of everything that concerns the safety and welfare of all the flock. When he says, Feed my sheep, he commands us to minister abundantly to the deepest intellectual and spiritual needs of men; but the three commands also assume that, like Jesus, we should always remember the needs of their bodies.

This story beautifully symbolizes the essence of Christianity. It is primarily love to Christ. From him we get inspiration and motive to love our fellows, even when they are ungrateful. This love is to be expressed in all-sided ministry to the needs of all classes of the disciples. We can count on Christ to supply our physical needs, but like Peter, we must face the wrath of those who wish to exploit the sheep rather than feed them.

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Children's Storytime

God Is Everywhere

By MARGARET G. WILSON

June is here again and many of us have forgotten, for the time being, that there ever was a January, a January with snow and ice, with sleet and frost, with naked trees and sleeping gardens, without the birds and bees and butterflies; January when all nature seemed asleep and the nights were long.

God's world was a beautiful world with its sparking snow and frosted window panes. Sometimes we could hear the howling of the wind. Sometimes we could hear the creaking snow under our feet. And sometimes everything everywhere seemed quiet and still and peaceful.

Then slowly, slowly, slowly things began to change. The snowy days became rainy days. The ice in the streets became puddles of water and the hard-frozen ground became soft and muddy, while the naked trees began to show tiny green buds and the sleeping gardens showed little green growing things.

Then somehow, I don't know how, but somehow the robins knew it was spring. Once more we saw them hopping about on the lawns and could hear them calling to one another from the roof tops. We heard the frogs singing and we began to notice spider webs on the back porch. Why we had actually forgotten about the spiders. Where did they come from and where had they been all winter.

God's world was a beautiful world with its birds and budding things. Sometimes we shivered in the cold damp woods. Sometimes we felt the rain on our face and things seemed different than they did in the cold days of January.

And now everything is awake again! The birds are singing. The bees are buzzing. The ants are working and the spiders are growing fat in their lacy, swaying cobwebs.

The trees actually seem alive with the busy birds that chat and sing together on the leafy boughs. Others are flying back and forth, back and forth, carrying all the material that is needed to build their little home in the shelter of the branches. Sometimes they fly down to get a meal of worms from the flower garden or just hop about to see what they can see.

It matters not what time of day we visit our garden we find visitors have arrived ahead of us. There are butterflies and bees, worms, toads and frogs, and they all seem to enjoy the garden just as much as we do. Our gardens are no longer asleep, they are really alive, and it is a beautiful place with a riot of color.

"So many things are everywhere
That speak of God, the Father's care!
The nodding tulip's yellow cup,
Morning-glories reaching up,
Dewdrops twinkling in the sun,
A spider's web with silver spun,
A mossy stone, a bubbling spring,
Robins, bluebirds on the wing;
The blue, blue sky, the foaming seas;
Stars, far and high above the trees.
So many things are everywhere
That speak of God, the Father's care."

—In The United Church Observer of Canada.

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My flying kite, with little clouds you'll play.
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June

Bethel, 11 19
Midland: Pine Bluff, 2 19
Stanfield: Love's Grove, 4 19
Spencer: Central, 11 26
Salisbury, First, 3 (Organize Rowan Co. Mission Society) 26
Kerr Street, 8 26

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H.Armbrust, D.S., Statesville, N. C.

July

Helton: Trinity, 11 3
Warrensville: Smethport, 3 3
Laurel Springs: Chestnut Hill, 7:30 3
West Jefferson, 7:30 4
Stony Point, 7:30 5
Claremont-Shiloh, Shiloh, 7:30 6
Mooresville Ct.-Triplett: Triplett, 7:30 7
Harmony: Turnersburg, 7:30 8
Lenoir, First, 11 10
Harpers: Harpers, 3 10
Whitnel, 7:30 10
Mooresville, Broad Street, 7:30 11
Hudson: Hudson, 7:30 12
Hickory, Bethel, 7:30 13
Granite Falls, 7:30 14
Newton, Abernethy Memorial, 11 17
Catawba: Hopewell, 3 17
Olin: Olin, 7:30 17
Hickory, Highland-Fairgrove: Fairgrove, 7:30 18
North Wilkesboro, 7:30 20

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

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July

Welcome: Bethesda, 11 10
Lexington, Erlanger, 7:30 10
Mocksville, First, 11 17
Cooleemee, 3 17
Thomasville, West End, 7:30 17
Fairfield, 7:30 20
Richland: Giles, 7:30 21
Liberty Circuit: Staley, 11 24
Liberty, First, 3 24
Old Union, 7 24

August

Davie: Concord, 11 7
Unity-Fair Grove: Fair Grove, 7:30 7
Asheboro, First, 7:30 8
Asheboro, Central, 7:30 9
Ramseur-Franklinville, Ramseur, 7:30 10
Shiloh, Yadkin College, 7:30 11
Asheboro, West Bend, 7:30 12
Randleman Circuit: Worthville, 3 13
Cid, Fairview, 11 14
Thomasville Circuit: Fairview, 7 14
Lexington, First, 7:30 16
Thomasville, First, 7:30 17
Thomasville, Trinity-Bethel: Trinity, 7:30 18
South Randolph: Flag Springs, 7:30 19
Davidson: Mt. Olivet, 11 21
Midway: Midway, 3 21
North Davidson: Canaan, 7:30 21
Linwood: Bethany, 7:30 23
Archdale, 7:30 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 25
Greer-Carmel: Greer, 7:30 26
Denton, Central, 11 28
South Davidson: Chapel Hill, 2:30 28
Eldorado, Macedonia, 7:30 28
Denton Circuit: First, 7:30 30
Pleasant Grove, 7:30 31

September

Mt. Vernon: Fairview, 7:30 1
Seagrove: Seagrove, 7:30 2
Asheboro Circuit: Cedar Falls, 11 4
Coleridge: Concord, 3 4
Randolph-Gray's: Bethel, 7:30 4
Randleman, First, 7:30 6
Thomasville, Memorial, 7:30 7
Trinity: Hopewell, 7:30 8
Farmer: Farmer, 7:30 9
Farmington, Smith Grove, 11 11
Mocksville Circuit: Bethel, 3 11
Advance: Mocks, 7:30 11

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

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June

Surry Project Evangelistic Week 20-24

July

Yadkin Evangelistic Week 10-15
Central Terrace, 11 24
Hanes Ct., Hanes, 3 24
Marvin, 7:30 24
Walnut Cove Ct., Pine Hall, 11 31
Pinnacle Ct., Pinnacle, 3 31
Rural Hall Ct., Antioch, 7:30 31

August

Elkin—First, 11 7
Jonesville, 3 7
Yadkinville Ct., Booneville, 7:30 7
Trinity, 7:30 8
Mt. Pleasant Ct., Mt. Pleasant, 7:30 9
Maple Springs, 7:30 10
Oak Grove Ct., Mt. Herman, 11 14
Surry Ct., Maple Grove, 3 14
Rockford Street, 5 14
Pilot Mountain, 7:30 14
Franklin Ct., Zion, 11 21
Shoals Ct., Pilot, 3 21
West Forsyth Ct., Pleasant Hill, 7:30 21
Lewisville Ct., Brookstown, 7:30 22
Union Ridge, 7:30 24
Kernersville Ct., Cherry Street, 11 28
Concord—Sharon Ct., Concord , 3 28
Crews—Sedge Garden Ct., Crews, 7:30 28
Burkhead, 7:30 31

Sept.

Ardmore, 7:30 6
Cententary, 7:30 7
Mt. Airy—Central, 7 13

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June

Burlington, Davis Street, 11 19
Mebane, Mebane, 7:30 19
Roxboro, Grace, 11 26
Mt. Tirzah, Mt. Tirzah, 3 26
Durham, Bethany, 7:30 26

July

Rougemont, Union Grove, 11 3
Dedication Phillips Chapel, 3 3
Durham, Asbury, 7:30 3

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

J. Herbert Miller, D. S., Elizabeth City, N. C.

June

Murfreesboro: Union, 11 19
Belhaven: Belhaven, 8 19
Hertford, 11 26
Chowan: Bethany, 3 26

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

June

Mount Olive Circuit: Bethel, 11 18
Kinston, Queen Street, 11 19
Vanceboro: Chapman's, 11 25
Marshallberg, 11 26
Atlantic: Sealevel, 7:30 26

RALEIGH DISTRICT

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June

Fuquay Springs, 11 19
Vance: Gillburg, 11 (Dedication) 26
Clayton, 8 26

July

Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 11 3
Louisburg Circuit: Shiloh, 11 10
Raleigh, Trinity, 8 10
Raleigh, Edenton St., 11 17
Dunn, 8 17

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

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June

Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 19

July

Marvin: White Oak, 11 3
Evansdale, 7:30 10
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11 17

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

C. D. BARCLIFT, D.S., 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

June

Bladen: Windsor, 8 19
Clinton Circuit: Epworth, 11 26
Duplin: Unity, 3 26
Maysville, 8 26

BOMBED CHURCH SITE SERVES SLUM CHILDREN

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Visiting the Center recently with Miss Chu our car drew to a stop before the high bamboo gate to the compound and we went into the roomy, sunny yard. To the right was the improvised church, made out of what was left of the original building. Back of this was the concrete floors, all that was left of the former housing for the church workers. The yard was clean and fairly smooth. Miss Chu told us that the yard had been cleaned by the children to make a smooth play place. We could hear the voices of the children and the teachers as we went toward the quonset hut that served as a school house. On entering Miss Chu greeted the students and teachers. Imagine our surprise when the children all replied spontaneously with, "Good morning!"

We arrived just as they were getting ready for hot milk, so after greeting the children we went through to the kitchens. Between the kitchen and the quonset school house there is a cement walk. Here we found a round table upon which two of the older children were setting large white enameled cups, picking them from large galvanized iron pails which were sitting on the cement. Two of the older children were filling these cups with hot milk, using a large aluminum ladle. The big aluminum kettle of warm milk was on one side of the table and the pails of cups on the other.

Now the children at the first table stood up, marched out of the front door, around the quonset hut to the rear. Each child took his cup of hot milk, marched through the back door to his place at the table, put his cup on the table and sat down. Then the next table did the same and so on till all had their milk. Then all drank together with evident enjoyment. After drinking they thanked Church World Service for their milk, but to them Miss Chu personified Church World Service.

Then came free play. The cement floor was the choice place to play. One could see they had learned some group cooperation. When they first came to the center they were little individuals and most awkward. Day by day they have been learning how to work together, play together, and sing together. They are developing a group consciousness. Six children take turns in cleaning the class room. Many of them had no idea how to go about such a task but when shown were happy to do the work. Pretending not to notice them we watched them at their play. At first we were the center of attraction but when they felt we were not paying attention to them they paid no attention to us and went about their play.

Free play was followed by directed play. Each child brought his or her little stool and soon were sitting in a large circle. Two or three were blindfolded and were in the center of the circle. One little lad had his right hand tied to his right ankle with a bright red scarf and he was given the school bell, such a one as many may remember as being used in the little old red school house of rural America. Thus hindered and ringing the bell he had to dodge the blindfolded [illegible] searching for him. It was a humorous game full of enjoyment, both for those participating and those watching. In this happy atmosphere we left them knowing that in the afternoon again would be studies, songs, and play, and vitamins. Their lives will be better, brighter and happier because Church World Service has given them milk powder for hot milk, vitamins, and teachers to teach them.

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Enlisting Leaders for the Church

By Henry G. Ruark*

Two facts give significance to this report from Chapel Hill. The first is that the Methodist Church, like others, is greatly in need of trained workers. In all our conferences there is a shortage of ministers. And our Boards of Education and Missions are actively seeking additional personnel for their work. The second fact is that an increasing proportion of our church young people are attending state educational institutions. This year approximately 50% more Methodist students are enrolled at the University of North Carolina than at any other college in the state. If we are to enlist leaders for the church we must do an increasing amount of it in these state institutions.

In the light of this fact, it is heartening to find a larger number of our students at Chapel Hill now entering church-related vocations. Three of the seniors who have been active in our Wesley Foundation will go to seminary next fall to train for the ministry. James McAllister of Roper has been president of the North Carolina Methodist Student Movement for the past year. After completing his theological training he plans to join the North Carolina Conference. Bob Bunch of Statesville will serve with the Lisle Fellowship this summer and enter divinity school in September. Ray Mills of Jonesboro, Arkansas, will work as an assistant pastor in his home conference this summer and then continue his training. Ray is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Marjorie Cameron of Washington, D. C., whose major has been in dramatic art, will begin work soon as director of Christian education in St. Paul's Church, Goldsboro. John West of Waynesville is seriously considering some form of full-time Christian service. His major has been in production management in the school of commerce, and he thinks he might use that training in our Methodist Goodwill Industries, or some other such enterprise.

Three rising seniors now plan after graduation next June to go on with studies for the ministry. They are: Pete Burks of Charlotte, who has been president of the University Y. M. C. A. for the past session; Herb Yates of Rockingham, treasurer of the state Methodist Student Movement; and Joe Beasley of Randleman.

To mention only these, however, is misleading. We are coming to a new realization that if the church is really to influence our culture, then people in all walks of life must consider the work as Christian vocations. We have to teach the truth that God has a calling for every person's life. Some He calls to work professionally in the church. Others are called to related occupations: like J. D. Foust of Snow Camp, who finds opportunity for exerting his Christian influence in his new job as director of recreation in Sanford; or Martha Allen, who hopes to become a director of Girl Scouts. Still others are going into business, teaching, and other professions with a deep sense of Christian mission.

We have been trying for the past several years to place a major emphasis on Christian vocation in our work with students. It is encouraging to see signs that this work is bearing fruit. We are aware, of course, that these decisions are not wholly due to the influence of this church at Chapel Hill. Our efforts are supported by strong forces within the University itself. The administration has an intelligent appreciation of the importance of religion in our culture, and a sincere concern for the religious development of students. This is evidenced by the active part taken by such men as Dean Fred Weaver, Dr. L. R. Wilson, Prof. Frank Hanft, Prof. Warren Ashby, (to name only a few) in the development and direction of the student program in the church. Another evidence is the establishment, two years ago, of the Department of Religion in the University, with Dr. Arnold Nash as its head. Dr. Bernhard Anderson, Gray Professor of Bible, is a member of the California Conference. Plans are made to add a third member to the department next fall. These men have worked closely with the ministers of the community in developing a more effective ministry to students.

More important still, we know how that these young people have been awakened to serious Christian concerns before they came to the University. Their homes, home churches, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship with its training and conference experiences have already inclined them toward specifically Christian life decisions. If not, it is hardly likely that we should influence them at all. Our job is to continue re-inforce these influences while they are here in college. But since this is the period when many vocational decisions are made, it is critically important that this be done. And it can be done more effectively with the continued cooperation of the home folks. This can be given in two specific ways. First, by informing your young people who are going to college of the opportunities for Christian fellowship and training provided there. Second, by writing to ministers and student workers in college communities full information about the young people in your church who are going there.

*Pastor, University Methodist Church.

"There is great need for increased social service work by Christian missionaries in Japan," says the Rev. Lee B. Hughes, Methodist missionary in Tokyo, Japan. "The war has left many children without homes and mothers and fathers. They must face the necessity of assuming the burden of their care and support in a country where it is difficult for people of ordinary means to live properly. Their bed at night is sometimes the railroad station, and during the day they shine shoes for a candy bar or any other food which the G.I. might give."

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FAVORS CHANGE IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE DATE

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the laymen of the North Carolina Conference for recommending a change in the date for the meeting of our Annual Conference. Their action is in keeping with the resolution adopted at the last session of our conference asking the Bishop to appoint a committee to bring before the next session of the conference a recommendation for either a spring or summer date.

Either a late June or early September date would save us from "blocking out" two of the best months of the year for constructive work in the local church. If we meet in late June, we would be meeting at the close of a high season in the church year. If we meet in early September, we would be meeting at the beginning of a high season of the church year. Either would be much better than the present November date which disrupts one of the best seasons for effective work in the local church. It is the writer's opinion that a change in dates would mean a more effective evangelism for the simple reason that it would make October and November available for both mass and visitation evangelism. The same would hold true in our training program.

As it is these two best months are not available because of pre-conference and post-conference concerns.

A late spring or summer date would enable the local church to plan and execute its program more intelligently. The planning would be done before the church would be in its most effective period for constructive work.

From the point of view of the minister it would save the children of the parsonage serious disruption in their education if conference were not held during school terms. Many children have been set back in their education because of a series of moves during school terms.

About the only objection the writer sees to a change in dates is some possible interference with gardens. But as one who raises both children and cabbages, he would much prefer interference with cabbages than the education of his children.

W. L. CLEGG

CLERICS' CLERICAL COLUMNS CLICKLESS

That some ministers preach better than they count, might be concluded from the good-natured chiding given them by a Connecticut yankee, the Rev. Orville E. Crain, at the recent session of the New England Southern Conference.

Dr. Crain, who is superintendent of the Norwich district, did not specifically advocate the introduction of courses in simple addition and subtraction into the curricula of theological seminaries, but he might as well have done so.

After noting in his annual report the discrepancies between figures given by ministers to their district superintendents in advance of conference, and the ones that later appear in the year book, Dr. Crain gave his explanation for these phenomena:

"Probably some of our ministers, like the elders of old, 'obtained a good report by faith' when forwarding me their figures," he said. "But the 'substance of things hoped for,' did not materialize by the time the figures were sent to the Conference Treasurer and Statistician. These officials do not accept promissory notes."

REV. M. B. SHIVES GOES TO LOWELL

In the place of Reverend R. C. Nimon, of Lowell, who has been transferred to the Baltimore Conference, Bishop Harrell has appointed Reverend Marshall B. Shives, Chaplain recently returned from service with the U. S. Army of Occupation in Austria, where he had headquarters in Vienna. Mr. Shives assumes his duties at once, and he and Mrs. Shives will take up their residence in Lowell as soon as needed repairs have been made on the parsonage. For the remainder of this month they may be addressed at Cherryville, N. C.

W. A. Stanbury, supt. Gastonia Dist.

NOTICE

"The Western North Carolina Annual Conference Board of Evangelism will meet June 27th at 10:30 A.M., in the First Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Ralph Taylor, Chairman
J. B. McLarty, Secretary"

BROWN GOES TO MORIAH CHURCH

Bishop Harrell has authorized the appointment of Rev. Jarvis Padgham Brown as pastor of Moriah Church, the Greensboro District, for the remainder of the Conference year, effective June 12. He succeeds Rev. R. Wayne McLain, who has received a fellowship to the Duke University, in order that he may complete work for a Ph.D. At the present time Mr. McLain is the regional director of CROP with headquarters in Durham.

W. A. LAMBETH, Dist. Superintendent

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Following a custom of long standing, the North Carolina Christian Advocate will not be published during the week of July 4. Those who have news that should be published early in July are urged to get it to the Advocate office by Monday, June 27, in order that it may appear in the issue of June 30. The first issue in July will appear July 14.

THE FAMILY JOINS THE CHURCH

On Mother's Day at the eleven o'clock service the entire family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roscoe Bramlett, Sr. joined the Ruffin Methodist Church. Mr. Bramlett reaffirmed his vows; Mrs. Bramlett transferred her membership from the Methodist church, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y.; their eleven children were baptized, with the four oldest children assuming the vows of the church. The entire family decided to unite with the Church during the revival. Rev. J. T. Shackford was the visiting preacher. Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle is pastor of the church.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That his parish is one unit in God's ecumenical purpose for human redemption. If the minister sees clearly his divine mission he knows that his task is larger than saving a few people from the consequences of their sin. His real opportunity is to save persons for Christ-like living and service in a world-wide Kingdom of God. Whatever good thing is achieved in his local church has universal significance. Every convert to the Christian faith is an added asset to ecumenical Christianity. Every family dedicated to the worship of God is a fountain from which flow streams of influence in support of God's universal brotherhood. As every unselfish member of a family is a blessing to the entire home, and as an unselfish family in a community is a wholesome influence for a peaceful community, so every local church which understands and performs its divine function contributes much to the coming of God's Kingdom on earth.

With an understanding of God's ecumenical purpose and a knowledge of world conditions and needs the ministers should lead his parish to intelligent, fervent prayer, to appropriate gifts of money, and to the dedication of promising sons and daughters for the consummation of God's purpose for human redemption.

If it were not for tears in the eyes there could be no rainbow in the soul.

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EDITORIAL

Is Our Feeling for Humanity on the Decline?

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Micah 6:8.

Norman Thomas, addressing the Institute of International Relations at Greensboro last week, stated that the world has less feeling for humanity and human values than it had at the beginning of the present century. The brilliant Socialist leader declared that men have become more callous toward the suffering and welfare of other men outside their own realm of interest. Mr. Thomas believes that even church people show less response to stories of human suffering in distant parts of the world. Specifically, he called attention to the general indifference toward the millions of displaced persons in Europe and Asia.

We are forced to admit that Mr. Thomas has raised a profoundly disturbing question. Is there a decline in feeling for humanity and human values? Some of us who still see encouraging signs of Christian generosity and altruism would like to dismiss Mr. Thomas's observation as pessimistic and without foundation. Yet we are finding it more difficult to maintain our own social vision, to keep on thinking in global terms, to keep alive the spirit of love and goodwill toward all people. The walls of isolation, which we had hoped were beaten down forever, often raise their sinister shadows. Nationalism, which we felt belonged to a decadent age, still haunts us and at times threatens to become a consuming fire.

There are deep reasons for this growing indifference and callousness toward humanity and human values. For one thing, secularism is a contributing factor. By secularism we mean the emphasis on material and worldly values, preoccupation with this life. Our generation has been slowly swallowed up by the secular spirit. Russian communism, which is thoroughly atheistic and materialistic, is the very incarnation of secularism. Most of the world is moving toward the Russian orbit. Unfortunately, we don't have to go to Russia to find secularism. Our standards in America are predominantly materialistic. Property values often come ahead of human values. The two wars in our generation were not fought for ideological, but largely for economic reasons. The nations wanted raw materials and markets and territory. They were willing to sacrifice human life and human values to get these things. Even the church has felt the relentless hand of secularism. We have become so absorbed in building programs and budgets and reports that often spiritual values seem incidental.

When material values are magnified, human values are minimized. When property rights come first, human rights suffer. As men place chief emphasis on economic gain, they become less sensitive to human need.

Another contributing factor to this decline in human feeling is the influence of the two World Wars. War not only destroys human life and property; it destroys our finer sensibilities. We become like the thing we fight. We start out hating those with whom we are at war; we wind up a house divided against itself. War never softens men's hearts. Rather, it hardens, brutalizes them.

A third reason for this decline in feeling for humanity is due to the magnitude of human need surrounding us. Human need has reached unprecedented proportions. In the face of such staggering need we are tempted to throw up our hands in despair. Unconsciously, we become unresponsive, callous, particularly when there are so many appeals.

Never before have Christians faced such solemn responsibilities. It is our task to keep alive the spirit of compassion in our own hearts and to impregnate the whole world with a new awareness of the dignity and sacredness of human life. We believe God has called us to the kingdom for this compelling task. The gospel of love is the only weapon that stands between frightened humanity and utter annihilation by the atom bomb. At this critical hour we must not allow our hearts to become hardened. With Christians there can be no "cold war."

How can we meet this great responsibility? First, by seeking more of God's spirit. We need divine help. We must stay in constant contact with our heavenly Father, letting the divine life flow through us. We need more of the Father's goodness and life and power. All of our tender emotions must stem from the divine heart. Otherwise, even our noble deeds become barren and meaningless.

Again, we can keep alive this spirit of compassion by following the example of our Lord. Jesus never allowed the cruel selfishness of an indifferent world to harden his heart toward his fellowman. He never allowed the narrow sectarianism or the selfish provincialism of his day to blind him to the pathetic pleas of the sick and dying men. In the midst of staggering need, he never gave up in despair or became tired of helping his needy brothers. His life is a challenge to all who would serve mankind.

Finally, we can keep alive a compassion for mankind by remembering our common humanity. We are children of the same Father. We are brothers for whom Christ died. What affects one affects all. The people in prostrate Europe and Asia are not creatures of the dust. They are our brothers. When they suffer, we suffer. John Donne, in one of his writings, refers to the English custom of ringing the church bell when a person died. In a certain town one day the church bell rang and many came to inquire for whom the bell tolled. Mr. Donne has the minister to reply: "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of a continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less. . . Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in all mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

We are deeply involved in the sufferings of humanity; and only as we help to relieve the needs of all mankind can we find peace, security and happiness.

Mission of Methodism to Our World Today*

By Frank S. Hickman*



The Author

Our world has been plunged into open and complete revolution. This upheaval has been long in the making, merely reaching its major crests in the two world wars.

World War I was primarily a conflict between two mighty coalitions of western nations, with the eastern hemisphere only incidentally involved. World War II started out in the same manner; but it eventuated in a titanic struggle involving both the eastern and western hemispheres. In its first stage the German Nazis, in working agreement with the Italian Fascists and in a temporary coalition with the Russian Communists, arrayed themselves against the western non-totalitarian nations. In its second stage the Nazis joined forces with the Japanese Imperialists, while the Italians worked closer in and the Russians split away. The Russians thereupon, in order to save their own skins, cast in their lot temporarily, at least, with the democracies. In its third stage (the "cold war" in which we are still engaged), with Germany, Japan, and Italy mastered, Russia has dropped all pretense of alliance with the democracies and become the champion of a totalitarianism as unqualified and ruthless as that of Nazi Germany. It has dropped its Iron Curtain like a true war-time barrier between itself and the non-totalitarian world. The Cold War has reached its climax in the blockade of Berlin—an operation hitherto unknown among peoples supposedly at peace with each other.

The communistic and the democratic peoples constantly hurl barrages at each other, each claiming that the other is trying to dominate the world. Two irreconcilable ideologies, we are frequently told, are fighting it out to a finish. One is an oligarchic version of "rule by the people," as against the other, which is based on a theory of representative government. Both claim to be fighting the battle of the common man—but with what a tremendous difference in conception of what the rights and worth of the common man are! As a matter of fact, what confronts us here is no mere political difference of opinion: it is a chasm opening between two sharply opposed conceptions of human life and destiny. On the one side the democratic peoples carry out their operations against a backdrop of religious idealism; on the other the communistic group deny all religious claims, and seek to replace religion with an economic gospel propounded by an estranged Jew named Karl Marx.

*An address delivered at Fayetteville District Advance Rallies.

The split between these two concepts is drastic enough; but the division between the peoples themselves is by no means so sharp. Not all Russians are deep-dyed communists. Indeed it has been claimed by responsible leaders of the opposition among the Russians that not over 20 per cent of their people pay even lip service to communism, except as they are compelled to do so by the Kremlin. On the contrary, the religious spirit of the Russians remains perversely alive. It manifests itself in a resurgence of church attendance whenever the communistic ban on religion is relaxed; and even at the height of the war Russian soldiers fighting under the red flag were known frequently in times of crisis to relapse into the practice of prayer. There is a strangely significant testimony to the fundamentally religious spirit of the Russians in the attitude of the very Communists who make war upon religion. Without using the words Religion and God, Communism has in effect become a religion of the State, and its founder, Lenin, has beeen transformed into a virtual demi-god.

The mission of Methodism to our world today is much the same that it was to the world of Wesley's day. The setting today may be different, but the sore need of the world has not essentially changed. Here we compare our world with Wesley's world.

As for the western nations, with all their propaganda against "atheistic Russia" have they themselves been strong or consistent in their adherence to the banner of religion? It is not rash to say that the democracies have never wholeheartedly carried that banner during either the "shooting" or the "cold" war. They have talked largely in terms of financial and military power. As for ourselves here in America, we have made no clear appeal to any religious motive whatever. Our whole talk has been of preserving the "democratic way of life," or more particularly the American way of life, with its heavy accent on scientific controls and worldly prosperity. Moreover, among the democratic peoples the dominant mood is not that of quiet faith in God, but rather of panicky fear that sooner or later "fanatical Russia" will strike us down. It is a bit ironical that the pagan Russians profess the same fear of us.

There I think we come clearly into sight of the very center of our present world-mood. Ours is an age of world-wide fear—fear coming to its focus in our apprehension of the deadly power of the atomic bomb. What is the real significance of this terrible scientific invention? Is it not that it marks the farthest advance yet made in the scientific control of nature, with no correlative advance in religious and moral motivation to regulate it for the good of humanity? The full significance of this question is beginning to stagger the scientists themselves. They know of course that the unleashing of atomic energy can be made the servant of marvelous social progress; but they know equally well that it can be turned against all that civilization stands for, and drive it toward obliteration.

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In the midst of a world in revolution such as ours, what can we expect of such a religious institution as Methodism? The answer to this question lies in the historic account of what Methodism once before meant in another revolutionary age.

The 18th century, in which Methodism was born and came into its first crest of power, was to be sure, as Dr. Fitchett points out, a century marked by a chain of great names and events. The United Kingdom had come into being, binding together England, Scotland, and Ireland, and acquiring as its dependencies Canada, India, and Australia, even though it lost the American colonies. This was the century of the brilliant William Pitt, who for twenty years ruled in his Queen's name in unrivalled splendor. This was a century of notable military and naval victories, marked by such names as those of Rodney, Lord Howe, and Nelson. The battle of Blenheim was fought the year after John Wesley was

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born, and the battle of the Nile the year he died.

It was a century of tremendous social and political growth, carrying on its roll of the literary great such names as Swift, Addison, Johnson, Goldsmith, Pope, Gibbon, Byron, Burns, Coleridge, and Wordsworth. Isaac Newton, in the realm of science, rivaled Burke and Pitt in that of statesmanship. In some strange manner an illustrious philanthropist broke through the worldly crust of his age; for this was the time of Wilberforce.

Nevertheless this splendid, flashing 18th century carried within its veins a deadly virus, whose spreading poison certified the prospective early death of English civilization. Montesquieu, returning to France from an extended visit in England, declared bluntly, "There is no such thing as religion in England." Fitchett rightly objects that this indictment is not justified, when you take into consideration the deeply religious life of Epworth Rectory and many other such English homes. But still it comes desperately near the truth, as a leading Churchman of the period indicated in his gloomy pronouncement: "It has somehow come to be taken for granted that Christianity is fictitious, a principal subject of mirth and ridicule."

English religion and morality were going down together in the period leading up to the Wesleyan revival. The terrible decline was marked in the art of Hogarth, the politics of Walpole, the writings of Smollett, and the pleasures of the Medmenham Club. The dying out of morality was clearly evident in the general foulness of the literature of the day, in the cruelty of English laws, and in the note of despair which everywhere marked the language of religion. The poor were ignorant and brutal, while the rich joined with an almost utter disbelief in religion a foulness of life now well nigh inconceivable.

It was in the midst of such a decadent civilization that the Methodist revival broke out. Methodist preaching made no attempt to change either the political or the moral form of English civilization; and Wesley's own remarkable power did not lie in any ability of his to reshape either politics or morals. Wesley's commission, as also that of all other Methodist preachers, was to bear witness as an agent of the Holy Spirit of the living God, and in the power of the Spirit to recreate the conscience and the spiritual awareness of his people.

The historian Green pays this remarkable tribute to the power of the Methodist revival: "Its action on the Church broke the lethargy of the clergy; its noblest result is the steady attempt which has never ceased from that day to this to remedy the guilt, the ignorance, the physical suffering, the social degradation of the profligate and the poor. The great revival reformed our prisons, abolished the slave trade, taught clemency to our penal laws, gave the first impulse to popular education."

Here is a sentence from Fitchett well worth remembering: "What Wesley did was to pour the mystic current of a divine life through the calcined soul of a nation, and so to turn blackness into flame." Alongside this put the judgment of Lecky, that Wesley was one of the chief forces that saved England from the bloody deluge of a revolution far worse than even that which swept over France.

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My Ministry on the Outer Banks

By Charles J. Tilley*

About 30 miles from the eastern coast of North Carolina lie broken strips of sand banks, which divide the Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. On these banks are inhabitants whose ancestors go back to early colonial days. Storms have washed out inlets and cut large waterways, dividing these strips into three islands, namely, Hatteras, Ocracoke, and Portsmouth. Hatteras Island, the largest, has a population of over 1,000 living in seven small communities, Hatteras, Frisco, Buxton (Cape Hatteras), Avon (Kinnekeet), Salvo, Waves and Rodanthe. Ocracoke is the only community on Ocracoke Island, and its population is over 500. Portsmouth Island composes a small community of only 14 residents.

The inlets have affected the history of these islands. In 1846, a storm broke out Hatteras Inlet and divided Hatteras Island from Ocracoke Island. At the southern tip of Ocracoke Island is Ocracoke Inlet, which still is a mystery. There is a tradition that the original lost colony may have wondered southward, either escaped through the inlet, or drowned in attempting to reach the mainland. The inlet bears a historical wedge in North Carolina history. The notorious "Blackbeard," Edward Teach, used this inlet for his hideout. Captain Maynard beheaded him in Ocracoke Inlet in 1718.

Since most of the inhabitants descended from the British Isles, the customs, traditions, and folkways that have been handed down for many generations have shown little change. These folk have lived in isolation for so long that their culture still reflects a medieval color. In their religious tradition, the Methodists have been the only communion until recently when the Assemblies of God, beginning their work at Cape Hatteras, have spread their faith in most of the communities on the outer banks.

The earliest record of religious activities on the southern part of these banks was in 1828 when Ocracoke belonged to the Portsmouth charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church. However, when the schism came in 1844, the charges automatically became a part of the new denomination, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In 1855, a church was built at Ocracoke but in 1889, the church was moved to the site two doors from the new parsonage. In 1881, a schism divided the Southern Methodists, and a new congregation was organized into the Methodist Episcopal fellowship.

With the coming of unification in 1939, a marked change has come about among the Methodists. A new church, the United Methodist Church, was erected at Ocracoke and dedicated July 4, 1943.

Since December 31, 1947, when I began my ministry here, the task for the pastor has been largely to build a flexible program that will meet the needs of the island people. The program includes every activity, which the pastor could use to bring the flock to God, such as pastoral care, visiting the sick and shut-ins, reorganizing church school programs, organizing Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, as well as preaching on Sundays.

The first year was spent largely in getting acquainted with the people. I sought immediately to become an Ocracoker by becoming a part of their general cultural pattern. Seeing the disadvantage of trying to introduce new ideas, I have sought to acquaint the people with the program of the church. Watching the program grow for over a year, I have seen individuals develop a sense of responsibility for church leadership. We have a fine group of laymen who are as competent as many of our local preachers.

Believing that a minister should know his flock, we conducted a religious survey in January, 1949. The original idea was to correct the church roll. These facts enable the minister to serve the people as their needs demand. We have complete records of every person on the island.

Perhaps the outstanding feature about the work on Ocracoke and Portsmouth Islands is the absence of any law enforcement. These islands have no law, no jails, and no civic and legal control of any kind. The social law operates. They have neither doctor nor dentist, but two nurses serve Ocracoke island. Sometimes I have been called to act as

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*Pastor, Ocracoke Charge.

Clergy Figures Prominently in Hayes Barton Church; Hopkins Comments on Palestine; Newell Elected

MORE THAN FORTY FAMILIES IN HAYES BARTON CHURCH HAVE CLOSE MINISTERIAL TIES

The ministry has its roots deep in Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, according to Dr. H. C. Smith, pastor. With a total membership of slightly over 900, this twelve-year-old congregation has more than 40 families with either a father or son or brother who has served or is now serving in the ministry. Most of these parsonage families are obviously doing quite well by their church. Dr. Smith adds: "Hayes Barton would be much weaker in every way if it were not for this group."

The Hayes Barton pastor must be right. In a little more than twelve years this congregation has become one of the most outstanding in the North Carolina Conference. It hasn't come to this place of leadership easily, for it has faced stiff competition from other growing and wide-awake Raleigh churches.

Who are these families so closely identified with the ministry? Here they are: William H. Baird, whose brother, Rev. T. L. Baird, is a member of the Virginia Conference; Dr. J. R. Ballew, whose father the late Rev. W. J. Ballew, was a Baptist minister in Georgia; Mrs. W. T. Moore, whose father, Rev. Wesley E. Barre, deceased, was a member of the South Carolina Conference; Mrs. Courtney Egerton and Miss Esmond Bradley, whose father, Rev. Rufus Bradley, deceased, was a member of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. John L. Cameron and J. W. Bradley, Jr., whose father is a member of the North Carolina Conference; Edward L. Cannon, whose father, the late Bishop James Cannon, was a member of the Virginia Conference, and whose brother, Dr. James Cannon, III, is a professor in the Duke Divinity School.

R. H. Carson, whose father, the late Rev. A. L. Carson, was a member of the Virginia Conference; W. B. and Dr. Verne S. Caviness, whose father, Rev. D. N. Caviness, deceased, was a member of the North Carolina Conference; Horace P. Cotton, whose father, the late Rev. M. E. Cotton, was a member of the North Carolina Conference; Lee J. Craven, whose father, the late Rev. W. F. Craven, was a member of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. Kenneth Sexton, whose father, Rev. B. D. Critcher, is a member of the North Carolina, Conference.

Mrs. Harvey C. Maness, whose father, Rev. Robert Lee Davis, deceased, was a member of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. C. T. Johnson, Jr., whose father, Rev. E. D. Dodd, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; M. T. Dunlap, and Mrs. George Thomas, whose late father, Rev. A. T. Dunlap, was a member of the South Carolina Conference; Mrs. Dave Griffis, whose father, Rev. E. C. Durham, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. O. W. Dowd, whose husband, Rev. O. W. Dowd, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; H. E. Eckert, whose brother, Rev. D. L. Eckert, is a Baptist minister in Illinois.

Nelson Edens, whose father, Rev. N. P. Edens, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. J. R. Ballew, whose father, Rev. T. M. Elliott, is a member of the North Georgia Conference; A. W. George, whose father is a Methodist pastor in Kansas; Mrs. S. P. Norris, whose father, Rev. T. N. Ivey, deceased, was a member of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. L. D. Marshburn, whose brother, Rev. H. K. King, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. John O. Evans, whose father, Rev. F. S. Love, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; H. C. Maness, whose brother Rev. M. W. Maness, is a member of the North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. James Arnold, whose brother, Rev. Homer T. Nichols, is a Baptist minister in North Carolina; Wiley M. Pickens, whose father, Rev. C. M. Pickens, is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference; Mrs. R. L. Keggreis, whose father, Rev. B. C. Reavis, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. E. I. Terry, whose father, Rev. George W. Rise, is a minister in the New York Conference; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruark, whose son, Rev. H. G. Ruark, is a member of the North Carolina Conference, who is also a brother of S. W. Ruark, Dr. Robert J. Ruark and Mrs. Joe Moore.

Charles C. Stott, whose brother, Rev. J. D. Stott, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; Dan M. Sharpe, Jr., whose father, Rev. D. M. Sharpe, is a member of the North Carolina Conference; T. K. Taylor, whose father, Rev. R. A. Taylor, and whose brother, Rev. Paul Taylor, are members of the Western North Carolina Conference; Dr. Thomas B. Wilson, whose father, Rev. Luther Wilson, deceased, was a member of the Louisiana Conference; Mrs. A. R. Leban, whose brother, Rev. Edgar T. Zimmerman, is a Methodist minister in California.

Apparently, as Dr. Smith observes, not all preachers' children turn out badly. Families close to the ministry have had a big part in bringing Hayes Barton to its place of progressive leadership.

There is nothing so advantageous to a man as a forgiving disposition.—Terence, 160 B. C.

DR. NEWELL ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION



Dr. Frederick B. Newell of New York City was elected chairman of the 12 member commission to make arrangements for the 1952 session of the General Conference. Elias C. Watson of Richmond, Va., was named vice-chairman and Aubrey S. Moore of Chicago was reelected secretary. The commission met recently at Chicago.

GARLAND HOPKINS FINDS PALESTINE CONDITIONS SERIOUS

Rev. Garland Evans Hopkins, associate secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church and secretary of the Committee for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land, arrived recently in Rome from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv for conferences with Vatican officials on Palestine conditions. On June 9, Dr. Hopkins was received by Pope Pius XII. Later he issued this statement on conditions:

"The situation in Palestine continues serious. I am convinced that none of the proposed plans presently put forward holds any hope for permanent solution. There is every indication that the Arabs are willing to go more than half-way in finding a modus vivendi with the Jews. The State of Israel will not, however, make the conditions necessary for peace in the Middle East. This policy, if continued, will mean the eventual down-fall of Israel, not this year or next, but within this generation.

"Arab liberals and intelligentia are organizing to take over the leadership which was often left to incapable and venal rulers. The end in view is to strengthen the Arab Nations to the place that they will be able to expel the Jews from Palestine. In the long run Israel's only hope for existence is to live on neighbourly terms with surrounding nations. Many of her statesmen know this, but fanatical elements, both in Palestine and in America, are preventing the establishing of a policy based on friendly intercourse. They demand instead a policy of further political and economic aggression.

"The plight of the refugees is pitiful and worsening. Already there is abundant evidence that a people once the friends of the Western Democracies are turning toward other alignments. The time has come for the United Nations to take a firm stand against further aggression and for the immediate return of refugees to their homes. Nearly every article of the Charter of Human Rights is being violated in the present situation of the Arabs in Palestine, both refugees and those living under Israeli control.

"Jerusalem must be internationalized immediately. Thorough investigation should be made of the responsibility for the failure to declare Jerusalem an Open City. The damage to the Holy Places is far greater than news accounts have indicated. Pending such an investigation, and preferably permanently, all of Jerusalem must be declared an International City, to the end that the sacrilege and valdalism which has been, and continues to be, perpetrated there may never be allowed to happen again."

WEST BURLINGTON CHURCH TO HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

WEST BURLINGTON church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Sunday, June 26, with all day homecoming services. Rev. L. L. Parrish, who was pastor when the present auditorium and parsonage were built, will preach at the morning service at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served at the church. At 2 o'clock Rev. C. M. Fogleman, Jr., who came out of this church, will give the historical story of the church. At 7:30 o'clock Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School faculty will preach. There will be appropriate music for each service. All former pastors and members and friends of the Church are cordially invited. The West Burlington church was organized in 1924. The present auditorium was dedicated in 1940. Rev. G. W. Blount is pastor.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

REV. R. W. BRADSHAW of Wilson preached during revival services recently at Aulander Methodist Church.

EDENTON STREET CHURCH, Raleigh, had 40 young people to graduate from colleges this spring.

BETHEL CHURCH on the Leasburg charge observed homecoming last Sunday, with the pastor, Rev. E. F. Smith, bringing the message.

SANDY RIDGE and Bunker Hill churches on the Kernersville circuit observed membership Sunday June 12, with 17 persons joining the two churches.

B. S. ROYSTER, Oxford attorney, was the teacher of the men's Bible class at First Church, Henderson, last Sunday. He discussed the legal aspects of the trial of Jesus.

UNION CHAPEL CHURCH on the Granville charge is in the midst of revival services this week with Rev. J. P. Pegg of Seaboard, former pastor, the visiting preacher.

WESTOVER, Raleigh's youngest Methodist church, is holding revival services this week at the Mount Vernon-Goodwin school. Rev. Edward F. Smith of Leasburg is the evangelist.

DR. C. E. ROZZELLE of Winston-Salem is the evangelist in special services at Oak Grove church near Mt. Airy this week. Beginning Sunday, he will be in similar services at West End church, Greensboro.

REV. AND MRS. Grady Nicholson Dulin request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Doris Abercrombie to Mr. Charles McKinley Maness, Jr., on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of June at five o'clock in the afternoon in Central Avenue Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

REV. J. E. YOUNTZ, former pastor of Big Spring Church, will preach at the annual homecoming to be observed June 26. Former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend. The afternoon program will feature the Pineville Male Chorus and a movie will be shown at the evening service. Dinner will be served on the Church grounds.

IVEY MEMORIAL CHURCH on the Lincoln circuit will hold homecoming services Sunday, June 26, with Dr. W. A. Stanbury, superintendent of the Gastonia District, bringing the message at the morning worship service at eleven o'clock. All former pastors and friends are cordially invited.

ZENITH, the High Point College annual, for 1948-49, was dedicated to Dr. J. E. Pritchard of Asheboro and five members of the College faculty, Dean P. E. Lindley, Alice Paige White, E. Vera Idol, J. Hobart Allred and J. Harley Mourane. The dedication reads: "To Dr. J. E. Pritchard, a stalwart Christian, for many years an outstanding leader in Methodism, the only living member of the original committee that campaigned for funds to establish High Point College; and to Dean Percy E. Lindley, Professor Alice Paige White, Professor E. Vera Idol, Professor J. Hobart Allred, and Professor J. Harley Mourane, faculty members of High Point College from its beginning 25 years ago, whose service to the college and to the community through character, leadership, and professional ability cannot be measured by material standards, the staff appreciatively dedicates the 1949 Zenith."

BROAD STREET CHURCH, Statesville, announces a summer program of recreation in which all ages can participate. The program includes shuffleboard, badminton, basketball, volleyball, croquet, with regular supervised recreation for the children.

MRS H. W. McCAIN of High Point has been made president emeritus of the Wesley Memorial Woman's Society of Christian Service. In appreciation of her years of service to the church and to the Society, this recognition was given to her last week at the general meeting of the Society. Mrs. Harry Hendrick, the new president, paid high tribute to Mrs. McCain's faithful service and presented her an orchid.



DR. H. E. SPENCE, above, has assumed his duties as pastor for the summer at Blowing Rock. Dr. Spence, a member of the North Carolina Conference, is a member of the faculty of the Duke Divinity School. Gifted preacher, lecturer and author, Dr. Spence is also dean of the Pastors' School held at Duke each year in connection with the Christian Convocation.

MISS JEAN PENNY of Murphy has been elected president of the Subdistrict Youth Fellowship composed of young people from Robbinsville, Hayesville, Andrews, Murphy and the Murphy Circuit. Miss Penny replaces Billy Davis of Hayesville, resigned. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Early of Highlands were special guests at the meeting, leading the worship service with colored slides, poetry and music.

MRS. C. P. HARDIN, Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, has recently released information to the conference presidents and secretaries of Missionary Education and Service regarding the 1949 School of Missions and Christian Service. Each conference will be allowed 12 women to enroll for classes this year for the School of Missions and Christial Service, July 12-20. Those designated to attend will be the conference vice-president and the following conference secretaries: promotion, youth, children, Wesleyan Service Guild, Spiritual Life, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and Missionary Education. Also conference president and the Secretary of Service with the other two delegates at large to be chosen from District Officers within the lines of work of the conference secretaries will attend.

REV. S. J. STARNES is in Washington, D. C., this week where he is attending the International Convention of Civitan.

REV. A. L. THOMPSON, of Fairmont Church, Raleigh, will be the guest preacher at the Powellsville Methodist Church June 26-July 1st.

BISHOP EDWIN HOLT HUGHES will be in Boone the week of June 26 through July 1. He will preach each evening at 7:30 o'clock. A welcome is extended to any who can attend the services.

REV. GILREATH GILDEROY Adams, Jr., and Miss Virginia Courtney Ellis will be married at Highland Park Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., Saturday, June 25, at 5 p.m.

DR. W. A. LAMBETH, superintendent of the Greensboro District, has been in Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, for several days for examination and treatment. He expects to be dismissed during this week.

REV. E. H. NEASE, SR., of Charlotte, brought the sermon at the Pfeiffer College chapel Sunday, May 22; preached the commencement sermon for the seniors of the Waxhaw high school Sunday, May 29; preached the homecoming sermon at Hebron church, Weddington charge, Sunday, June 5; and delivered the sermon for homecoming services last Sunday at First church, China Grove.

PIKEVILLE CHURCH will observe homecoming on Sunday, June 26. This will be the first service in the new church. Following the morning service at 11 o'clock, a picnic dinner will be served. The afternoon program will consist of music by special groups and a "Methodist Student Day" program entitled "Building Tomorrow's Church." Former pastors, former members, and friends are cordially invited to be present.

REV. O. L. HARDWICK, director of the Methodist Youth Center at Wrightsville Beach, states that there is still room for some intermediate boys and girls for the weeks July 4-9 and August 8-13. There are also some places for seniors and young people June 27-July 2 and August 29-September 3. The cost is $2 registration, and $12 room and board. While this is a district project, it is now open to Methodists in any part of the State.

MISS FRANCES C. QUERY, who has served as consultant for weekday Religious Education in North Carolina for the past three years, under the auspices of the North Carolina Council of Churches, has resigned her position with the Council as of June 1, 1949. Miss Query resigned in the interest of the total program of the Council. The budget would not permit the continuance of a specialist in the field of Weekday Religious Education and also adequately sustain other interests and activities. In making this announcement, Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, president of the Council of Churches, said: "It was with great reluctance that the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of Miss Query. Her services have materially advanced the teaching of the Bible in the public schools. Her going will be a distinct loss to ecumenicity in North Carolina. The Weekday Program will be continued under the Weekday Religious Education Commission and the Director of the Council of Churches."

Charlton Discusses Recent Liquor Vote in Wayne County; To Study Methodist Theological Schools

WAYNE COUNTY SAYS 'NO' TO A. B. C. STORES

By D. W. Charlton*

Since the people of North Carolina were recently denied a state-wide referendum on the liquor question the wets seem to be trying to break down the prohibition law by inducing the counties or towns to legalize intoxicating beverages. Wayne County and 17 other counties however, have voted dry since 1937, and the former has just voted against liquor stores by a smashing majority of 1064.

One of the contentions in favor of legalizing liquor was that the issue meant either control or no control; a legal or illegal business. But the facts and figures show that the A. B. C. stores have not only failed to control the consumption of liquor, but have increased drinking and drunkenness.

Despite the fact that the supporters of the A. B. C. stores in Wayne County repeatedly said that "facts and figures did not count," we did not rest our contentions solely upon superficial observations and opinions. Liquor sales in our State heave leaped from $5,767,189.29 in 1937 to more than $45,000,000 in 1948. In 1934 there were 35,000,000 people in America who drank, while the number of drinkers has increased to 65,000,000 in 1948. Now there are 4,000,000 drunkards in the United States, according to Dr. E. N. Jellinek, of Yale University. So liquor consumption goes merrily on under our "control" system.

Stores are open to sell their product, not to regulate sales. The distillers, for whom the stores do business, have only one motive, and that is to sell more and more liquor. They are doing a thorough job. The alcoholic industry spent $112,000,000 last year in advertising their beverages, and they are educating a new generation to drink.

Nor does legalized liquor eliminate bootlegging, though many people voted for the stores on that assumption. Wet Asheville recently received 2,243.4 gallons of whiskey for the bootleggers, which was shipped by four northern liquor distributors, according to newspaper reports. The mayor of Kinston (an A. B. C. town), Hon. Guy Elliot, said: "I do not think A. B. C. stores decreased the illegal sale of whiskey. In fact I thing it made it more profitable for the bootleggers because they not only handle non-tax liquor, but they buy and re-sell tax-paid liquor." "If you want old-fashioned bootlegging," said R. M. Hauss, of the Allied Church League, "just establish A. B. C. stores."

Another fallacy of the proponents of legalized liquor is the emphasis on the supposed revenue that the State or County would derive from the sale of whiskey. Tar Heels spent $95,000,000 for liquor last year, and only $8,000,000 of the gross amount was retained in the state; the distillers outside of the state receive about $11 out of every $12 spent for liquor. Beside the cost to the state of caring for the indulging is enormous. And the annual loss of wages caused by strong drink is $432,000,000, according to the economist, Benson Y. Landis.

Can we drink ourselves into prosperity and peace? A. B. C. counties adjoining Wayne have higher tax rates, despite the fact that some of our citizens patronize their stores. But the real issue is not to save gold but to save our souls. The $10,000,000,000 liquor industry is the most corrupt and corrupting influence in American life. We can never build an enduring social order by going in business with the liquor industry.

Moreover, Wayne County citizens were told that we needed A. B. C. stores for the sake of our young people. Many of our finest high school students signed a strong statement, opposing the A. B. C. stores. They knew of the efforts to make the sale and drinking of liquor a respectable thing. They also knew from good authority that juvenile delinquency has increased 80% in Mecklenburg County since the establishment of A. B. C. stores. They had read and observed the ill effects of alcoholism on the human system.

The position of the dry forces in Wayne County was briefly stated: That we the people who constitute the government do not want to go into the liquor business; that we did not wish to assume the responsibility of selling liquor to boys and girls; men and women, 3 out of 10 of whom will become drunkards, if they drink the stuff the distillers want us to sell for them. That the state should protect its citizens against crime or evil influences, not to become a partner with the bootlegger in selling whiskey; that the government should cooperate with the churches, public schools, and homes in teaching the deadly effects of alcoholism. . . That legalized liquor has increased the consumption of strong drink; that bootlegging continues to flourish in legalized areas; that liquor money, which enriches the distillers outside of the state, and impoverishes the citizens inside of the state, yields little or no revenue for the people; that the moral issue of blighting the lives and breaking up the homes of our people is too grave for its people to assume.

Now that the election against the A. B. C. stores in Wayne County has been won, the real fight for sobriety, decency, and righteousness is just begun. Our county and city officers seem to be aware that the people are aroused and are demanding law enforcement. We expect to spearhead that movement.

We shall continue an active, constructive campaign against the liquor traffic and for a better county through the organization and program of the Allied Church League. We shall oppose the modern trend to legalize everything that some men want to do, and to give public sanction to indulgence in strong drink and gambling.

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TO STUDY PROBLEMS OF DIVINITY SCHOOLS

A cooperative program of several committees concerned in the problem of the support of theological education in The Methodist Church was launched recently pursuant to action of the 1948 General Conference (Discipline Par. 2013).

Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y., was named chairman of the Committee to Study the Support of Methodist Theological Schools (Discipline Par. 2175) and Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson of Cleveland, Ohio, was made secretary.



Mrs. H. D. Secrest, of Central Church, Canton, was honored recently at the Sunday morning worship service with Rev. C. W. Kirby, pastor, in charge of the ceremony. Mrs. Secrest has served for 24 years as connectional treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and has been a leader in Central Church and civic activities for an even longer period of time. The Woman's Society honored Mrs. Secrest by presenting a substantial check to Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, in her name, and by giving her an orchid corsage. Her acceptance speech was typical of her character, when she stated simply, "I am unworthy of this honor."

Junaluska Receives Gift; Church Schools to Stress Friendliness; Youth Aid Afflicted Japanese Student

JUNALUSKA'S TERRACE HOTEL GETS $5,000 GIFT

A cash gift of $5,000 to the Lake Junaluska Assembly has been announced by Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent. The donor, who refuses to let his name be known, stipulates that the money, available at once, is to be used in improving the Terrace Hotel, owned by the Assembly and this year under the management of Joseph Chamberlain, experienced hotel operator, who is favorably known throughout the South, particularly in Florida where he is manager of the Lake Alfred and Walesbilt Hotels at Lake Wales.

Mr. Chamberlain, after conferring with the donor and Assembly officials, said that among the immediate improvements the benefaction would make possible were: 75 innerspring mattresses; 300 yards of carpet for halls and stairways; 200 rugs, new curtains and bedlamps for bedrooms; new rugs for the lobby, 100 floor lamps, additional chairs and other equipment, which he said would be purchased and installed at once, in accordance with the wishes of the donor. Associated with Mr. Chamberlain, as assistant, is Robert A. Riedel of Florida, also experienced hotel operator. They have brought with them a complete hotel staff, including an experienced chef.

Now in its 37th year, the Lake Junaluska Assembly is owned and controlled by the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church. A 46-member Board of Trustees, under the chairmanship of Edwin L. Jones, of the contracting firm of J. A. Jones and Company, Charlotte, has formulated plans for inaugurating a Southwide Expansion Program throughout its supporting constituency in nine southern states.

CHURCH SCHOOLS TO EMPHASIZE VISITING BY TEACHERS

Nashville, Tenn.—It is not only elderly people who need to have friendly interest shown in them by church school workers. The present church school members and the great group of unchurched folk who have a right to look to the Methodist Church for friendly interest and concern need someone who cares enough to show that he cares by visiting them. In order to meet this need the division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education is promoting a churchwide emphasis on friendliness in Methodist church schools.

One reason church school teachers have not visited with more regularity is that they have never been taught to visit, according to Dr. N. F. Forsyth, associate sevretary of the Division of the Local Church. who has prepared the materials for the promotion of this emphasis. "Friendly teachers who think of their pupils as friends make careful preparation for each session, attend the worship services for their own enrichment and as an example to their pupils, and visit consistently with a purpose," said Dr. Forsyth.

The emphasis on friendliness is not a temporary interest. It is to be continued in Methodist church schools from now on and may be launched at any time.

For the purpose of promoting the emphasis on the friendly church school teacher, Dr. Forsyth has prepared three items:

1. A 32-page booklet, containing ten pages of poster-type pictures, for teachers. Planned for individual study and also as a guidebook for pastors and church school superintendents, the booklet probably contains more helps than have been brought together before for church schools that want to teach church school teachers how to visit. It is entitled "The Friendly Methodist Church School Teacher." (No. 550 BC. 25 cents.)

2. Set of six poster-type window cards for display in churches, stores and other places of business. (No. 551 BC. $1.00 for the set of six.)

3. Post cards (miniatures of the window cards) for general correspondence with church school pupils, for announcements, and to follow up absentees. (Nos. 552 BC-558 BC. Sold only in units of 100 cards. $1.00 a hundred.)

The above items should be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

It is expected that familiarity with these materials will lead the community to think of the Methodist church as friendly and to help the teachers in Methodist church schools sense anew the necessity of friendliness.

PHILADELPHIA M. Y. F. HELPS LEGLESS JAPANESE STUDENT

Shuji Fukumura is a young Japanese who lost both legs in the bombing by the American Air Force of his native village of Kakogawa. Fukumura is a Christian, and his pastor, Rev. Akira Hara of Kokura, Japan, became interested in him with the hope that he might complete his education in the study of pharmacy. Through Dr. John B. Cobb, Methodist missionary, word came to America about this young man. Methodist young people of the Philadelphia Conference heard of it and began to talk about helping Fukumura in his schooling.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Philadelphia Conference has now assumed responsibility for sending $300 per year for the support of Shuji Fukumura. In order to be sure he would get into school, the young Japanese took the examination in two colleges of pharmacy, and passed both with flying colors. In April he chose to enter the Kyoto College of Pharmacy which is the best in Japan.

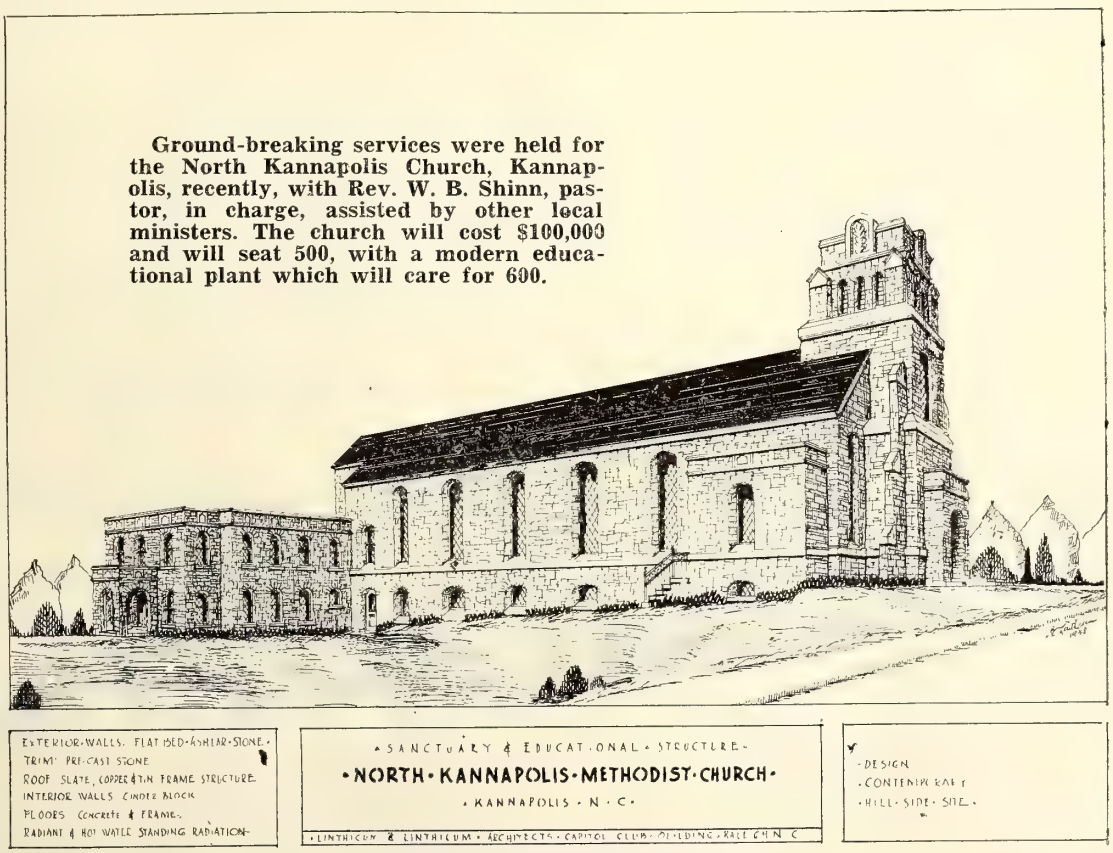
Dr. Cobb writes of a recent visit with Fukumura as follows. "It was really an inspiring experience to meet him. His face fairly shines. As you know, his legs were cut off high about the knees. It is wonderful that he can walk, just with the aid of a stick. As I saw him, he was managing to walk without assistance even up and down steps. He is most appreciative that young people in the Philadelphia Conference have agreed to undertake his support in school. He made very high marks in his entrance examinations and is now launching on a four-year course of training."

INSTITUTE ON WORLD MISSIONS PLANNED

New York City—"Cooperation For a Christian World" has been selected as the theme for the 1949 Institute of World Missions, to be held at Chautauqua, N. Y., August 21 to 27, it has been announced by Miss Louise Woodford, who is director of the Institute.

Major speakers and discussion leaders include the Rev. Frank C. Laubach, Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, Hiroshima, Japan; Dr. P. C. Benjamin Bararam, Bombay, India.

Ground-breaking services were held for the North Kannapolis Church, Kannapolis, recently, with Rev. W. B. Shinn, pastor, in charge, assisted by other local ministers. The church will cost $100,000 and will seat 500, with a modern educational plant which will care for 600.



Young Adults Hold 4th Assembly; Youth Caravan to Visit Churches; Children's Workers Meet July 18-23

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

YOUNG ADULT ASSEMBLY

The Fourth Annual Assembly of the Young Adults from the N. C. Conference met the week-end of June 3-5, 1949, at Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C. The theme for the assembly was "Our Faith" and the visiting speaker, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Professor Emeritus of Christian Doctrine in the Divinity School of Duke University, delivered a series of enlightening and inspiring sermons. Over eighty young adult leaders from the conference registered for the entire session and a great deal of help was received from the workshops which were held and the ideas exchanged in the discussion groups. New officers elected for the coming year were: President: Mr. Cyrus Johnson, Raleigh; Vice-President, Mr. Robert Fakkema, Durham; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Preston Pate, La Grange, N. C. The assembly recommended that Young Adults of the N. C. Conference should undertake the sponsorship of Displaced Persons as a Social Action project.

The program schedule for the Assembly is listed below:

Friday, June 3

3:00—Registration
4:30—"The Kick Off"
6:00—Dinner
7:00—Evening Worship and Forum: Subject: "God's Design"—Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe
9:00—"Time Out"

Saturday, June 4

7:30—Morning Devotions
8:00—Breakfast
9:00—Worship and Forum: Subject: "Man's Confusion",Dr. Rowe
10:30—"Skull Session"
12:00—"Training Table"
2:30—"Skull Session"
3:30—"Huddle"
4:30—"Field Practice"
6:00—Football Banquet—Planned by young adults of Duke Memorial Church, Durham
8:30—Dramatic Presentation: Young adults of Fairmont Church, Raleigh
9:30—"Scrimmage"

Sunday, June 5

7:30—Morning Devotions
8:00—Breakfast
9:00—Open Forum: Rev. Charles McCoy
11:00—Sermon :"The Redeeming Way"—Dr. Rowe
Installation of Officers
Holy Communion
12:30—Dinner
1:30—"The Extra Point"—Mr. Cyrus Johnson

To the Director of Adult Work, John M. Meares, and the retiring president, Miss Kitty Cline, of Durham, go a lot of credit for a job well done and another very successful Young Adult Assembly.

METHODIST YOUTH CARAVAN

After a week of intensive training at Lake Junaluska, the Methodist Youth Caravan assigned to the North Carolina Conference will begin its schedule of activities June 24 and continue until August 13. The schedule includes the following charges:
June 24-July 2—Rev. W. C. Shaw, Bath.
July 2-9—Rev. W. C. Shaw, Bath.

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July 9-16—Rev. E. R. Shuller, Williamston.
July 16-23—Rev. Johnnie Aycock, First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.
July 23-30—Rev. Joe Coble, Jackson.
July 30-August 6—Rev. H. A. Bizzell, Jr., Clarendon.
August 6-13—Rev. H. A. Bizzell, Jr., Clarendon.

Rev. Bob Grumbine, President of next year's Duke Divinity Student Body, has been assigned as Adult Counselor for the group. These young people will be able to share with many of you the new ideas and varied experiences which will give new life to the Methodist Youth Fellowships on your charge.

A MESSAGE FROM MYF PRESIDENT

The years 1948 and 1949 have been truly great years in the life of the North Carolina Conference of the M. Y. F. Louisburg assemblies, the Full Council Retreat in Rocky Mount, Annual Conference Youth Rally at Greenville, the Goldsboro meeting with the purpose of planning for fellowship teams, and the Worship Lab have been highlights of a year's work on the conference level.

District rallies and retreats have kept important work moving in that area. During the year many new sub-districts have been formed as the others have worked to strengthen their own organizations.

Contributions to the MYFund and the Camp Don-Lee building program, participation in conference and local projects have marked a year of significant work in the local churches throughout the North Carolina Conference.

Perhaps one might pause and ask the question, "What is the motive behind all this? The answer would be this: North Carolina youth have found a purpose for their lives as they seek to put "Christ Above All" in all they do. We have the challenge of Jesus' life—his principles and teachings by which we may pattern our lives today. Let us continue in a sincere effort to make His way—our way.

DIXIE FISHER

WILMINGTON DISTRICT CHILDREN'S WORKERS CONFERENCE

A letter concerning the Children's Workers Conference July 18-23 at the Wrightsville Beach Center has been mailed to each minister and Superintendent of Children's Division in the Wilmington District. Accompanying the letter is a registration blank, most of which we hope will be returned within a few days. If the quota of 35 is not filled, registration will be opened to the entire conference. In this event, it will be done within the next two weeks.

The program at this Children's Workers Conference will consist of classes on Children's Work, and sharing sessions in which all will participate. This has been found to be a very good way of learning. You will talk with others who teach and work in situations very much like your own, and the discussions in such sharing sessions will mean a great deal to all. We will worship, study, and have fun and fellowship together.

It is hoped that most registrations will reach this office within the next week (since registrations for this particular week are being sent to Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.) Then we can make plans for further registration accordingly.

The ministers were asked to encourage the attendance of the following groups:

1. Regular Church School Teachers.
2. Public School Teachers.
3. Mature Young People who are prospective Children's Workers.

Because of the inability of most public school teachers to take advantage of Church School training in any except summer months, it is hoped that all ministers will urge this particular group to attend this conference.

This is one more of the many plans for Leadership Education set up in our Conference. We must advance—let us take advantage of this opportunity.

DORIS SUTTON

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Many Attend Waynesville District Meet; Gastonia District Leaders Train; Mrs. Hagood's Fine Record

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SUMMER CONFERENCES TRAIN AND RECRUIT FOR LEADERSHIP

All light is darkness save where there is urge,
All urge is vain save where there is knowledge,
All knowledge is empty save where there is love,
But when we work with love and knowledge
We bind ourselves together and to God.—Khalil Gibran.

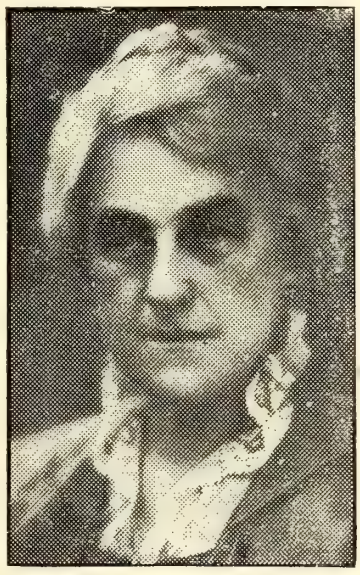
Before this material is printed our third School of Missions and Christian Service at Pfeiffer College will be history. Numerous caravan groups have been busy in the districts and Officers' Training Day has been observed in many sections—and thus the busy women of the Western North Carolina Conference strive to fit themselves for the various tasks assigned to them in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Staying at home and reading missionary books is a means of obtaining knowledge; but personality of leaders, plus the human voice, plus fellowship, has a far greater enrichment for future use, and we are glad to see that each year the number desiring to improve their minds and spirits grows. Interest is stirred by knowledge; knowledge demands action. Someone has said, "Where there is knowledge, there can be no turning back." As we gain knowledge our responsibilities grow, and so, through the influence of the knowledge and inspiration gained at the various schools and conference we come home to impart it to others and the results are felt in the uttermost parts of the world.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

The Waynesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service met on May 18 in the hospitable little city of Bryson City, with Mrs. J. R. Long, president, in the chair.

While not all the societies in the district were represented, seating space in the church was at a premium. These women came to the meeting anxious to get information and help in their tasks. Fourteen departed members were remembered in the memorial service. Mrs. J. H. Christy, retiring secretary of promotion, gave a full report of the year's work. The women of the district regret sincerely the necessity for Mrs. Christy to give up the work. A literature and publications skit



was presented by Mrs. Joe Setzer and two other women from Macon county.

Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., Conference secretary of promotion, brought a stirring message on "Advance," and Mrs. C. N. Clark, Conference secretary of missionary personnel, closed the day with a deeply spiritual message.—Mrs. F. O. Dryman.

OFFICERS' TRAINING DAY—GASTONIA DISTRICT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Gastonia District met Tuesday, May 31, in an Officers' Training Day at Main Street church, Gastonia, with Mrs. W. G. Boyd, president, in charge. Approximately 500 officers were present.

After a picnic supper in the dining room of the educational building, "A Model Society" program was presented in the sanctuary of the church, where district officers and department secretaries told of their plans for the coming year. Others making short talks were Mrs. J. W. Payne, president of the Conference, and Mrs. R. M. Hauss, recording secretary of the Conference. Mrs. L. E. McQuinn gave a meditation, after which a short play, "The Voice of the Nations," from the May Advance Clipper, was presented by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Main Street church. Departmental meetings closed the day's session.—Mrs. D. L. Stubbs.

COLLEGE PLACE, GREENSBORO, HAS NEW PRESIDENT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of College Place church, Greensboro, held its first meeting of the new year on June 6, with the new president, Mrs. R. S. Thomas, presiding. Other new officers are vice-president, Mrs. J. Lyle Kimble; promotion secretary, Mrs. J. O. Beale; recording secretary, Mrs. Lynne Leavel; and treasurer, Mrs. C. G. Sledge.

N. C. SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

The annual North Carolina School for Christian workers, for Negro ministers, laymen, missionary women, young people, and other church workers will be held at Hanes Institutional C. M. E. Church, Winston-Salem, June 27 to July 2, 1949. Six courses of study are offered and extra activities will be a workshop for ministers, handcraft and homemaking, and recreation. Registration fee is $1, room and board $7, and textbooks about $1. The women of the Western N. C. Conference W.S.C.S. help to sponsor this school, and Mrs. L. V. Scoot, 2359 Okalina Ave., Winston-Salem, is the counselor.

MRS. W. W. HAGOOD

The picture on this page is that of Mrs. W. W. Hagood of Charlotte, well known in Methodism all over the Conference. She is 90 years young and has just released her job secretary of supply work in First church, Charlotte, after 20 years of active service in this particular department of work. From the time the Western N. C. Conference society was organized in 1890 until very recent years, Mrs. Hagood missed only two annual meetings and those absences were because of illness and a death. She was Conference vice-president for 18 years, district secretary 17 years, and superintendent of spiritual life 6 years. She has been a constant supporter of the Bethlehem Center in Charlotte and has collected more coupons for the extras that supply work provides for these institutions than any other one person in the Conference. We pay honor to her today.

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COMMENCEMENT COMMENTS

The first week of June was filled to overflowing. High School teachers would feed their minds in the day, and provide for their social and bodily comforts at the supper hours. The Youth Fellowship gave the seniors a weiner roast one evening.

Sunday night, June 5, all the graduates from the Raleigh Schools attended services in the Memorial auditorium. Dr. Broadus E. Jones of the First Baptist Church brought the message. Tuesday night, Class Day Exercises were held at the Orphanage Auditorium. A most inspiring play and program were presented. Families and friends of the graduates filled the auditorium for this lovely occasion.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Friday at 10:00 a.m., a special program was presented to the trustees, alumni members and other visitors.

Bibles were presented by Dr. H. C. Smith. Awards were given out by Professor Madison. Selections were sung by the High School Glee Club. In the halls and class rooms the visitors could see the art exhibits prepared by the children.

TRUSTEES MEETING

Our Board of Trustees met Friday, June 10. Reports were submitted covering work of the past year.

C. A. Dillon was elected President, Dr. E. L. Hillman, Vice President and C. R. Philpot, Secretary.

Charles H. Young of Raleigh was elected as a new member of the Board, replacing Judge Calvert.

Fellowship Luncheon

After a busy morning, the girls of our kitchen and dining hall served a delightful luncheon. Ministers, physicians and other friends were present. Governor Kerr Scott attended and spoke to the group assembled in the hall. This high state official invited the children to visit the mansion and ride with him in the State No. 1 car. I hope this plan succeeds as well as his campaign for roads and school bonds.

DIPLOMAS RECEIVED

Friday night, June 10, the graduates from three Raleigh high schools gathered in the Memorial auditorium. Our group was small compared to Hugh Morson and Needham Broughton, but we were proud of our seventeen graduates.

After you work and serve with these young people for a year, you come to feel that they really belong to you, and are truly your children. Our staff members weep with them when they have to leave, but rejoice with them in their high achievements.

Friday night the class mascot, three year old Lewis Utley was seated on the platform for the first part of the program. The class presented him a gift. He enjoyed having his picture made, and did not want to leave when time came for him to go back to the orphanage.

GRADUATES TAKE OFF

What becomes of the boys and girls when they finish High School? This question has been asked many times. In a few paragraphs I will tell you about some of these young people.

Cabot to California

Monday night, June 13, Cabot Long came by to see the Larkins' before train time. For an hour he talked of the home here that he loved and the new adventure upon which he was entering.

Cabot has been in naval reserve for the past year. He gave one night a week to this training. He took an examination last week as a naval recruit and made an excellent grade. He was put in charge of ten other recruits. He delivered these at San Diego, California, Friday, June 17. Here was an orphan boy who had never been 200 miles from Raleigh leaving with ten other boys for California.

Cabot is more interested in mechanics than in flying. He will be assigned to a ground crew. He has had a hobby this past year. He worked for the State museum as a taxidermist. He has mounted all kinds of birds and animals. Before he left he gave Coach Fred Smith the head of a goat he had mounted. This will remind the football boys to drive like the goats and hit the line hard next year.

GRADUATES STICK AROUND

Seven of our graduates have work here in Raleigh for the summer. They are eager to save all they can before they enter college this fall. Some will room here on the campus until the new boys and girls are admitted in July.

When you shop in Raleigh you may be waited on by one of our girls. I am sure you will find her kind and courteous.

One boy is an optometrist, one in an electric school, one in a school supply store, and one in a dental laboratory. Of this I am sure, you will not find any one of them loafing around saying, "the world owes me a living."

TWO CHARGES IN FULL

Our special thanks and congratulations go to Belhaven and Granville Charges. Rev. L. T. Singleton and Rev. H. S. Winberry are serving these churches. On behalf of our Orphanage family I wish to express my appreciation.

GOOD DAY FOR PICTURES

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lasley of Burlington, came over on the 14th, and brought along their movie camera. Pictures were taken of our children at work and at play. I am eager to see how these develop. The pictures taken of the youngsters in swimming should be very lovely.

We drove over to the farm and used one roll of films on the activities around the dairy. Our herd of cows will show up good in any picture.

Later on, I will have the privilege of showing these pictures to church groups over the conference.

We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Lasley for making these films available for us. They are being developed in natural color.



133 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Pictured with Supt. Larkin are four people who have served the Methodist Orphanage faithfully for 133 years. Left to right, Miss Lizzie Sanders (33 years), Rev. A. S. Barnes, (34 years), Mrs. Alice Thomas Burt (34 years), and Mrs. Nellie Rives (32 years).

Sunday School Lesson for JUNE 26

Jesus' Continuing Ministry

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-14

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew says that when Jesus appeared to the disciples on the mountain whither he had commanded them to go, some doubted. This shows that Matthew is not gilding the facts, but is frank with us, and it makes us all the more confident of the truth of his story.

The word of the risen Christ was, All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Think of it! The ultimate power in the universe is as kind, tender, and intensely eager to save and bless us as Jesus was. What an extraordinary and momentous proclamation! The fact that God allowed Jesus to be crucified, dead and buried, seemed to contradict his proclamation of God's fatherly care and love. But the fact that God raised him from the dead was a divine witness to the fact that what Jesus was and stood for has the backing of heaven.

But if this is true, then every child of Adam deserves to hear it. So Jesus said, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. This is a task for every man. While but few are commissioned to go in person as foreign missionaries, all are to reach out in their eager intellectual interest, their gifts and their prayers, to the whole world. Jesus puts no limit to the mountain-moving power of prayer (Matthew 17:20).

And we note that Jesus commanded the apostles to teach men to observe all things whatsoever he had commanded them. Just as the leaving out of certain ingredients of a physician's prescription may make the whole ineffectual, so experience has shown that leaving out certain doctrines for fear they might give offense has always weakened the saving power of the message.

Then Jesus commanded them to baptize their converts not only into the name of the Father and of the Son, but into the name of the Holy Spirit. That means that Christians are to believe the revelation of God concerning the Heavenly Father and his only begotten Son as revealed in the Gospels, but they are to expect as they face new conditions and new problems, to receive added revelations. They are to be baptized into the profession of the truth they already know, and into a confident expectation of new truth that they are going to know.

This commission to convert the whole world was of course an impossible task for his disciples without divine assistance. But Jesus said, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. He would always be present to reinforce them. The reason why so many people do not have a vivid sense of the presence of Christ is that they are not doing their part to carry out the great commission. A missionary landing alone on some cannibal island has a sense of the divine presence that a rich church member without the missionary outreach knows nothing about.

This is an age when the historical criticism is being drastically applied to the gospel stories, but some of the critics seem strangely unaware of the fact that Christianity is a laboratory course, and we are expected to be eager enough to find whether it is true to be willing to try it out under the most difficult circumstances. And if we find the promises of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels are fulfilled we can infer that the evangelists express his mind, whether they have caught his exact words or not.

Our Lord urged his apostles to wait for the baptism of power. The power came at Pentecost in a marvelous way, and it comes again and again today. As Canon Raven said, "Whenever a group of sincere men in perfect harmony wait upon God in persistent prayer, in the presence of a great task, something always happens altogether extraordinary and unpredictable."

ENGRAVED invitations and announcements for weddings and other social occasions may be ordered from the Advocate Office, Box 508, Greensboro, N. C.

The Wood Thrush

Bird of the dusky dawn and dim-lit eve,
Lover of quiet woods and shadowed stream,
Thy bell-like notes, as holy chimings, seem
To bid my soul away that it may leave
This troubled earth where men must ever grieve
O'er hatreds old, hopes foregone, the dream
Of world peace fading to a flickering gleam
And time now yielded us but a reprieve,
God of the music-wise sweet-throated thrush,
O may I worship in the quiet hush
Of eventide when harsher noises cease
At the approaching calm of Thy great peace
When as, in sin's despite, we know the right
Will win and darkness fade into Thy light.

—MRS. METTA FOLGER TOWNSEND.
Lenoir, North Carolina.

In Memoriam

GORDAN B. LEWIS

WHITEVILLE.—We, the members of the Official Board of the Whiteville Methodist Church, wish to express our appreciation for the friendship and service to the church rendered through the years, by our deceased brother Gordan B. Lewis.

As an editor and writer for more than twenty years, he dipped his pen in the blood stream of his personal conviction in the belief that truth in naked print would eventually create a righteous society here on earth. He believed that the church would finally triumph through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be it resolved therefore:

First: That we extend our deepest sympathy to his immediate family, his widow and three children and pray to Almighty God that they may ever hold sacred to their memory, the integrity of his soul.

Second: That a copy of these resolutions be recorded on the Minutes of the Quarterly Conference, a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy be given to the family.—DAVID A. CLARKE, Pastor, IRVIN B. TUCKER, CHARLES M. LOVE.

BENJAMINE DAVIS MOORE

NORLINA.—Benjamine Davis Moore, was born in Mecklenburg County, Va., November 30, 1861 and died at his home in Ridgeway February 1, 1949, being 87 years and 3 months old. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Wilson Moore and two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Grant and Miss Grace Moore; one sister, Mrs. W. D. Rose of Middleburg; and one brother, S. J. Moore of Eatontown, N. J.

As a young man Mr. Moore professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church. Mr. Moore moved from Virginia when he was seventeen years of age and united with the Ridgeway Methodist Church and was a faithful member there until it was consolidated with the Norlina Methodist Church and his membership was transferred there. He remained a member here until his death.

On February 3, his earthly remains were laid to rest in the Ridgeway Cemetary. The services were conducted from his home by his pastor, Rev. W. G. Farrar, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Wilson of Mount Olive, N. C. a former pastor.—W. G. FARRAR, Pastor.

ALBERT W. OAKES, JR.

WELDON.—The marvelous fact about God's message is it travels by human personalities. One, by one they are passing away, but we are grateful for the privilege of having been associated with such men, saintly in thought and generous in heart and noble in character. May our future membership be strengthened and stimulated by having come in contact with these men to follow more closely and faithfully the Master they so humbly served.

Today we pause to mourn the passing of one of these, Mr. Albert W. Oakes, Jr., and pay tribute to the treasured memory of a teacher and co-worker and friend whose heart was full of love for His Master's work.

In the year 1927 Mr. Oakes became a member of our Weldon Methodist Church and Baraca Class and began to lead a life that showed how a man can serve God and at the same time mingle in the affairs of men. As an active member of the Board of Stewards, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and teacher of our Baraca Class of the Weldon Methodist Church he labored earnestly, joyfully and heartily at all times for the good of his Church, ever impressing his fellowmen with his devotion to God and his firm desire to serve his felowmen.

We thank thee Father, for his life: His prayers and alms have gone up for a memorial before God and his yesterdays of loving service and faithfulness are cemented on God's tablet of works and deeds, for surely he hath done what he could. He fought a good fight, he finished the course, he kept the faith.

His life, both as citizen and Christian included many well performed duties for he was also Associate Lay Leader of the Rocky Mount District and Treasurer of the Board of Lay Activities of the North Carolina Conference, should be an inspiration to those of us who follow him and take up the duties that he laid down at the call of his Master.

We, the members of the Baraca Class of the Weldon Methodist Church resolve to extend our heartfelt sympathy and love to his wife and one children; that this memoriam be recorded in the minutes of the class and copies be sent to the local paper, to his wife and also copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—BARACA CLASS WELDON METHODIST CHURCH.

DR. SAMUEL BRYANT TURRENTINE

GREENSBORO.—About three o'clock in the morning of April 12th, 1949 while the earth was clothed in a mantle of peace, the physical machine of Dr. S. B. Turrentine fell apart—the house, in which for 87 years the spirit of Dr. S. B. Turrentine had been housed, fell apart and his gentle spirit went away to meet his God, whose he was and whom he served for a longer period than is given to most men.

In no sense of worldly valuation would he have been called great, but when we contemplate his character, associates, the company he walked with daily, we begin to have a different value of his worth—for his constant and most intimate companion was the Son of God. He was at home in God's presence, for like Nathaniel of old whom Christ called from under the fig tree, he was without guile and knew Christ only as the Son of God. If we were to enumerate his highest traits we would have to say: he was as honest as the day; as trusting as a child; as faithful as a Christian; as loyal as a true soldier—he dwelt in peace and went forth from this physical world unafraid, hand in hand with God.

For a long time he was a faithful and devoted member of our Class serving as teacher. We shall miss him in our Sunday and other gatherings and cherish the memory of his consistent Christian example, so beautifully lived among us, and pray for the same enthusiasm in our hearts and lives which may enable us to finish our course with the same fidelity that he finished his.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we record this testimonial of our Brother on our minutes, that a copy be sent the family and the Christian Advocate.—A. C. DAVIS, Chairman, JOHN S. MICHAUX, ROBERT D. PORTER.

CEDAR GROVE.—On Saturday, April 30, 1949, death came to Mrs. Lessie Haley McDade. She had suffered a heart attack on Friday. "Miss Lessie" will be missed by the entire Community. Her life was a long record of public service, taking an active part in all worthwhile community activities. She served as Sunday school teacher, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was a charter member of the society and also a Life Member, and served as Communion steward in the church. She was an inspiration to all groups, and was especially interested in foreign missions.

"Miss Lessie's" private life was as long a record of service to her family and friends as her public life was to her community and Church activities. She was one of those rare persons who walked close to her Lord and through her life God was able to "spread the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus everywhere." The fruit of God's Spirit was evident in her life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Her beautiful Christian way of living will be an inspiration to all who knew her. Memories and love of "Miss Lessie" will linger with the Church, Sunday school, and Woman's Society of Christian Service, all three of which she attended regularly.

We offer in love the following resolutions:

That we express to the family our deepest sympathy in the death of "Miss Lessie."

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, a copy be made a part of the permanent records of the church, and a copy sent to the husband of the deceased member.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, THE CEDAR GROVE METHODIST CHURCH.

Children's Storytime

Why the Brook Laughed

By LYDIA LION ROBERTS

"Let's rest here," said Aunt Anna, stopping beside a little brook that rippled and danced its way down hill.

"Oh, here's a big flat stone right on the edge of the water," cried Polly. "It is big enough to hold both Peter and me."

The twins squeezed together on the stone and looked around them. They were rather glad to sit down, for the day was warm and they had been walking in the woods for a long time.

"It is beautiful here," said Aunt Anna. "The branches of the big trees make a green roof over our heads. The sunshine can just peek through the leaves and sparkle on the waters of the brook."

"Isn't it quiet!" said Polly. "I feel as if I were in church."

"Let's be very still and perhaps we can hear what the brook is saying," said Aunt Anna with a smile.

For a few minutes the twins and their aunt were so still that a bird flew to a branch near them and began to sing.

"The brook sounds as if it were laughing," said Polly in such a surprised tone that Peter laughed too. "It says, 'Bubble, bubble, funny, funny, haha-haha'."

"The brook says three different things," said Peter. "Up above us, it is singing softly to itself. Right near us where it rushes over the rocks in a little waterfall it bubbles and laughs the way Polly said. Down below us where the waterfalls ends in a little pool it sounds like mother hushing the baby to sleep. It says, 'Hush, sh-sh, hush, sh-sh'."

"Yes, you are right, Peter," said Aunt Anna, after she had listened carefully. "You have keen ears to hear all the different things the brook says."

"Look! there goes some leaves sailing on the water," cried Polly. "They look just like little boats."

"Let's watch and see what becomes of them," said Aunt Anna.

"The first leaf sailed along in the middle of the brook, dropped over the little waterfall, and went sailing into the pool," said Peter.

"Oh, that next leaf went through in a little ripple and turned right around," exclaimed Polly. "Now it can't go on again. It has stopped beside a rock."

"Why, that leaf started like the first one and then went away over to the other side of the pool," said Peter in surprise.

"Almost every leaf does something different," said Polly. "Why don't they all go the same way?"

Sometimes a little breeze gives them a push in another direction," said Aunt Anna, "or the ripples in the brook change their course. The wind may be just strong enough to send them into a tiny whirlpool, or sailing straight at a rock."

"See how everything changes when the wind blows," said Peter as his hair was ruffled by a passing breeze. "The brook makes different sounds now, and the trees move so that the sunlight dances all over the water. It looks as if the ripples in the brook were dancing too."

"See how they sparkle," cried Polly. "It looks as if there were diamonds in the brook. The water changes color too."

"That is because of the colored stones and growing things at the bottom of the brook," said her aunt. "I suppose some of those stones have been lying in that brook for years and years. Some of them have a green mold or moss over them."

"Oh, the bottom of the brook is pretty!" said Polly, getting up and standing as near the water as she could without wetting her shoes.

"Oh, here comes a big breeze," said Aunt Anna. "Now the brook is laughing at you because you didn't know how much fun there was in watching it."

"Yes, I hear," said Polly, and she began to laugh so hard that she could hardly talk. "The brook says 'Haha, bubble, crubble, drubble, funny Polly, olly, olly, bubble, bubble'."

"I did not know that a brook was so interesting," said Peter as Aunt Anna started homeward. "Listen! The wind has gone. The brook is saying 'Hush, sh-sh, silly Polly, silly Polly, hush.' I thing it is laughing at us both."—Zions Herald.

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	July
Charlotte, First, 11	3
Matthews, 11:00	10
Charlotte Mission Society: St. Johns, 3	10
St. Johns, 8:00	10
Wesley Heights, 8:00	11
Kilgo, 8:00	12
Duncan Memorial, 8:00	13
Purcell, 8:00	14
Brevard Street, 8:00	15
Hawthorne Lane, 11	17
Pineville: Marvin, 3	17
Unionville: Bethel, 7:30	17
Union County Preachers, 10	18
Monroe, Central, 8	18
Huntersville, 8	19
North Monroe-Benton Heights, 8	20
Cole Memorial, 8	21
Calvary, 8	22
Monroe Central, 11:00	24
Prospect: Mount Carmel, 3	24
Marshville, 7:30	24
Anson County Preachers, 10	25

MARION DISTRICT

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S., P.O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

	July
Creston and Green Valley	3-8
Bostic, Salem, 11	10
Bostic, Sunshine, 10	10
Bostic, Oak Grove, Night	10
Spindale, 11	17
Sunshine, Golden Valley, 3	17
Sunshine, Hopewell (Revival)	17-23
Pleasant Grove, 11	24
Broad River, Wesley, 3	24
Rutherfordton, night	24
Morganton, First Church, 11	31
Rutherford College, Shady Grove ,3	31
Connelley Springs, Connelley Springs, Night	31

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Walter B. West, D.S., 328 S. Church St., Salisbury, N. C.

	July
Albemarle, First Street, 11	3
Pfeiffer: Zion, 3	3
Concord: Forest Hill, 8	3
Norwood, 11	10
Albemarle, Central, 3 (Organize Stanley Co. Mis. Soc.)	10
Jackson Park, 8	10
Salisbury, Park Avenue, 11	17
North Kannapolis, 8	17
Mount Mitchell, 11	24
Concord, Central, 3 (Organize Cabarrus Co. Mis. Soc.)	24
Mount Olivet, 8	24
Roberta, 11	31
Harmony, 8	31

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

J. H.Armbrust, D.S., Statesville, N. C.

	July
Helton: Trinity, 11	3
Warrensville: Smethport, 3	3
Laurel Springs: Chestnut Hill, 7:30	3
West Jefferson, 7:30	4
Stony Point, 7:30	5
Claremont-Shiloh, Shiloh, 7:30	6
Mooresville Ct.-Triplett: Triplett, 7:30	7
Harmony: Turnersburg, 7:30	8
Lenoir, First, 11	10
Harpers: Harpers, 3	10
Whitnel, 7:30	10
Mooresville, Broad Street, 7:30	11
Hudson: Hudson, 7:30	12
Hickory, Bethel, 7:30	13
Granite Falls, 7:30	14
Newton, Abernethy Memorial, 11	17
Catawba: Hopewell, 3	17
Olin: Olin, 7:30	17
Hickory, Highland-Fairgrove: Fairgrove, 7:30	18
North Wilkesboro, 7:30	20

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

George B. Clemmer, D. S., 11 Mock Street, Thomasville
Telephone 304

	July
Welcome: Bethesda, 11	10
Lexington, Erlanger, 7:30	10
Mocksville, First, 11	17
Cooleemee, 3	17
Thomasville, West End, 7:30	17
Fairfield, 7:30	20
Richland: Giles, 7:30	21
Liberty Circuit: Staley, 11	24
Liberty, First, 3	24
Old Union, 7	24
	August
Davie: Concord, 11	7
Unity-Fair Grove: Fair Grove, 7:30	7
Asheboro, First, 7:30	8
Asheboro, Central, 7:30	9
Ramseur-Franklinville, Ramseur, 7:30	10
Shiloh, Yadkin College, 7:30	11
Asheboro, West Bend, 7:30	12
Randleman Circuit: Worthville, 3	13
Cid, Fairview, 11	14
Thomasville Circuit: Fairview, 7	14

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

H. G. Allen, D.S., 898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

	July
Yadkin Evangelistic Week	10-15
Central Terrace, 11	24
Hanes Ct., Hanes, 3	24
Marvin, 7:30	24
Walnut Cove Ct., Pine Hall, 11	31
Pinnacle Ct., Pinnacle, 3	31
Rural Hall Ct., Antioch, 7:30	31

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DURHAM DISTRICT

E. L. Hillman, D.S., 114 Watts Street, Durham, N. C.

	July
Rougemont, Union Grove, 11	3
Dedication Phillips Chapel, 3	3
Durham, Asbury, 7:30	3
Brooksdale, Trinity, 11	10
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30	10
Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove, 11	17
Durham Circuit: Pleasant Green, 7:30	17
Orange, Hebron, 11	24
Eno, Palmers Grove, 7:30	24
Bahama, Mt. Bethel Dedication Services, 11	31

NEW BERN DISTRICT

B. B. Slaughter, D.S., New Bern, N. C.

	July
Hookerton: Frizzelle Memorial, 11	3
Morehead Circuit: Camp Glenn, 11	10
Morehead City, First, 8	10
Newport: Oak Grove, 11	17
Beaufort, 11	24
Goldsboro, St. Paul, 11	31
	August
Greenville, Jarvis Memorial, 11	7
Moncure: Buckhorn, 8	19

RALEIGH DISTRICT

H. B. Porter, D.S., 1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh

	July
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 11	3
Louisburg Circuit: Shiloh, 11	10
Raleigh, Trinity, 8	10
Raleigh, Edenton St., 11	17
Dunn, 8	17

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

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	July
Marvin: White Oak, 11	3
Evansdale, 7:30	10
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11	17

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

C. D. BARCLIFT, D.S., 1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

	July
Swansboro: Queens, 11	3
Town Creek: Bethel, 11	10
Whiteville, 8	10
Carolina Beach: Federal Point, 12	17
Garland: Salem, 8	17
Waccamaw: Bethesda, 11	24
Tabor City: Zion, 3	24
Fairmont, 8	24
Pembroke Circuit: Buies, 11	31
	August
South Robeson: Bethesda, 11	7

Evangelists' Slates

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June 23-July 3—Camp Colfax, N. C.
July 7-17—Camp Corbin, Ky.
July 21-31—Camp Arborvale, W. Va.
Aug. 11-21—Camp Indian Springs, Ga.
Aug. 26-Sept. 5—Camp Delanco, N. J.

MY MINISTRY TO THE OUTER BANKS

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judge, defense lawyer, district attorney, and parent as well as minister and pastor.

I have sought to give pastoral care to the fourteen residents on Portsmouth Island. The Methodist Church there has a seating capacity of over 100, but it remains idle until crowds come from Ocracoke and elsewhere for a service of worship except only a few Sundays in the summer when the pastor preaches to the half-dozen of the fourteen, that usually attend. A new kind of ministry began April 25, 1948, when some 70 Ocracokers joined the pastor in a trek to Portsmouth for services. Two services were held that day, and a picnic was enjoyed after the morning service.

During the second year, I have conducted services in the six homes during the winter and spring months. Beginning December 12, 1948, the day I suffered a minor mishap by falling overboard as I lost balance in transferring from the mailboat to the skiff that carries passengers to Portsmouth, the first service was held that night in the home of Misses Nora and Elma Dixon. Services were continued in the other five homes ending in the Willis home with all of the twelve residents, who live at the north end of the island, attending. The last service was held on Easter Monday, at the Gilgo home, a couple in their 81st year, in the early afternoon with eight of the residents attending; and in the evening at the Willis home where the rest attended. At no time in the history of Portsmouth Island had all the inhabitants attended a service of worship in a single day. Seeing those twelve persons on that Easter Monday night brought a great joy. I felt that the Holy Spirit had descended upon the twelve and their leader.

The climax of serving Ocracoke and Portsmouth came in May at the recent revival at Ocracoke. Plans were made for a week's revival using the week-end to invite the young people and their elders from the various communities on the outer banks to join us in a spiritual retreat at Ocracoke. The visiting preacher, Rev. W. A. Tew, a former pastor of the Ocracoke charge, began his preaching on May 16th and remained until May 25th. Fifty-three persons, representing Rodanthe, Waves, Avon, Buxton (Cape Hatteras), and Hatteras came to Ocracoke on Friday, May 20th, and remained through Sunday afternoon, May 22nd. They attended the revival services on Friday night. They also attended the services on Saturday evening conducted by Rev. J. T. Fisher, pastor of the Hatteras charge, who spoke largely to the young people. After the service a brief meeting of the Atlantic Ocean Subdistrict was held at which time new officers were elected for the Methodist Youth Fellowship for the coming year. Saturday afternoon a soft ball game was enjoyed by the Ocracoke boys and the Hatteras boys. Also on Saturday morning, a seminar was held on "Revivals" in the Methodist church with the pastors participating.

Perhaps the climax of the retreat came on Sunday morning when our visitors and about 25 Ocracokers journeyed to Portsmouth for a service. The pastor preached to a congregation of 87, the largest crowd that had assembled in the Portsmouth church in many years. Six of the different communities from the outer banks and visitors from the mainland made up the congregation. After the morning service, a picnic lunch was served. By two o'clock, the three boats were on their way back to Ocracoke. Rev. Tew continued the services until Tuesday night; the meeting closed Thursday with Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Superintendent of the New Bern District, preaching the closing sermon.

One of the outstanding spiritual achievements of the revival was the volunteering of three young people for full-time Christian service. On Friday night Miss Jackie Farrow of Waves volunteered to become a missionary, and on Sunday night Larry Williams and Miss Alice Belle Williams volunteered for full-time Christian service, Larry to prepare for a medical missionary and Alice Belle, for a nurse in the mission field.

Serving the Ocracoke charge has been both a challenge and an opportunity. I shall never forget my experiences here. The field offers a great challenge both to our ministers and to our Conference.

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Book Reviews

THE STUDENT'S HANDBOOK (1948-52 Edition). Issued by the General Conference Commission on Ministerial Training, J. Richard Spann, Educational Director. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn., 1949; 184 pages, $1.50.

This book in indispensable to students who are taking courses through one of the recommended correspondence schools in preparation for license to preach, for admission on trial and for the four years of supervised study recommended by the commission. It covers studies in the Biblical, doctrinal and practical fields of study and is organized in such a manner as to cover every chapter of every book required. There are questions for review and suggestions for written work. Since most of the books under consideration in the various courses are new, any alert minister could profit by using these study guides to bring himself up to date on some of the best recent literature in the areas mentioned above.

OLDER PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH, Maves and Cedarleaf, 1949, Abingdon-Cokesbury, $2.50, 272 pp.

I know of no book that has been published in the field of pastoral care that has the background of careful examination and exacting study to which this book has been subjected. Paul Maves and Lennart Cedarleaf, two young clergymen who have had excellent clinical training, worked for two years, under a selected committee of the Department of Pastoral Services of the Federal Council, studying one of the most generally neglected and rapidly growing pastoral problems the church is facing: namely, its ministry to older people. When the study was nearing completion a group of ministers were called together to examine the material that had been collected. The result is a readable, well rounded, objective book which the minister must read, digest and take into account in his work.

Part One is entitled "Aging and the Church" and contains chapters upon "A New Frontier for the Church," "Older People in the United States," "The Aging Process," and "The Church and the Aging Process." These chapters present factual material, both medical and sociological, concerning people over 60, which is the arbitrary age that most students of this subject accept as the mythical figure which, when reached, places one in the years of later maturity.

Part Two, "Pastoral Care of Older People," contains a brief but striking discussion of the subject in chapters, entitled "The Foundation of Pastoral Care," "Principles and Methods of Pastoral Care," and "A Program of Pastoral Care." Mr. Cedarleaf, a member of the Mission Covenant denomination, and at one time my assistant in Chicago, served as the associate pastor of a Lutheran Church and as the unofficial chaplain of a Methodist Home for older people. In these two capacities he carried on an intensive pastoral ministry to a selected group of men and women, keeping careful records of his work. His observations are presented here. A minister with any kind of a pastor's heart cannot fail to be challenged by this section of the book.

In Part Three, entitled "Group Work with Older People." Mr. Maves presents his observations of the group work of twenty churches with their older people. This must have been a most difficult assignment for the observer who stood by and watched fumbling efforts in some churches and keen, aggressive leadership at work creatively in others, while others combined the two.

The final section, Part Four, "Social Resources and the Church," is a summary of the situation and the challenge the church faces with older people.

The study was made possible through a grant from the Arbuckle-Jamison Foundation of Pittsburgh, but back of it lies the discipline and growing maturity of the new pastoral care as it reaches out in the service of our Lord. Russell L. Dicks.

"YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR DESTINY"
By E. STANLEY JONES

Christianity works down from Christ. Science works up from facts. Are the gods of the two the same God? Yes. There are only two things—the Way and not the way.

There is a destiny ready for you. If you live according to it, you live. If not, you fall to pieces.

Is destiny set? Can't we deviate from it? Destiny is determined by physical heredity, social heredity, and choice. Choice plays the most important role.

The right thing morally is always the right thing physically. The right thing morally is always the right thing economically. The right thing, the Christian thing, is always the healthy thing; and the un-Christian thing, always the unhealthy thing.

There is a certain group of men called the Oxford group which advocates absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness, and absolute love. Another man jokingly said he'd start a Cambridge group which would advocate absolute dishonest, absolute impurity, absolute selfishness and absolute hate. He could not do it. Why not? It won't work.

There are five thing a human being cannot stand: an empty, goalless universe; self-centeredness; anger; fear; and a sense of unresolved guilt. These things throw sand into the machinery of life. But Jesus taught the opposite of all these. He showed men God and heaven; he taught God-centeredness instead of self-centeredness; he substituted love for anger; faith and trust for fear; and he gave men a feeling of forgiveness found in repentence. He placed oil into life's machinery.

You were not made to be the center of the universe. You assume to be God, but the universe won't back you up. Learn to be a part of the universe. Living cells sacrifice individuality and join together to form a living organism. Individually, they would soon die. As an organism, they have life. Consider that dreaded disease—cancer. Cancer is nothing more than a cell turned self-centered.

Whenever a person tries to follow his own will, he goes against God's will, and he does not like his own will. But whenever he follows God's will and loses himself in it, he finds peace and he likes his way.

Bound to Christ, I walk on earth, free; low at His feet, I walk the earth . . .

You have a Christian stomach—a stomach with goodwill. You have Christian glands—glands made to function properly and in the right way. Anger and fear upset your stomach and gland secretion. They were made to function properly and in the Christian way.

Christ promised a sense of forgiveness. I don't know where heaven or hell ends, but I know where it begins. Live as if the kingdom of heaven were here; heaven is a condition here. Take the condition to the other life and you have a place. Hell is a condition here. Take this condition to the other life and you have a place.

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Curry Goes to Fairfield Charge, Farrar to East Flat Rock; Our Readers Write; No Advocate Next Week

CONCERNING THE NORTH ATLANTIC PACT

Dear Editor:

I think your editorial "Methodist Disagreement on the North Atlantic Pact," is fair to all persons concerned.

Technically we do speak for more than our 27 members. As you have pointed out, we are an official agency of the Methodist Church. When the Board of Education takes an action it not only speaks for the individuals on the Board; it speaks officially for the educational work of the Church. It is true that it is not the same as the General Conference speaking nor the Council of Bishops. In a comparable way when we have officially adopted an action, it is not merely so many individuals but the officially constituted Commission of the Church speaking on issues and responsibilities which have been committed to it by the Church.

Your editorial should result in considerable more interest in the study of the issues back of the Pact. I am deeply concerned about the implementation of it by which, in a sense, the largest military power in the world — that of western Europe and the Americas— will be organized in reality outside the United Nations. While technically it is related to Article 51, the fact is that the nations included in the Pact could take an action as an alliance so powerful in effect as to include practically all of the world's military power outside of the Soviet Union and certain of its allied countries.

Your article will certainly stimulate discussion, and this is what we want and we are very grateful to you.

CHARLES F. BOSS, JR.,
Executive Secretary, Commission World Peace, The Methodist Church.

THE ADVOCATE NEEDS GOD!

Dear Editor:

We are keeping at it on the Charge and I soon want to ring the joy bells for all concerned in the Advocate line too (by the grace of God).

May I make a suggestion. If you want to be my assistant pastor, please make God the hero of your paper. I believe that God is the author of our individual and world salvation. If God were the hero of the Church, were on the lips of the Church, and the Church were alive to Him, to Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, I believe we would after diligent search find, not make the solution to every problem that we have.

I think this is the secret of the sects. They boldly make God their hero, even if not very able in the manner that they do it.

Read the June 9, 1949 issue of the N. C. Advocate for what is lacking. Early Methodism sang "A Charge to keep I have, a God to glorify." We are still keeping our charge (?), but what a lousy job we are doing individually and collectively in glorifying God.

Moses hit the rock and said look what I have done and neither he nor his people ever entered the promised land. Aren't we Methodists saying look what we are doing, when it should be what God through us is doing?

Yours for not only a good, but a great Church.—Thomas H. House, Henderson.

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Costen J. Harrell has authorized the appointment of Reverend George L. Curry, retired minister of High Point, to Fairfield charge in the Thomasville district. Brother Curry will succeed Rev. Frank Whitt who has accepted a student appointment in the Baltimore Conference. George B. Clemmer, D.S.

Bishop Harrell has authorized the appointment of Dr. George E. Farrar, retired supply, as pastor of the East Flat Rock Charge, composed now of Dana, Upward and East Flat Rock. This is effective until the meeting of the Annual Conference.—R. Dwight Ware, D.S.

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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That his life and ministry will be nobly enriched by the possession and use of certain cardinal Christian virtues.

1. He should be as patient as a mother—that is, a good mother. Where can a better illustration of patience be found?
2. He should be as systematic as a business executive, whose office hours are kept as regularly as the clock runs. A minister is wise if he enters his study with the same regularity.
3. He should be as brave as a soldier. Some ministers curl at hard assignments. A good minister has courage which enables him to overcome what appear to be insurmountable difficulties.
4. He should be as skilled as a surgeon, in whose hand a precious life is held.
5. He should be as accurate as a scientist. The minister who deals carelessly with Christian truth, with the needs of his people or with material things, is a menace to instead of a motor for creating spiritual power.
6. He should be as virtuous as a saint. Some ministers seem to avoid rather than seek sainthood, perhaps because of a distorted concept of its meaning.

NO ADVOCATE NEXT WEEK

In keeping with a custom established many years ago, the North Carolina Christian Advocate will not be published the week of July 4. Our next issue will appear Thursday, July 14. Those having news that should be included in that issue may send it any time now.

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EDITORIAL

Advantages of a Summer Session of the Annual Conference

Proponents of a change to summer in the annual sessions of the North Carolina Conference would not contend that a mere change in meeting dates would work any miracles. Nevertheless, they believe there are several advantages in such a change. With the proponents we concur.

Some of the reasons for the change have already been discussed upon these pages in the news story which announced the action taken by the laymen at their annual retreat at Louisburg College June 11-12. Last week Rev. W. L. Clegg added several sound reasons for the change. To the suggestions already made we would like to add two others. First, the change, we believe, would encourage the churches to secure a major portion of their budgets early in the conference year. Particularly, could all benevolent claims in the rural churches be raised during the fall months when it is much easier to raise money. Local items in the budget could be paid as they become due. This would enable the churches to concentrate on spiritual matters throughout the remaining months of the year. Of course, it should be made clear that any church, rural and urban, that failed to use the fall months for securing a large portion of the budget would likely be in serious difficulty at the end of the conference year.

Secondly, it would enable the conference entertainment committee to select a regular meeting place, such as one of our colleges, if the conference could meet at a time when the college was not in session. This would have several advantages. It would take care of the entertainment problem in a growing conference where entertainment is becoming more difficult. Moreover, with all the preachers and laymen housed together, and meeting away from the noise of the city, it would be possible to make the annual conference more of a spiritual occasion. It would likewise be easier to estimate the exact expenses and thus enable the churches or the ministers and delegates themselves to pay their own expenses and thus free a considerable amount now being used for conference entertainment for benevolent purposes.

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Ephesians 4:32.

A Catholic and a Methodist View of the Barden Bill

It is not surprising that Catholic Cardinal Spellman would brand the Federal education bill, sponsored by Congressman Graham Barden of North Carolina, as "un-American, anti-Catholic-legislation." Any bill that would keep Catholic hands from reaching into the public treasury for money to support parochial schools would be opposed by the Cardinal. Any sponsor of that bill would come in for sharp criticism.

Neither is it surprising that militant Methodist Bishop Oxnam would come to the defense of Mr. Barden and the bill that would appropriate $300,000,000 a year in federal aid to public education. Bishop Oxnam and, we are convinced, an overwhelming majority of the American people still believe uncompromisingly in the traditional American principle of the separation of church and state. To allow parochial or any other sectarian schools to receive funds from the bill would violate this principle. Therefore, they heartily agree with Bishop Oxnam's statement: "Congressman Graham Barden of North Carolina deserves the commendation of the country rather than the condemnation of a Cardinal. As a loyal and wise legislator, Representative Barden insists upon the American principle that public funds shall be used solely for public education . . . Barden wants to preserve public education, and to send federal aid to underprivileged areas for public schools. It is not 'pitting class against class' or a 'vote against constitutional rights.' It is the preservation of American public education and its protection from a prelate with a prehensile hand."

Protestants all over America owe a great debt of gratitude to Congressman Barden and his committee who are trying to preserve an inherent American principle against strong Catholic pressure to change it. They likewise owe a great debt of gratitude to Bishop Oxnam who has the courage to speak out everytime that principle is threatened.

Gambling a Malignant Disease

A gambler, James F. Dickason of Culver City, Cal., has given the perfect definition of gambling. "Gambling," he wrote in a suicide note, "is a malignant disease." Unfortunately, the 55-year old contractor had to get his definition the hard way. Let him tell the tragic story in a letter he sent his sister just before he shot himself to death: "I went to Las Vegas and began winning. $3,097. I thought I could win six times that much the next day, but I lost my shirt . . . Don't gamble, Delphine. You can see what it leads to."

Gambling is a malignant disease. It is a disease that seems to be overtaking more and more people who believe they can get something for nothing. It is a disease whose victims have less chance of conquering or coming out ahead of the game than the victims of any known malignancy. The only winners are the promoters, the gambling syndicates, that are so greedy, so unscrupulous, so diabolical, that they stop at nothing. Their corrupt hands are felt all the way from Washington to the village beer joint. Unashamedly, they seek to influence state and national law makers, police officers, judges, governors, and indirectly at least, church officials. They should be branded for what they are—iniquitous and inhuman parasites—and ruthlessly exterminated.

Gambling should be exposed for what it is—a dirty, malignant killer. It is a destroyer of health and happiness and wealth. It always leaves its victims poverty-stricken, or broken in mind and body and spirit, without hope. The nation that encourages this unholy business is inviting disaster. The state that allows this corrupting trade is betraying its people. The county that votes for gambling is failing to protect its weak and gullible citizens. The people who vote to legalize this malignant scourge to escape taxes will pay a thousandfold before the promoters of this bloody traffic are through with them.

Gambling is a malignant disease. And the warning this poor suicide gave to his sister should be passed on from every pulpit throughout the nation. "Don't gamble. You can see what it leads to."

Mission of Methodism to Our World Today

By Frank S. Hickman

(Concluded from last week)

Can Methodism release in our time the same kind of regenerative life that she did in the 18th century? And if she can, in what manner?

First let us ask, Is it the mission of Methodism to build a powerful organization capable of speaking to our world with one voice of eight or nine million souls? Ours is indeed a time when such an organic voice is sorely needed; and we must remember that this would not be the first time that Christianity has spoken out through the organic life of a great church.

Take, for example, the voice of Roman Catholicism. We have lately heard it speak sharply to the Italian people, laying its interdict upon all Italian Catholics who had any dealings with the Communistic movement. And we know the result of that deliverance, reinforced, to be sure, as it was by an American political offer of aid through the Marshall Plan: over night the Italian drift towards Communism was markedly checked, and soon it was effectively blocked.

And that was not the first recent pronouncement of the Church of Rome, for we heard it not long ago in our own land. On that occasion it came in connection with a demand for cleaning up the moral atmosphere of the moving picture industry. At a moment when salacious tendencies in the pictures had come to a disgusting peak, the League for Decency of the Roman Church laid down to the picture magnates the mandate, "If you don't clean up your pictures we will boycott you." To this the picture producers made an instant reply in the affirmative, and for a while the pictures were notably cleaner.

We must admit that our Protestant churches do not work in so peremptory a manner; and yet they have in some instances spoken with real power to the evils of our day. We know, for example, the challenge which the Methodist Church has been making to the liquor traffic through its Board of Temperance; and we know the similar challenge, on an even broader scale, made by an interdenominational society, the Anti-Saloon League. We know that when through the agency of these organizations, and of others like them, the consciousness and conscience of Protestant America was effectively roused, a heavy brake was set on the liquor business. It is to be deeply regretted that the pressure of that brake has now been relaxed.

It might further be pointed out that the Protestant world in our time has been striving to make itself articulate through interdenominational systems. The Federal Council of Churches led the way in this country, and doubtless its success was the primary cause for the institution of the newly formed World Council of Churches.

Such organic union of Christian effort is indeed necessary; but its effectiveness depends upon something deeper in the blood of Christendom than the mere tendency to form organizations. Any organization is but a systematic veinwork through which living blood must flow, as even the most complete Christian organization in existence, the Roman Catholic Church, knows full well. Given the almost childlike devotion of Italian Cathlics to their Church, and you can expect just such a response as was recently made to the edict against Communism. But how different is the case in France, also a strongly Catholic country! Doubtless many French Catholics would do just what the Italians did; but the Catholic party in France would not respond so sensitively to the ultimatum of the Church.

In our freer Protestant world the authority of the Church is not nearly so binding on its members as it is in the Catholic Church as a whole. Ours is a more democratic system deriving its authority primarily from the individual religious experience and attitudes of the members of the Church, with the right of private judgment strongly upheld. And in our dealing with the civilization which now so desperately needs the ministry of the Church, far more is to be gained through the injection into its blood-stream of strong and wholesome spiritual suggestion than through any kind of arbitrary command and coercism. Everything depends, in the last analysis, upon the spiritual state of the Church itself. If the spiritual life of multitudes of individual Christians is clean and strong, the Church will inevitably send potent spiritual influences coursing through the veins of the body politic. The story of Wesley's day must repeat itself in our time. The Church is not to live for itself, nor unto itself: it must give of its very life-blood to regenerate a civilization far gone in degeneracy whose dropping spiritual tone is reflected in its waning idealism, weakening moral stamina, and dying sense of responsibility to the very God which brought it into being.

We are in no condition to carry out our mission of social regeneration as Methodists until we know the cleansing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. Let us not dream of evangelizing our world until we have experienced a mighty stirring of the Spirit without our own breasts! Let us never forget the Upper Room in which individual hearts must be searched and sifted before the whole body of the faithful are ready for that general outpouring of the Spirit which marks every wide-spread Pentecost!

And where shall this primary work of Divine Grace find its source, and how shall it be disseminated throughout the life of our people? The source must be found in individual hearts; it must arise within my own soul, and your own soul, and each of the thousands of souls pledged to the spirit and mission of Christ. Each of us must strike his own circle with himself at the center, and therein wait for the awakening of a regenerating spirit which shall flow out spontaneously into whatever surrounding area it can command.

Then the individual circles of fellow-Methodists must so open into each other that the consciousness of a whole church may begin to strike its larger circle, and send its larger radiation of spiritual life and power out into its own neighborhood. And the circles of individual churches must so open into each other that a whole district shall begin to yield to the gracious work of the Spirit. And districts must make their collective contribution to the awakening and empowerment of their Conference; and conferences must send the holy flame out through the life of the Methodist Church as a whole. Then the miracle will begin to appear in full process: an entire great Church burning with the light and power of the Holy Spirit! But the larger miracle would still await us; the release, through the agency of the Church, of divine power and light and life in this land of ours, so that we as Christians might ask what we would in the name and spirit of our God, and it would be done unto us.

If we can but dream of a day when this blessed land of ours, once purged of its materialism, once freed of its cross-currents of selfish interests, its clashing of races and classes, once gripped by the vision and power of a great spiritual awakening, such as Wesley's England experienced—if we can but dream of such a day, we shall know what the mission of Methodism to our world today really is, and what the mission of all truly Christian churches must be. Our dream and our goal, in the light of which we feel our shaping sense of mission, must be of a Christian America which can speak to the whole world with so gracious and mighty a power from the Holy Spirit that all atheistic threats, communistic or otherwise, shall lose their power to terrify us, shall even wane into a shadowy unreality.

What Revolution Means to the Chinese

By TRACEY JONES
Nanking, China

A few days ago, on my way to the Kulou Hospital, a five or six-year old girl, dressed in rags, ran up to me. She wanted money. I usually do not give to beggars, for the greater number are professional, but this little girl looked different. I glanced around for her mother or father whom I felt certain was somewhere near. Sure enough, up ahead was a young woman, perhaps thirty, sitting by the road. I noticed at once that there was something strange about her. She wasn't watching me, the child, or even the baby huddled inside of her clothes. She just sat there staring at the ground. I walked towards her, the little girl pleading at my side. I stopped in front of her but her eyes did not turn. I gave the little girl some money and walked on. The mother never moved. The child started down the road again to look for more help.

I could not forget the look in that woman's eyes. The hopelessness, the weariness, the utter fatigue, her indifference to life, even to her own children. She had stood about all she could take—war, killing, moving, hunger, uncertainty, and no sign of it all stopping. When I started back towards my section of the city two hours later, they were gone. I have not seen them since.

You ask what is happening in China. All I can report is what I see in the lives of people. Who that destitute mother is, I do not know. She is just one of the thousands in this city in desperate need. But there are others I do know. Perhaps a word about them will give you a glimpse of what revolution means.

I met Mr. "A" three months ago on a plane flying from Hongkong to Shanghai. I had taken Martha and the two children there for refuge and I was on my way back north to Nanking. Mr. "A" was about my age, just over thirty, and spoke excellent English with a British accent. He had graduated from Yenching University, one of the best in China, and then had spent three years at Cambridge where he received his Ph.D. After leaving his wife and three children in Hongkong, he was on his way back to Shanghai where he held an important position in a government department. He differed from the destitute mother in Nanking only in the sense that he understood the forces that were keeping China in continual chaos. But the weight of the uncertainty and the fear of the present and the future were deep and painful.

Frankly his future is not too bright. He is just high enough in government work to be singled out for careful investigation by any new government, and low enough that he cannot leave the country. He is a product of the best of the west — brilliantly trained, thoroughly adjusted to western democratic ideas, the cream of the small technical experts in China, a Christian of many years. He realizes that he will find it very hard to adjust to this revolution with its many demands, yet he knows that he must try. How can his thinking be fused with the totalitarian and materialistic mentality of the revolution? Basically it is this problem that bothers him, for he does not want to give up that which he has learned from the West.

Then there are the revolutionists! They are everywhere. We have some in our Christian church. One of these is "B," son of one of the most devoted and courageous pastors in this part of China. This lad, a junior in college, like many college students, wants revolution, and now! He had his first contact with the Communists during the war against the Japanese, and he liked them. He sees them as the only hope of China. The Kuomintang (the Nationalists), he would say, no longer can lead the people. They died within long ago, and it has taken all these recent years for their corrupt organization to collapse. He is struck by the contrast of the simplicity of the Communist leaders in comparison with the Nationalist leaders. He, a devoted Christian, is heartbroken that many of these rich men and women, who desperately are trying to stop the revolution, are professed Christians. He cannot understand why the United States has tried to support such a crowd in power. He would not consider himself a Communist. He is Christian. But his cry is—"Bring on the revolution! And Now!"

A first-hand account of how some people in China are facing the revolution now sweeping the country.

But the average Chinese is much more like old Chiang Wen-teh. He is 77 years old, has been with our Methodist High School for 52 years. He went through the Boxer Rebellion, the revolution of 1911, the period of the war lords, the looting of Nanking in 1927, the rape of Nanking in 1937 by the Japanese, now the present attack on Nanking in 1949. He has never left the city but takes each conquest as it comes. His view of the present revolution is summarized in the words—"Let it come. We will adjust to it and it will adjust to us." He is "old China" personified.

Some months ago when the city was in virtual panic, I called on Father Chiang, was greeted by a smile and he chatted with me as if nothing had happened. Not more than 200 yards away there was a steady stream of people heading for the railroad station and other avenues to escape from the city. But he looked at me and said, "mei yu kuan hsi." ("It is not serious!") He reveals the real heart of the Chinese people, that capacity to take change, revolutionary change, and hope to modify it. "Let it come," he says. "It will change and modify!"

And what about ourselves? This is a hard question to answer. As Americans we cannot escape the bitter feelings the Communists have towards what they consider an imperialistic and reactionary nation. We have no way of knowing whether or not we will be allowed to continue our work. There will probably be periods of uncertaintly and tension, for their policies will probably fluctuate. However, it is our hope to stay. The whole world "groaneth and travaileth" and to share in its recovery we may all have to share to some degree in its pain.

Be patient with China, her problems and her people. There is no simple solution to her problems and we must all be careful not to brand any one side. I have no fear of the future of the Christian church in China. It is now a part of China and will not be uprooted! If it faces persecution, it may be strengthened rather than weakened. The chances of persecution are slight. More likely it will be "hedged in" but not actively opposed, and by love and patience in time should be able to make this period one of opportunity and growth.

"BROTHER PENNY"

The Methodist Church of Germany, under the leadership of Bishop J. W. Ernst Sommer, of Frankfort, has launched a program of social welfare under the title of "Brother Penny"; that is, each German Methodist pays at least one penny per day for the needs of their brethren. Under this program they have already begun to build a village for some 83 Methodist refugee families from the neighborhood of Luebeck, and for which the government has donated the land; and they are planning to build a sanatorium for tubercular children in Bergzabern, Southwest Germany.

Gifts from the heart are precious beyond their worth.

New Missionaries to Strengthen Church in Many Fields; Methodist Missionaries Still on Job in China

METHODISTS COMMISSION 55 MISSIONARIES

Forty-three new foreign missionaries and twelve new home missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, on June 15, in the Washington Square Methodist Church, New York City. The group form part of a total 1000 new missionaries the Board expects to add to its worldwide services by 1953.

Bishop Herbert Welch, retired, of New York City, delivered the commissioning address; Bishop W. W. Peele of Richmond, Va., presided and conducted the commissioning ritual. Delegations from Methodist churches in the New York metropolitan area were in attendance. A reception to the new missionaries followed in the church parlors.

Of the missionaries going overseas, 27 are being sent by the Board's Division of Foreign Missions; 16 by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Ten are to sail within the next few weeks for service in China—doctors, nurses, teachers, and pastors; 12 to South America; 11 to Africa (7 of these to the Belgian Congo); 6 to India; 2 to Korea; one to Cuba. The home missionaries and deaconesses will serve in churches and schools in the United States and in Alaska.

Two of the new missionaries are ex-G. I.'s. Emmet D. Steele, a Georgian who has been preparing at the Latin American Institute, Chicago, for educational work in Brazil, served in the Aleutian Islands and in the Philippines with the U. S. Army, and there decided to be a missionary. Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., of Johnson City, Tenn., was a prisoner of the Germans for nine months after landing on Omaha Beach on "D Day plus six." He was a chaplain with the 30th Infantry.

Among the new missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. Raymond A. Valenzuela of Dover, N. J., where Mr. Velenzuela is pastor of the Methodist Church. He was born in Temuco, Chile, where his father was a prominent Chilean Methodist minister, and his mother the daughter of a missionary. The younger Valenzuela, a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary and his wife, who was Miss Dorothy Bowie of Rochester, N. Y., a Mt. Holyoke graduate, are now returning to Chile as missionaries.

Those commissioned for foreign service under the Board's Division of Foreign Missions are: Rev. and Mrs. Alfred F. Schneck of Colo, Iowa, going to the Belgian Congo in educational service; Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Reeve of Calhoun, Ga., in evangelistic work to the Belgian Congo; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Mansure of Allston, Mass., in evangelistic work to China; Rev. and Mrs. Haniel Jones of Phenix City, Ala., in evangelistic work to South America; Mr. and Mrs. Harleigh D. Johns, of Rockford, Ill., in educational work to India; Rev. and Mrs. John M. Hunt of Ridgeville, Ind., in evangelistic work to India; Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy A. Heilbrun, of Conneautville, Pa., in evangelistic work to Alaska; Howard Davis Hardee, M.D. of Farnandina, Fla., in medical work to the Belgian Congo; Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Enright of Chicago, Ill., in evangelistic work to Africa; Rev. and Mrs. James W. Spitzkeit of Mississippi City, Miss., educational work to China; Rev. and Mrs. Joseph M. Davis, of Lexington, Ky., in evangelistic work to Central Congo; Rev. and Mrs. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., of Johnson City, Tenn., in evangelistic work to China; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett DeVerne Steele of Milledgeville, Ga., in educational work to Brazil; and Rev. and Mrs. Raymond A. Valenzuela of Dover, N. J., in evangelistic work to Chile.

The sixteen young women going overseas under the Woman's Division of Christian Service are: Miss Joy L. Anderson of Baltimore, Md., to India as a nurse; Miss Elizabeth S. Beale of Sandwich, Mass., to Cuba as a nurse; Miss Frances W. Bigelow of Evanston, Ill., to Uruguay in educational work; Miss Frances A. Burns of Commerce, Texas, to Brazil in educational work; Miss Jean Cale of Uniontown, Pa., to India as a nurse; Miss Ida M. Collie of Raleigh, N. C., to China as a nurse; Miss Elsie May Culver of Philadelphia, Pa., to South America in educational work; Miss Fannie E. Dewar of Everglades, Fla., to China as a nurse; Miss Naomi M. Hare of Hereford, Texas, to South America in educational work; Miss Helen A. Hasler of Zurich, Switzerland, to Africa in evangelistic work; Miss Ruby Laeger of Portland, Oregon, to Africa as a nurse; Miss Grace E. Otto of Saginaw, Michigan, to China, in educational work; Miss Vivian L. Otto of Saginaw, Michigan, to China in educational work; Miss Helen L. Safstrom of Venice, Cal., to South America in educational work; Miss Dorothy E. Wall of Morris Plains, N. J., to China in religious educational work; Miss Emily H. Woodson of Narrows, Va., to China as a nurse.

Those commissioned as home missionaries and deaconesses by the Woman's Division of Christian Service are: Misses Helen P. Blandford, Solway, Ky; Shirley M. Bowron, Springfield, Mass; Ruth A. Frame, Havertown, Pa.; Patricia M. Gibson, Wichita, Kansas; Nora M. Hanley, Bingham, Ill.; Mildred E. Hart, Nashville, Tenn.; Addie M. Jamieson, Ripley, Miss.; Lois Marquart, Knowles, Wis.; Kathryn Newcomb, Leesburg, N. J.; Helen A. Osborne, Eudora, Kansas; Jean M. Vaughan, Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Maggie Q. Campbell, Catawba, N. C.

176 METHODIST MISSIONARIES STAY IN CHINA

There are 176 missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church still in service in China, despite the fact that seven annual conferences served by the Church (covering north China and the Shanghai areas) are in communist control, Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, associate secretary of the Board, reported to its executive committee on June 16. Of the total number of missionaries, 88 are representatives of the Board's division of Foreign Missions, and 88 are women missionaries of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Only 32 missionaries have been evacuated to the United States because of the political conditions, and most of these are mothers with young children, he said.

"The Christian witness is still being lived and preached in China," said Dr. Cartwright. "The work of Christian schools, hospitals and churches goes forward with surprisingly little hinderance. Methodist missionaries inside communist territory are allowed to move about freely in the cities of their residence. Of the missionaries who have been able to get letters and telegrams out from the areas, none have expressed regret over having stayed."

On behalf of the Board of Missions, Dr. Cartwright telephoned on June 16 from New York to Bishop Ralph A. Ward, head of the Methodist Church in the Shanghai area, and a former prisoner of the Japanese during the World War. He reported that Bishop Ward gave this message halfway around the world: "Everyone here is safe and well. This refers to the missionaries primarily but also to the Chinese Christians in the Shanghai area. Local mail and telegraph is in operation with all cities except Nanchang where telegrams are only being handled. No airmail or steamer mail is now getting out of Shanghai for foreign parts.

"Ambassador Stuart of Nanking has been in Shanghai for some days and has had conferences with church and missionary leaders as well as with United States officials. Chinese are traveling to Shanghai easily from the various East-China and Mid-China cities, but missionaries are not yet allowed to travel outside the cities where they reside. Their movements within these cities are unhindered. As of yesterday it has been possible to cash money drafts at reasonable rates. Today the Board of Managers of Soochow University met in Shanghai. President Yang reported the University 'almost normal.'

"Please extend to the Board and to the Methodist Church greetings from all of us here, and our deep appreciation for the understanding attitude of the home authorities."



These 55 new missionaries were commissioned in New York, June 15.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

RICH SQUARE Methodists are installing a set of chimes in their church within the next few days.

REV. J. MAX BRANDON of Hiddenite plans to drive to Atlanta either on July 4 or 5, and has room for two passengers. Anyone interested may contact him.

CALEDONIA CHURCH will hold its annual revival July 31-August 7, with the pastor, Rev. J. W. Dimmette, doing the preaching.

THE ASHEVILLE DISTRICT has already reported more than $11,000 in Advance Specials, raised $2,028 on the Day of Dedication, and assumed 33 1/3 increase in World Service Acceptances.

LEON COUCH, pastor of St. Paul Church, Durham, is giving the evening messages at The Fellowship of Devotion being held at East Highlands Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia, June 27th-July 2nd.

DR. GEORGIA HARKNESS, nationally known preacher and writer, spoke at the West Asheville Methodist Church Sunday evening, June 19, on the topic "The Things Which Belong Unto Peace." Miss Harkness is professor of applied theology at Garrett Biblical Institute.

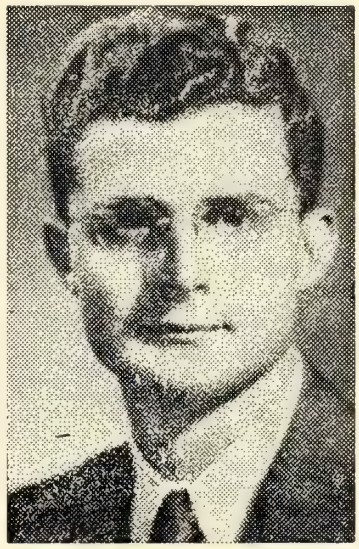
MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH on the Farmington Charge has just closed a most successful revival, with 42 persons uniting with the church. Of this number, 39 joined on profession of faith and three by letter. Mrs. C. L. Steidley of High Point assisted the pastor, Rev. John Oakley.

SPRING HILL CHURCH on the Mamers Charge has just concluded a very successful Vacation Church School. With 121 pupils enrolled and with 13 workers, the average attendance for the pupils was 119 with every teacher present each day. Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to 91 pupils at the regular worship service the following Sunday at which time the Vacation Church School was in charge.

PARK STREET CHURCH, Belmont, dedicated the church library Sunday, June 19, following the morning worship service. Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, pastor was in charge, with L. R. Baucom, superintendent of the Church School, and C. E. Moore, chairman of the board of education, assisting. Mrs. R. E. Gardner is librarian and B. I. Gardner is treasurer. The library already has well over 200 excellent titles, with others being added rapidly.

DR. KARL P. MEISTER, executive secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, has been asked to serve on a permanent Commission on Chronic Illness. Dealing with the problems related to the nation's 25 million chronically ill, the commission is a joint group sponsored by the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the American Public Welfare Association, and the American Public Health Association.

REV. HOLLIS WILBURN HUSTON, pastor of the Westover-Pleasant Grove charge in the Raleigh District, received the Ph.D. degree at Duke University at graduating exercises early this month. In recognition of his scholastic standing, Dr. Huston was also elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He received an A. B. degree from Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, and a B. D. from Duke in 1947. In September 1945 he married Miss Annie Laura Cotten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Cotten of Stem. They have one son, Hollis, Jr.



REV. WAYNE McLAIN, above, has been appointed Director of CROP in the Southeastern States. With headquarters in Durham, Mr. McLain will help to secure a chairman for each State in this area and organize the CROP program. Designed to give aid to needy people overseas, CROP is nation-wide. Mr. McLain was State Director last year. He plans to enter Duke University this fall to continue work on a Ph.D. Until recently he was pastor of Moriah Church, Greensboro.

KERR STREET CHURCH, Concord, expects to let the contract soon for the completion of the educational building. The sanctuary will be finished later.

FURLOUGHED MISSIONARIES of the Methodist Church, totaling more than 300, met recently at De Pauw University. Missionaries from India, Brazil, Africa, China, Japan, Korea, the Phillipines and Europe, were represented.

HIGHLAND CHURCH, High Point, has just closed a successful revival with 35 persons joining the church on profession of faith. Mrs. C. L. Steidley of High Point was the evangelist. During the mornings the Vacation Church School with 126 pupils enrolled, and 105 in average attendance, was conducted.

LYCOMING COLLEGE, Williamsport, Pa., has granted a full tuition scholarship for a deserving European student now living in a Displaced Persons Camp, according to Dr. John W. Long, president. Valued at $350 a year, the award is to be given to a D.P. student brought to the community under the sponsorship of an interested group or resident. It was recently announced that legal action involved in getting a displaced European student here has been started and it is expected that the student will arrive in time for the fall semester.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES EZELL McSWAIN announce the marriage of their daughter, Hazel Elizabeth, to Mr. William Ross Woolfolk, son of Mrs. Tom Ross Woolfolk and the late T. R. Woolfolk, Saturday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m. in Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro. The bride is a member of the Greensboro City School Faculty and the bridegroom is in the auditing department at Sears. They will make their home in Greensboro. Rev. J. E. McSwain, father of the bride, officiated, assisted by Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of Grace Church.

SANDY RIDGE CHURCH will hold revival services beginning July 6 and closing July 14, with Rev. W. E. Barber of Patrick Springs, Va., the evangelist.

PLANK CHAPEL CHURCH on the Tar River charge is observing a week of evangelism, with Dr. S. A. Maxwell of Oxford assisting the pastor, Rev. N. P. Edens.

MYERS PARK CHURCH, Charlotte, is observing Blood Donor Day Wednesday, July 20. All persons from 18 to 60 years of age are invited to donate a pint of blood.

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, Warrenton, will sponsor a choir clinic Friday, July 1, for all the choirs in Warren county. Mrs. L. Rean Hodapp of the Westminster Choir College will be in charge, and will be assisted by Mrs. H. M. Hardy, director of the Wesley Memorial Choir.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Kings Mountain, received 33 new members on Father's Day, making a total of 108 for the year. Of this total number 45 have been received on profession of faith and 63 by letter. The goal of 100 new members set earlier in the year has been exceeded.

EBENEZER CHURCH on the Garner charge held initial services last Sunday, with the pastor, Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, in charge. Following dinner on the church grounds, a cornerstone laying service was held. The new church, replacing a wooden structure on the same lot, cost $35,000.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Albemarle, will have as guest speakers during July the following: July 3, Dr. Luther Little, Baptist preacher; July 10, Rev. L. R. Akers, pastor of Main Street Church, Albemarle; July 17, Dr. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Salisbury District; July 24, Dr. George H. Rhodes, Lutheran minister; July 31, Dr. C. M. Pickens, counsellor, the Methodist Home, Charlotte. The pastor, Rev. Ralph Taylor, will be on vacation.

HONORABLE LOUIS JOHNSON, new U. S. Secretary of Defense, did not attend his first cabinet meeting when he took over office from the late James Forrestal. Roanoke, Virginia, Methodists remember his presiding over "cabinet" meetings forty years ago. In Secretary Johnson's youth he was active in the Epworth League, the Methodist youth organization of that day. He led in organizing the Tri-City Epworth League, in the cities of Roanoke, Salem and Vinton, a group whose monthly meeting always "packed the church." The Epworth League constitution called the officers, collectively, "the cabinet," and Johnson was, until he left to attend the University of Virginia, one of the most enthusiastic cabinet members. Older people looked upon young Johnson as a leader. Dr. Marcellus A. Johnson, Jr., chief surgeon in the industrial department of the Lewis-Gale Hospital of Roanoke, a brother to the new Secretary of Defense, says that he and his other brothers "grew up in the Methodist church." "We went whenever the bell was rung," he said. According to Dr. Johnson, in accounting for his brother's distinguished career, parental influence was also a factor. "His church training was just part of the training that was cultivated by our mother and father. High ideals of life were instilled into him, especially by our mother; and I think that any place at which he may arrive, or any good he may do, will be attributable to his training in youth, which was directly supervised by our mother."

Historic Alamance County Church Plans Special Rites Sunday; New Delta Church to Be Dedicated July 10

PHILLIPS CHAPEL DEDICATION SLATED FOR SUNDAY, JULY 3

Lovely Phillips Chapel Memorial Church on the Swepsonville charge will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, July 3, with Bishop W. W. Peele of Richmond bringing the message and conducting the dedicatory rites. Rev. John R. Poe, pastor, will preside at the impressive service, and other visiting clergymen, including Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham District, will take part.

The service Sunday will climax a series of services in connection with the centennial celebration of the church. The first centennial service was held on April 21, when the church was host to the Durham District Conference. Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham brought the historical address for the occasion. At that time the family of the late Dr. Michael Bradshaw presented a memorial altar set and the family of the late Rev. S. F. Nicks presented a memorial communion service. On Sunday, May 29 a second centennial service was held, sponsored by the Phillips Chapel Memorial Association, with Dr. H. E. Myers of Durham, bringing the memorial message. Founded 100 years ago, the same year Alamance County was begun, the church has joined Alamance County in centennial celebrations.

Located in the southern part of the county between Swepsonville and Saxapahaw, the new brick structure replaces the original church which was built of hewn oak framing and hand hewn original ceiling, both of which were in good condition when the old church was torn down early this year. Not much is known about the early history of the church. However, it got its name from a circuit rider who came to the community and established the church.

Not long after the church was built, young Mike Bradsaw began attending the services. Later he felt the call to preach, and became one of the outstanding ministers of the North Carolina Conference. His son, Rev. R. W. Bradshaw, has followed his father into the ministry, and is a prominent member of the North Carolina Conference. Rev. S. F. Nicks also grew up in Phillips Chapel Church, and joined the North Carolina Conference. He became known as one of the outstanding builders of rural churches in the Conference during a long, fruitful ministry. His son, Rev. R. L. Nicks, is a young minister in the Conference. Rev. Lacy Thompson, now a successful minister in Iowa, is also a product of Phillips Chapel Church. And Rev. Alson Davis, the last of the young men of Phillips Chapel to enter the ministry, is beginning a promising career in the South Carolina Conference.

The movement to erect a new church began several years ago. During the pastorate of Rev. I. T. Poole the building fund was started. The program was continued under Rev. D. A. Petty. In 1946 Rev. J. R. Poe was sent to the Swepsonville charge, and within a year work on the building program continued. Finally, actual construction was begun and the work was rushed to completion to take care of the District Conference this spring.

Built at the cost of about $40,000, the church is of the English Chapel design. It has several Sunday School rooms and is complete with recreational and social facilities. The Duke Endowment and the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension aided in the project. H. N. Haines of Durham was the architect.

Membership in the church stands at about 150.

Revival service, which began on June 26, with Rev. S. J. Starnes of Burlington assisting the pastor, will close with the dedication program Sunday.

DELTA CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED JULY 10

Delta Church on the Sandy Ridge Charge will be dedicated Sunday morning, July 10, at the eleven o'clock service, according to Rev. J. C. Gentry, pastor. Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte will preach the sermon and will be in charge of the dedication. Rev. J. C. Gentry will preside. Dr. W. A. Lambeth, superintendent of the Greensboro District, Dr. J. M. Ormond of Durham, former pastors and others, have been invited to take part in the program.

Loudspeakers will be installed in order that the large congregation expected for the occasion may participate in the service.

A picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds following the dedication.

The Delta Church was organized in 1885. The first meeting place was an old tobacco factory formerly operated by Jack Fair, but was owned at the time it was used as a church by Robert Wilkins. In 1905 the first building was erected, and served the congregation until the fourth Sunday in April last year. It was torn down the following week and work on the new brick structure began on April 30, 1948.

Valued at $50,000, the church was completed by December last year and was free of debt. It has seven classrooms and other modern facilities and is complete throughout. The windows and pews are memorials.

Rev. S. R. Ward, charge lay leader, and J. A. Wall, who was placed in charge of the building program, took a great deal of responsibility in the enterprise. J. J. Martin, Ed Riggs, John Nelson, Cy Vernon and many others were quite active. The entire congregation and many friends were generous in the entire program.

MEISTER HEADS COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Dr. Karl P. Meister of Chicago was elected president of the Council of Secretaries of World Service Agencies at a meeting held here June 20.

The new president is executive secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes. He succeeds Dr. Earl R. Brown of New York.

Dr. Robert Z. Tyler of New York, executive secretary of the division of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, is the new vice-president.

Succeeding Dr. Corliss P. Hargraves of Nashville, who has been secretary since the organization of the Council in 1940, will be Dr. Horace W. Williams. Dr. Williams will become Dr. Hargraves successor as executive secretary of the Inter-board Committee on Missionary Education following Dr. Hargraves retirement in the fall.

Recognition of Dr. Hargrave's service to the Council will be made on a suitably engrossed parchment to be presented to him, the members voted.

Substantial cooperation was voted in underwriting Methodism's share in the nominal expense of a nationwide emphasis that the mass communications media are planning to give the churches next November. This is a project that will make radio, newspaper and billboard advertising channels freely available to cause of religion in the same way that from time to time they support Red Cross, Community Chest and bond buying.

The United Church Canvass will represent the religious bodies in this unusual endeavor, which has been made possible through the Advertising Council.



Delta Church on the Sandy Ridge Charge

Hospital and Homes Group to Gather at Junaluska; Another Tribute to Dr. Samuel B. Turrentine

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Lake Junaluska. — The Southeastern Jurisdictional Board of Hospitals and Homes will hold its 1949 conference at Lake Junaluska July 11 and 12, according to Judge Marcus C. Redwine, of Winchester, Ky., president of the board.

Speakers and their topics are: Rev. Walter A. Smith, Greenville, Tenn., devotions; Bishop Watkins, "Religion in Action;" Rev. Warren C. Budd, Hapeville, Ga., "Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes;" Rev. L. M. Twiggs, Emory, Ga., "the Golden Cross Program;" Oscar V. Woosley, Winston-Salem, N. C., "How to Secure and Train Personnel;" J. M. Crews, Memphis, discussion leader; Dr. W. F. Quillian, Atlanta, public address; Rev. Herman M. Wilson, Gaithersburg, Md., "More Homes for the Aged;" Dr. John G. Benson, Indianapolis, Indiana, "All Healing is Divine;" Marshall I. Pickens, Charlotte, N. C., "Sound Institutional Financing;" Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, Penna. "The Significance of the Insignificant Man;" Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Elkin, N. C., "The Trustees' Opportunity;" Holt McPherson, Shelby, N. C., "Public Relations for Church Hospitals and Homes;" Dr. Karl P. Meister, Chicago, "For a Healthier Nation;" Dr. Mark Depp, Winston-Salem, N. C., "Christian Credentials."

There will be morning and afternoon business meetings and discussions and public evening meetings in the Assembly Auditorium.

I REMEMBER DR. TURRENTINE

By E. P. Holmes

Of the many editorials paying tribute to Dr. Turrentine, his life and work, none rang so clear as this statement: "Only posterity can furnish adequate evaluation of his life and attainments. He contributed much to the sound and worth while developments of Christian education."

Passing just before Easter lent a tinge of irony to his life. Passing at the age of 87 just at a time when all the flowers had come to bloom again with Spring.

As I look back over the years I can remember his tall, erect figure; his Jim Swinger coat; his kid gloves; his walking cane; and he was the last minister of the old school to wear a high beaver hat. Every sermon he preached was a masterpiece within itself. Some 35 years ago, being in a great city, I recall seeing in the city papers where he was to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to a group of graduates of a very fashionable school. I slipped into the rear of this great city church to hear what he had to say. He was there in all his glory, immaculately attired. He arose in all his dignity and announced his subject, "The Magnitude of the Trifle." The theme was masterfully handled, and in calling on these young ladies to live the greater life there are two things I will never forget in this sermon. One was this sentence: Though he had made many mistakes in life, he had never mistook rouge for the flower of youth. Then, getting deeper into his theme, he said: "The rift of dawn, the reddening of the rose, the love of a mother bird for her young are to me part of the drama of the eternities." Then finally he summed up this address in an outburst of oratory seldom equalled and I don't believe ever surpassed. He was a great man, a great orator and a great theologian.

From 1913 to 1935 he was president of Greensboro College and under his leadership it grew into one of the leading women's colleges not only of the State but of the South. Meting out the various subjects to be taught to the other professors, he reserved the Bible teaching for himself. I dare say there is not a home in a single city or hamlet in this State or other States also, where there is not a mother whose guiding Christian spirit, made manifest by this man, does not influence the whole. His doctrines and teachings will ever predominate.

I saw him last some three months ago on the streets of his native city. Though age was creeping up on him, he was still the erect figure, the brilliant intellect. He grasped my hand with the firmness of a man half his age. After passing the time of day he told me with a bright gleam in his eyes that just yesterday he had the privilege of officiating at the marriage of a young bride and groom. Some 25 years ago he said he had performed the marriage ceremony of the girl's parents, and 52 years ago had united her grandparents in holy wedlock. Then with a smile of contentment, confident of a job well done, he said: "Mine has been a great heritage." Surely it had to this great man of God who had grown old so gracefully. His life will ever live as an example of the better things of life. His teachings will endow us with the greater faith.



Construction on the new Davis Street Church, Burlington, will begin soon. The building, estimated to cost $200,000, will replace the wooden structure erected in 1890. Modern in every respect, the new plant will take care of a growing congregation whose membership already exceeds 1,100. More than one half of the funds is in hand.



J. Wallace Hamilton, Speaker
Older Youth Assembly

Summer Program Announced

OLDER YOUTH ASSEMBLY

J. Wallace Hamilton, St. Petersburg, Florida, is a favorite of the Western North Carolina young people. His appearance this summer is the fourth time he has spoken to this group in recent years. He is also one of the favorite preachers with Junaluska audiences. His annual visit has come to be one of the best of the season. Robert H. Stamey is dean of this assembly and Mrs. Stamey is head counselor. Glenn McCulley, Lenoir, is President of the Conference Youth Fellowship and Miss Dorothy Rink, Salisbury, is Secretary.

SENIOR ASSEMBLY

Wilson O. Weldon, Thomasville, a successful minister, teacher and counselor of youth will be the principal speaker in the Senior Assembly, July 4-9. He will bring four messages on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and will also be available for personal interviews and for counseling as requested. Mrs. Weldon will also attend the assembly as one of the counselors for the week. Horace R. McSwain, Bryson City, is dean and Mrs. Carl H. King is the head counselor. Kenneth West is President of this group and Miss Louise Harbison, Shelby, is Secretary.

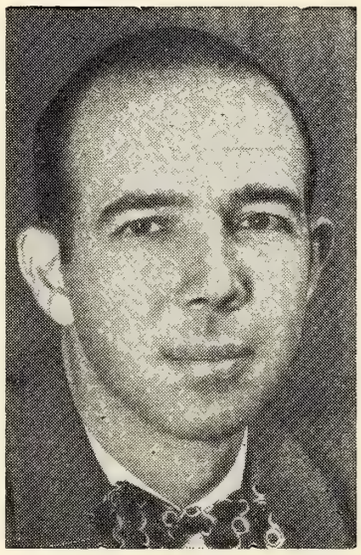


Robert H. Stamey, Dean
Older Youth Assembly

CONTRIBUTIONS TO JUNALUSKA CHILDREN'S BUILDING

June 19 was designated as the time for the observance of Wesley's birthday with an offering for a Children's Building at Lake Junaluska. This is a Jurisdictional project and contributions have been received to date from several churches and individuals in the Jurisdiction as follows:

Grace Church, Union, S. C.	$ 31.25
Achille Subdistrict, Lake City, S. C.	5.00
Highland Church, Fort Thomas, Ky.	25.00
Dacusville Church, Dacusville, S. C.	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Louisville, Ky.	10.00
First Church, Glasgow, Ky.	50.00
First Church, Easley, S. C.	11.00
Judson Church, Greenville, S. C.	4.00
Mt. Zion Church, Central, S. C.	3.85
Mt. Zion Church, Dalton, Ga.	3.19
Rev. Ralph Taylor, Albemarle, N. C.	25.00
Margie McCarty	14.95
Mary Alice Jones, Evanston, Ill	10.00
Myers Park Church, Charlotte, N. C.	$251.54



Paul Worley, Speaker
Young Adult Assembly

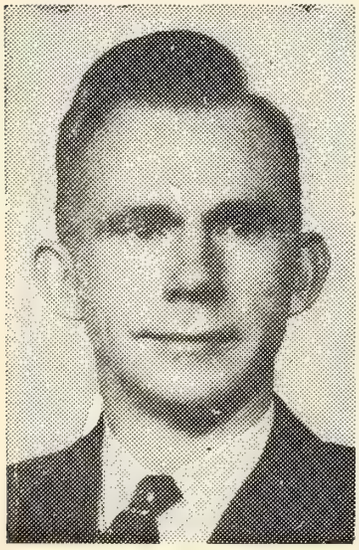
CHURCH SCHOOL DAY

Offerings are being received weekly from Church School Day for the Camp Fund. Free programs are available on request for this occasion. Contributions have been received as follows during recent days:

Jamestown	$ 29.38
Catawba Charge	4.00
Bethel (New London)	12.00
Purcell	5.00

CAMP REGISTRATIONS

The first two sessions of our camp for Intermediate boys and girls at Hendersonville have been fine. Interest and attendance have been excellent. Many campers want to stay for two weeks. There are four more general sessions and two district camps. Registrations for both boys and girls will now be received from any church for the weeks of July 2, 9, 16, 23. Every interested charge has had time to register delegates. Restriction will no longer be enforced and places will be assigned on the basis of reasonable requests from a church till all camp sessions are filled. It is now a matter of the first to register in order to secure places. Send registration cards to Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C., now.



Wilson O. Weldon, Speaker
Senior Assembly

YOUNG ADULT ASSEMBLY

Under the leadership of Aubert M. Smith and a faithful group of conference officers and district directors, the Young Adult Assembly this year bids fair to be one of the best yet held. Paul Worley, Johnson City, Tennessee, will bring four messages to the group. Courses of instruction, vespers, morning watch and other interesting activities have also been planned.

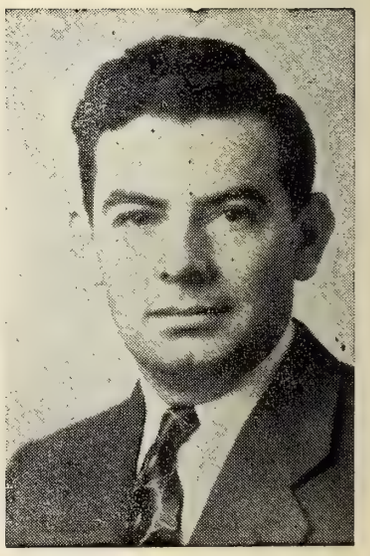
CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE

Church School Superintendents of this conference now look forward with interest to the annual three-day conference at Lake Junaluska. The dates for this year are July 29-31. Superintendents, Superintendents of the Age Group Divisions, and Chairmen of Local Church Boards of Education are invited to attend. While this program is planned and sponsored by the W. N. C. Conference, it is open to interested workers from the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

NEW INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS

The newly closely graded lessons for Intermediates, a three-year course for boys and girls ages 12 thru 14 are now available from The Methodist Publishing House. The materials will be used beginning with the fall quarter, October, 1949.

The courses include emphasis on Bible, church, worship, life of Jesus, personality development, world brotherhood, and social action.



Horace R. McSwain, Dean
Senior Assembly

With Our Women in the North Carolina Conference

Societies Gain 1,003 Members in 5 Months; 230 Attend Pfeiffer; Women on Outer Banks Organize

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REPORTS FOR INTERIM

Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, conference promotion secretary, reports a gain of 1,003 new members during the interim of January 1 to May 31, 1949. The conference membership has now passed the 25,000 mark. There has been a gain of 15 new societies, making the conference total now 583. This is a good indication of the advance the women are making.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, states there has been an increase in giving throughout the whole Woman's Division of over 19% during this interim of five months, over the same period the year before.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AT PFEIFFER

The conference had 87 women to attend the School of Missions and Christian Service held at Pfeiffer College the second week of this month. The total enrollment at the school was 230. At the retreat for spiritual enrichment held the weekend before the school 90 women attended.

One of the outstanding speeches during the evening services was made by Miss Katherine Johnson, instructor for the study of Japan who spoke of the bombing of Hiroshima and the aftermath of the atom bomb destruction.

Miss Margaret Applegarth, leader of the spiritual life retreat and instructor for the study of the ecumenical church, reported on the Amsterdam Conference held last August.

Plans are already being made for the school next year. It will be the 1st week in June, 1950, with Mrs. Waggoner again acting as Dean and Mrs. Holt as business manager. This is good news.

PERSON COUNTY ZONE MEETING

The Person Zone meeting was held on May 29 in Salem church, Leasburg charge, with Miss Claudia Carnay, zone leader, presiding. Fourteen societies out of sixteen were present and gave reports.

The Caravan of Advance had the following speakers: Mrs. Charles Cates, Graham; Mrs. W. C. Mosier, Burlington; Mrs. Sudie B. Warren, Cedar Grove; and Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, Mebane.

Other speakers were Mrs. R. E. Crumpton on youth work; Mrs. J. A. Warren, Chapel Hill, spoke for Christian social relations and local church activities for the coming year; and Mrs. Guy Johnson, Chapel Hill, spoke of the national meeting of Christian Work.

The fall meeting of the zone will be held in the Allensville church.

After the meeting refreshments were served on the lawn.

THE OUTER BANKS ARE ORGANIZING

On the Outer Banks of North Carolina, within the bounds of the Elizabeth City District, there are six churches, three on the Hatteras Circuit and three on the Kinnekeet Circuit. Up until the last year there was only one Woman's Society of Christian Service on this long strip of land out in the Atlantic Ocean. Then some women from the Hatteras society, the one organized church, organized a W.S.C.S. for the Buxton women.

Recently, it was the privilege of Mrs. D. L. Meekins, Dare County zone leader, and Mrs. George Jackson, district promotion secretary, to make a trip to the Outer Banks at which time societies were organized in two of the three churches on the Kinnakeet Circuit, Fair Haven and St. John. A zone meeting was attended at Hatteras. Present at this meeting were five women from the Frisco church who have since expressed their desire to have a Woman's Society in their church. Arrangements have been made by Mrs. Jackson with the Hatteras women, who organized Buxton last year, to organize the Frisco women within the near future. When this is done the Hatteras Circuit will be 100% organized; and save for one church, Clark's Bethel, on the Kinnakeet work, the entire Outer Banks will be organized. Mrs. Jackson hopes to get women from this church to either join the newly organized society at Fair Haven, which is nearby, or to organize a society of their own.

The women of these Outer Banks are rarely privileged to attend a meeting of any kind on the mainland because of time and expense involved. Mrs. Jackson hopes eventually to see the women of these six churches organized into a zone of their own, and then all "outside" help can be carried to them. They are enthusiastic women and the salt of the earth. This trip made by Mrs. Jackson down the sandy beach of the Atlantic Ocean was a highly inspirational one.

The Fair Haven officers are: Mrs. C. A. Midgett, president; Mrs. W. A. Meekins, vice-president; Mrs. Calvin Midgett, recording secretary; Mrs. Dewey Midgett, treasurer and secretary of supply work; Mrs. Nellie Farrow, promotion secretary; Mrs. Fred O'Neal, Sr., secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. N. H. Midgett, missionary education; Mrs. H. G. Midgett, Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. Asa Gray, Sr., children's work; Mrs. Lovie Midgett, youth and student work; Mrs. Anna G. Midgett, status of women; and Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, literature and publications.

The officers of the St. John Society are: Mrs. Velma Barnette, president; Mrs. Lucy Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Edna Williams, recording secretary, treasurer and secretary of supply work; Mrs. P. M. Porter, spiritual life; Mrs. Mabel Meekins, secretary of missionary education and status of women; Mrs. Chester Morgan, secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. Carson Hooper, literature and publications; Mrs. Esther Whitlock, youth and student work; Mrs. Venice Williams, secretary of children's work and promotion secretary.

A MEMBER FROM ANOTHER CHURCH?

Does your society have a member from another church? When a charge has two or more societies and yet the circuit has still another church in which there is no society, it is considered unorganized. But, if a woman from the unorganized church attends the society at another church, her church will get credit for her efforts. The charge will be considered organized when each church has one or more women attending a woman's society somewhere.

The district promotion secretaries are trying to get this information. If you have such a woman attending your society, write to your district promotion secretary and tell her about the work you are doing and what church is your home and what church has the W.S.C.S. This information is badly needed. Help use all women power in the church for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

COUPONS FOR THE ORPHANAGE

A letter from the Methodist Orphanage says that until July 31, 1949, they will receive one cent from all box tops of Duz and Ivory Flakes, and one-half cent from the wrappers of Camay Soap. There will be extra prizes to the orphan home sending in the largest number of these coupons. Let's get behind this and help the Orphanage.

PLEDGE RAISED 33 1/3 PERCENT

On faith the Conference raised its pledge 33 1/3 percent. On faith each district raised its pledge 33 1/3 percent. The only place from which this money can come is from the local society. Has your society raised its pledge 33 1/3 percent? Have you raised your own individual pledge 33 1/3 percent?

SAMPSON ZONE MEETING

At the Sampson zone meeting, Mrs. James Floyd was elected the new zone leader. There are 17 churches in the zone and all are organized but one. Members from this church attend another society, but hope to have one of their own soon.

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, district promotion secretary, presented Mrs. Ira Sutton a life membership pin, which was given by her society, Goshen.

WOMEN PLAN JUNALUSKA SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

A south-wide meeting will mark the 1949 School of Missions for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, at Lake Junaluska, July 12-20. The meeting will bring together officers and delegates of the ranking Methodist woman's organization in nine southern states and will represent a constituency of more than 200,000 women.

A week-end conference, July 15-17 will feature the denomination's Wesleyan Service Guild, which is the organization of employed women. Lambuth Hall will be the seat of the morning and afternoon sessions. Public inspirational meetings will be held at 8 p.m. daily in the Assembly auditorium.

Faculty members and platform speakers are Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor World Outlook; Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president Woman's Division of Christian Service; Dr. W. B. Selah, Jackson, Miss; Miss Eloise Bradshaw, misionary, China; Deaconess Edith Carter, Jacksonville, Florida; Miss Ethel R. Decker, home missionary, Memphis, Tenn., Miss Mary McMillan, missionary in Japan; Dr. Arva C. Floyd, Emory University; Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Durham, N. C.; Miss Ruby Van Hooser, New York; Miss Helen Johnson, Miss Katherine Johnson, Macon, Ga.; Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, New York; Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor Christian Century; Miss Marjory Poole, Wesleyan Service Guild,W.D.C.S.; Miss Ethelene Sampley, Durham, N. C.; Miss Harriet Seibert; Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Associate editor World Outlook; Miss Elizabeth Stinson, Missionary Education, WDCS; Miss Florence Teague, Nashville, Tenn.; and Miss Dorothy Weber, Christian Social Relations, W.D.C.S.

Children Work, Play; To Harvest 8,000 Bu. Grain; Baseball Team Tops League; Visit Reidsville

By O. V. Woosley

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WORK WHILE WE WORK

The hot summer days are here, the longest days of the year. Boys from about ten years up are learning to work in the fields on hot days, the younger boys working only a half a day and the older boys working until darkness drives them in. During the harvest season meals are sent to the field. The girls have seven-hour days as they work away in the industrial building and elsewhere. Some girls do not work by the clock but by the job, particularly those who have to do with the cooking challenges.

PLAY WHILE WE PLAY

All work and no play would bring a lot of drudgery, complaint and dissatisfaction. Play schedules are arranged for youngsters from six years of age up. The baby cottage children are playing about all the time they are not eating or sleeping. Two of our young graduates are here for the summer, a boy and a girl, to work under the direction of our two coaches as they outline the recreational programs and the swimming schedules. The swimming pool is the most attractive place on the grounds. Each youngster over six years of age gets an opportunity for at least a half hour's swimming or splashing each day. The baby cottage youngsters have a wading pool with a fountain that sprays them to their great satisfaction.

GATHERING THE GRAIN

The dry weather is hard on our growing crops but it is serving mighty well in the harvesting of our big grain crop. We have two combines going, one motor driven and the other of less modern type. These combines are working as soon as the dampness disappears in the morning until the dampness comes on at night. Mr. Angell, our farmer, states that he thinks we will harvest around 8,000 bushels of small grain.

SONS OF TOIL

This scribe has just been out to the grain field and has noticed how willingly the boys are working, particularly some of the boys who are not much given to hard work at less challenging tasks. These boys are bare-backed, bronzed with the sun and dirtied with dust from the combining machines. They are working hard, drinking a lot of water, eating a lot of food and thinking of the time when their strong bodies will be bucking the football line next fall.

INTAKE PRESSURE

While the sons of toil are busy at their tasks and the daughters of chirpiness are doing some good work at their various assignments, the rest of us are doing our bit with the desire to get as much done and as well done as the limited time at hand permits. Among other challenges we are assuming those that are connected with evaluating the applications of children whose friends desire their admission into The Children's Home. It is no small responsibility to evaluate these claims. So much is at stake. We are trying to determine as best we can who can best be served of those who have a right to claim entrance into our Home. We never make a decision until the issues have been clearly evaluated.

BLACKBERRY CROP

We have very few apples and less peaches in our orchard. In fact, as far as our observation goes, there is a scarcity of fruit pretty generally over the western half of our State. But there is a big blackberry crop. Our smaller youngsters who are not busy all day with their work assignments are going out blackberry picking. So far most of the blackberries go into their tummys rather than into the pails they take along. A little later they will be bringing in buckets full of blackberries. We will then be making a lot of jam and jelly, greatly needed next winter.

BARRY BEARS BLESSING

The picture this week is that of little Barry Frye, six years old the first day of June. Barry was one of the fifty youngsters we took to the barber shop this week. On noticing that this little fellow was not feeling well he was held in the barber chair until his hair could be cut and then hurried home. It was evident that he had a temperature. But the little fellow was not complaining. He is of that type. By now he is all right. Barry is sponsored by the Wesley Fellowship Class of First Church, Charlotte, Mrs. Grady G. Thomas being the correspondent.

TOTAL ASKINGS

We have got this far in our notes without having said anything about money, but now we must say something about it. We see so little of it coming in these days that it causes us to talk more about it than in other days. Before the first of August we will have asked the district superintendents to give us a list of the various pastors' salaries in each district. On this information we will figure the total Children's Home askings for this year. Bear in mind we say "askings" and not "assessments." Soon after the first of August we will forward a letter to each pastor listing the total amount of Children's Home money forwarded by his charge to that date. We will also list the total amount of unpaid askings, if any. This will be for information and not a dunning process.

VACATION VOICINGS

At our request, the children have not talked much about vacations so far. With the first day of July the bars will be let down and there will be a lot of voices asking about vacations. Already letters are being answered each day giving information about who and when certain vacations may be enjoyed. A few of our older boys and girls will leave on July 9 to return on July 30 to take over the place while the rank and file of our family will be away from July 30 to August 20. Both children and staff members will have their visiting enjoyments. From August 20 to August 29 we will be busy getting ready for the opening of school.

SUMMER BASEBALL

While the boys are mighty busy in the fields during the week, they take off on Saturday afternoon for the weekly baseball game, excepting those who must stay with the combining machines. Our baseball team is a member of the city league in which there are eight teams, each team playing the other twice, sixteen games in all. To date our team is on top of the league, not having lost a game.

REIDSVILLE REVELING

Some Sundays ago our singing class visited with our good friends at Main Street, Reidsville. We were with the Sunday school in the sanctuary at ten o'clock and after a happy time with our good Main Street friends, hurried on out to Salem for an eleven o'clock engagement, after which the children greatly enjoyed "dinner on the grounds." Rev. A. C. Waggoner at Main Street and Rev. J. C. Swaim on the Reidsville circuit made our visit most delightful. Our Reidsville friends at Main Street sponsor nine of our youngsters, this being the largest number sponsored by any congregation in the Conference.

EVELYN ACHES

Evelyn is 16 years old, a bit overgrown in size and a bit undersized in textbook learning ability. Failing to make her grade, she wanted to go live with an aunt who wanted her to come live with her. We agreed to it. Before she had been away many days she developed a very annoying pain in the side of her head which alarmed her relatives to such an extent that she was carried to a nearby town for x-ray diagnosis. Evelyn's emotional upset did not help her physical pain any. At length it was discovered that an embryonic wisdom tooth was cutting capers down in the gum and was playing havoc with her nervous system. It seemed a pity that the sixteen-year-old girl's wisdom tooth dated its first annoyance just after leaving the medical facilities to which our children have access. We will go along with Evelyn and her relatives as they deal with an aggravating wisdom tooth.

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Sunday School Lesson for JULY 3

The Song Book of the Bible

Psalms 1; 33:12-15; 100

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Editor's Note—During the present quarter the International Sunday School lessons will be taken from the Book of Psalms. We believe our readers will find great help for this series from a volume by the author of our Sunday School lessons—Dr. Rollin H. Walker, eminent professor emeritus of English Bible at Ohio Wesleyan University. The book is entitled "The Modern Message of the Psalms," and is published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. Concerning this timely book, Dr. James Moffatt wrote: "Dr. Rollin H. Walker's Modern Message of the Psalms explains a selection of psalms with learning and vigor, as when, for example, he calls the 46th Psalm specially suitable 'for the modern age, which is facing an economic earthquake and a volcano of revolution whose lava and ashes threaten to submerge us all.' It brings out for the intelligent reader the Christian significance of those Hebrew hymns with remarkable skill." The book has been translated into the Argentine and Japanese languages.

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In a world living in a nightmare of superstition the Psalmist led Israel in a great rejoicing that God had revealed himself to them as merciful and gracious, and everlastingly faithful, and he had given to them in his law the secret of permanent well-being. The gods of the heathen round about were supposed at times even to demand that men should sacrifice their sons (2 Kings 3:27). They were fierce and vindictive, whereas, Israel's God was merciful and gracious, and his wrath burned only when men defiled themselves with adultery and licentiousness, or oppressed the poor.

To us in our favored land the thought that God is merciful and requires only that which is reasonable and just, seems like a commonplace. And we can scarcely imagine Israel's joyful sense of being possessed by a wonderful new secret when they looked out upon a world haunted by the fear of gods that were liable to fits of passion because some detail of the ritual had been neglected, and remembered that their God demanded only that they should do justly, love kindness, and walk humbly before Him (Micah 6:6-8). With great rejoicing the Hebrews exclaimed, We have found the secret of happiness!

One source of the joy of Israel in their law was that it was a law of liberty. It was not until later times that the rabbis converted it into a slavery to ritual and minute forms. Says the Psalmist, I shall walk at liberty, for I have sought thy precepts (119:43). God's law unshackled a man, and helped him to find what was natural and normal to him.

Then, too, the revelation of God that they had received was so richly varied and many-sided that they never reached the end of their voyage of discovery. I have seen an end of all perfection, said one of the Psalmists; but thy commandment is exceeding broad (119:96). And although in later years Judaism degenerated into a rigid quarantine against contact with other peoples, and begat a contempt for them, the great Psalms breathe



DR. WALKER

a cosmopolitan spirit. Their patriotism impelled them to strive not merely for the glorification of Israel but for the good of the world. God be merciful unto us and bless us, says the Psalmist, that thy way may be known upon the earth, thy saving health among all peoples. He would have Israel glorified in order that through the blessing God conferred upon them, all nations might be encouraged to seek Him and enter into the same blessedness.

One notices also the spirit of hilarity in these Psalms. Give thanks unto Jehovah with the harp, sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings; sing unto him a new song, play skillfully with a loud noise. Away back there the Psalmist had caught the spirit of the apostle when he said, Be not drunken with wine, but be filled with the Spirit; in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord. If we wish to attract our young people let those of us who are older excel them in joyfulness and in a kind of celestial hilarity as we praise God for his mercy and his everlasting faithfulness to the sons of men. James Denney, the great Scottish biblical scholar, said that creeds were not made to be said, but to be sung. The Psalmists also thought that their religious beliefs ought to be turned into music, and how marvelously they succeeded!

The practical lesson the Psalmist has for this crowded, hustling day of ours is that he had taken the trouble to commit the revelation which God had given his people to memory, and habitually called it up at intervals in the day, and made it his song in the night. When depressed he resorted not to a cigarette but to a heartening word of God.

Lesson for July 10
PILGRIM MARCHING SONG
Psalms 120-134

A group of Psalms (120-134) all bear the title, A Song of Ascents, meaning that they were Psalms used by the pilgrims as they marched up to the great religious festivals at Jerusalem. They are called Psalms of Ascents because from whatever direction the pilgrims came the journey was up hill. But these Psalms were songs of Ascents in another and higher sense, for the pilgrims were all going up from the dullness of their everyday life to renew the exalted memories of their history as children of Israel. And what great memories the patriarchs and Moses and Joshua and Samuel and David, and the prophets had left to them!

If there ever was a manifestation of inspired statemanship it was in the statute which the founders of Israel's national constitution enacted when they required the people frequently to go up to Jerusalem to spend a week in worship, in rehearsal of their great historical heritage, and in hearing fresh revelations from their prophets. And what joy the outing gave them! It was a release from the deadly monotony of village life, and a mental and spiritual renewal. For people like the Israelites, who practically had no books and of course had no newspapers or radios, going up to Jerusalem was a wonderful refresher. The Jews took a kind of sacrament from Jerusalem because it was associated with David, their king, and was a symbol of their great hopes for the future. We also should take from every place associated with any great man or any great event in our national life all possible inspiration.

A habit of hanging in our homes the pictures of our ancestors who fought the good fight and conquered in the battle with selfishness, discouragement and hardship, is certainly good for our souls. We should also visit the old schoolhouse where some patient and sympathetic soul bore with our youthful shortcomings, and gain from it a spirit of gratitude and determination likewise to be tender and tactful with youthful infirmities.

As brave men and women have made places rich in inspiring associations to us, it behooves us all to pray and strive for that closeness to God and that sacrificial love for our fellow men that will make our own haunts rich in associations for those who come after us. We do not need to be famous in order to do this. There is a basement room in a college town where a gray haired woman cooked for a club of students, and prepared them good food at a surprisingly low price, and also shed about the whole place an atmosphere of kindliness and good cheer. Whenever the writer who boarded there in his student days, passes that place, his heart is warmed and he gets an uplift. Mother Beaver has made that basement a sanctuary for him.

How wise it was for the Israelites to sing as they marched to Zion! It relieved the tedium of the journey, it lifted their hearts to God and prepared them to enjoy the festival after they arrived, and it was a means of grace to all whom they passed on the way. Hymns are not made to be sung merely in church; they should be sung as we march along life's highway. Chinese coolies as they unload ships chant delightfully in unison; and the writer will never forget hearing a crowd of Japanese girls sing as they were coaling a ship in the harbor of Honolulu. It was rough work for the girls, but their music dignified their task. Some day in our American cities ws shall overcome our abnormal religious repression, and it will be deemed good form to start a hymn in a crowded bus, and all will join in merrily. When that time comes it will be a sign that the kingdom of God draweth nigh.

God is everywhere, but He is more easily found at church.

Celia's Ring

By Lucy Chandler Fuller

The train jerked so that the words on the page that Celia was trying to read danced up and down as if they had severed all connections with one another. Celia closed her book and gazed out of the window at the flat prairie through which she had traveled sixteen times in the past four years on her journey to and from school. Her eyes wandered back into the Pullman car and finally came to rest on the blue ring that encircled the little finger on her left hand. Non ministrari sed ministrare, she read again the motto written in gold letters around the edge of the blue disc. "Not to be ministered unto but to minister" —the seal of her alma mater. Was she going to be able to live up to it now in this little town to which she was going back? If she had only been able to stay and do settlement work in Boston, as she had hoped and planned all these years, how easy it would have been to have followed the inspiration of that little blue ring! How she had enjoyed those afternoons with her settlement children! How she had worked to learn bits of their language in time saved up from her regular work! And now she was leaving her dreams of service behind.

But what else could she do when that telegram came. "Father very ill. We need you." And so she had left.

Celia slowly slipped the blue disc from her finger. Dropping it into her hand bag she said to herself, "When I have earned you back I will wear you again. I have no right to you yet. In Boston I might have woven your motto into my life, but here in Ben Creek I don't know where there will be a place for you."

Celia was awakened from her reverie by the porter's picking up her suit case and saying, "We're almost in, Miss."

In the anxious days that followed Celia for a time forgot about her disappointed dreams. The little settlement children in Boston seemed very far away all that time that her father's life hung in the balance. But during the long afternoons after the crisis had passed, and Celia sat by her father's bed reading and talking to him the old dreams would come back. Through the back of her brain would float visions of the settlement class she was to have had or of a line of weary-eyed mothers or of a group of black-eyed girls jabbering a language she was just beginning to understand.

One afternoon as her mind was thus wandering from what she was reading aloud to her father, Celia put down her book to smooth her father's pillow.

"You don't wear rings any more, do you Ceely?" remarked her father smiling.

"I don't care for jewelry the way I used to," replied Celia, knowing that her father was thinking of her childish love for ornaments. Celia hesitated and then added rather wistfully, "but there is a ring that maybe some day I'll wear again."

"I'd like to see it, Ceely," remarked Mr. Mead.

Celia went to her jewel box and coming back dropped the little blue seal into her father's hand.

The sick man strained his eyes to make out the inscription around the edge. "My Latin's a bit rusty. Ceely. What does it mean?"

"non ministrari sed ministrare," read Celia. "Not to be ministered unto but to minister."

"Yes, yes," commented Mr. Mead, "but why don't you wear it now?"

"Because I'm not living up to it, father," replied Celia. "What am I doing to serve anyone here?"

Celia's father laughed. "And so you don't think you're serving anyone when you sit here by the hour reading or talking to me? You don't think you are serving when you relieve your mother of household cares? You don't think you are living up to the spirit of your ring when you take care of the Milton baby the way you did the other morning? You don't think you are ministering to others when you see that old Mrs. Wilson gets our magazine each month? My Celia! And so you thought you had to go to Boston among a lot of little foreigners in order to live a life of service?"

"But those things one does without thinking," replied Celia.

"Does that take the element of service out of them?" asked Mr. Mead, slipping the blue disc onto his daughter's finger.

"But to make you feel perfectly right about this, you're going to have a chance to serve in a wider field, too, here in Ben Creek," continued Celia's father. I'll soon be up and around again, and then we'll complete our plans for the Civic Center. The factories, you know, have brought in a colony of Mexicans. They must be Americanized. Then, too, Ben Creek is way behind on play grounds and social service in general. We haven't even a visiting nurse as yet."

Celia's eyes sparkled. "I guess you're right, father, about the everyday service," said Celia kissing her father's forehead, "but it will be fine to be able to minister to those others, too." Intermediate Weekly.

JUST FOR FUN

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Teacher: Spell chrysanthemums.

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In Memoriam

Frederick Watson Hayes

Monroe.—We mourn the loss of our brother and fellow steward of Bethel Church at the age of sixty-seven years May 6.

We bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well. Surviving are his wife and nine children.

Mrs. Emma Thompson,
President, W. S. C. S.

John Peter Sinclair

Carthage.—John Peter Sinclair passed to his eternal reward on May 25, at the age of 80. Surviving is his widow, who was Eliza Shields; one daughter, Mildred Sinclair; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett; one brother, Charles T. Sinclair; and one nephew, Charles T. Sinclair, Jr. He had been a faithful member of Carthage Methodist Church more than 60 years.—John Cline.

Mrs. B. M. Ferree

Avondale.—We, the members of Avondale Methodist Woman's Society mourn the passing of one of our faithful members. Mrs. B. M. Ferree. God called her home May 24th, 1949. The influence of her Christian life and friendly spirit will remain with us. She will be greatly missed in her Church and home and community.

Mrs. Mary Lewis Elmore,
Mrs. H. M. Owens,
Mrs. Scott Goode.

Mrs. Etta Branton Wilson

Corapeake. — We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Parkers Church, wish to express our sorrow in the passing of Mrs. Etta Branton Wilson. She was a faithful companion, a loving mother, and a good neighbor. Though her suffering was great, she never faltered in the graces of her truly Christian spirit. Beautiful memories of her life will be cherished by her many friends and loved ones. She will be greatly missed in the church, in the home, and in the community. — Mrs. Earl Barnes, Mrs. H. L. Barnes, Mrs. Lee Riddick.

Mrs. Ollie Jarrett Blanton

Shelby.—Our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, removed from our association the gentle spirit of one of our loyal members, Mrs. Ollie Jarrett Blanton. In her going our society has lost a faithful and consecrated member. Therefore be it resolved:

First: That we deeply mourn the departure of our beloved member of the Woman's Society.

Second: That we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to her family, and that they be furnished a copy of these resolutions, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and be recorded in the minutes.

Mrs. J. M. Barber,
Mrs. Bate Spake,
Mrs. C. P. Morehead,
Mrs. G. O. Hawkins.

Mrs. Pearl T. Olund

Harlowe.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Harlowe Methodist Church wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved member, Mrs. Pearl Taylor Olund, who passed away May 27, 1949. In her going our Society has lost a faithful and loyal member. Her devotion to her church, friends and family will ever stand as a living memorial to her beautiful Christian life.

In appreciation of her consecrated life and Christian service we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and extend sympathy and love to her son, three sisters and eight brothers.

Resolved: That this tribute be entered in the records of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a copy sent to the family and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Joel Davis.
Miss Eleanor Taylor,
Mrs. W. C. Williams.

Dewey E. Futch

Rocky Point.—In the sudden and untimely death of Dewey E. Futch, this community lost an earnest and consecrated Christian worker. A member of the Rocky Point Methodist Church from childhood, he became a prominent leader in all of its activities. He served as steward, teacher of men's Bible class, and charge lay leader. At all times he was devoted to his church and its welfare. As a gifted singer, he was in great demand, and his voice will be missed.

He was prominent and influential in every movement which had to do with a closer fellowship between denominations. He gave his time and his work impartially to those causes having as their purpose the improvement and upbuilding of his community and county.

He exemplified an understanding of the deeper things of life. His going will be a great loss to all who hope and pray for a Christian fellowship.

T. J. Armstrong.

John Lee Powell

John Lee Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. M. Powell of Mill Spring, N. C., was born October 13, 1928, and at an early age united with the Methodist Church. He received his education from Mill Spring High School and Spartanburg Junior College, and then enlisted in the U. S. Navy, in which he had served about 2½ years. His discharge would have been granted on his birthday, October 13, 1949. He died in the service of his country April 19 in a plane crash while aboard ship.

John Lee had many friends, all of whom spoke well of him; and he centered his heart upon the nobler things of life such as his home, his church and his country, for which he gave his life.

Surviving are his parents, one sister, Iris, and two brothers, Melville and William. Funeral services were conducted at Bethlehem Methodist Church in Mill Spring, of which he was a member, with the pastor, Rev. J. A. Fitzgerald, officiating. Burial with military rites was in the church cemetery.—J. A. Fitzgerald.

Mrs. A. C. Bashford

Raleigh.—Mrs. A. C. Bashford was born January 5, 1876, in Forsyth County, the daughter of devout Moravians. John C. and Katherine Woosley Crouch. Christened Ada Lusetta, on May 3, 1899, she married Alonzo Charles Bashford of Raleigh. To this union were born Ryan A., John C., and K. Lizette, the wife of Rev. M. A. Lewis of Crouse. Mrs. Bashford left the Moravian Church to join with her husband as charter members of Jenkins Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, where she remained a loyal and staunch members. Widely known for her radiant, joyous spirit, she was a source of comfort to her family and to her many friends. A woman of rare gifts and strong character, she was a leader in the church and in community affairs.

Following a month's illness which she bore with characteristic patience and cheerfulness, she passed away peacefully, May 17, 1949. Funeral services were held from Jenkins Memorial Church the following day, conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. H. Sales, and Rev. N. J. Robison of Hillyer Memorial Christian Church, Raleigh. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery. Her three children, all of whom are active church workers, survive. Mr. Bashford passed away in 1936.

C. W. Robbins.

Robert D. Kramer

On Wednesday morning, April 6, 1949, God, in his wisdom and mercy so mysteriously took from our midst one of our most beloved friends and loyal church workers, Robert D. Kramer.

Robert was in every respect a Christian gentleman, ever putting his church first and uprightly living his religion from day to day. He served on the Board of Stewards for more than 20 years, and for several years acted as chairman. On every committee which he headed or of which he became a member, he conscientiously fulfilled his duties in every way.

For five years and until his passing, Robert was superintendent of Sunday school and had enjoyed a marked increase in membership each year under his faithful guidance and leadership. This increase placed our Sunday school in position of third largest in the North Carolina Conference.

By his devoted services to his church since boyhood, Robert had unknowingly built for himself a living memorial. In his going the church has lost one of its strongest members, his family, a devoted husband, father, son, brother, and the community, one of its noblest citizens. He left to his family, his friends and his church a clean and unblemished name and a record of service that no doubt won for him the call of his Master, "Well done, thou good and faihful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." We should be better Christians for having known such a person.

Therefore, be it resolved,

That we, the members of the Board of Stewards of First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, in regular session on this 6th day of June, 1949, pay this tribute of respect and admiration to our departed brother;

That we commend to everyone his example as a Christian citizen;

That we enter a record of our appreciation of being privileged to serve as colaborers with such an ardent churchman;

That we send a copy of these resolutions to his wife and children and his mother, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Estes Butler, A. M. Hooper, Clarence Sanders, Resolutions Committee.

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by W. W. Reid

July 4th and 5th

If I were interested in knowing something about the real patriotism of an individual or of a community, I would not be too concerned with what they did or said on July 4. Rather I would want to see them in action on July 5 and 6.

For patriotism is not from the lips but from the heart, not of grandiose words but of quiet deeds, not the waving of flags and the marching to bands but the lifting of eyes and hands to high ideals and the steady trudge forward in unheralded human service. The hand at salute and the head uncovered to the flag on July 4 may or may not be making a better America on July 5.

We thrill with Independence Day ceremonies in thousands of American communities. The parade is headed by a police escort; then the grand marshal — a leading citizen who owns a riding horse (not too easily found these days); then the car with the mayor and the congressman; then the veterans of three wars, the sisters and wives and daughters of veterans, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the fraternal organizations—male and female, perhaps the children from school and Sunday school. The band plays, men bare their heads to the flag, banners and bunting and flags stream from poles and windows along the line of march; and the parade comes to a halt in Civic Center where a platform has been erected facing statues of George Washington and Robert E. Lee.

It is a high (though sometimes vocally difficult) moment when our town's best soprano leads us in singing "O, say can you see by the dawn's early light." The mayor pleases the crowd with his speech: he praises the veterans for their sacrifices for their country, he praises them for present civic pride and enterprise, he calls upon them to be ready to serve their country "in war and in peace as did our beloved Washington and Lee, putting aside personal desires for the benefit of their fellow Americans." The congressman goes the mayor one better: he includes a not-too-veiled threat against any man or nation who would tear down the American way of life. Fortunately or unfortunately, those he threatens he does not find within earshot; anyhow he won't personally have to make good in punishing them.

So the patriotic outburst ends. Men and women and children return to their homes. Flags and marching shoes and parade guns are put away until another year. We have shown our patriotism, our love for America, our belief in freedom and democracy and justice. The "old life" will be resumed tomorrow.

But when I move down toward the Civic Center on July 5, I will be asking myself: Do the people of this community today show the tolerance toward minorities and refugees that Washington and Lee exhibited? Are they going to vote that tax to clear that slum on the south side? Will the dismounted marshal do something to improve working conditions in the mill he operates? to repair the houses he rents the workers? Will the mayor and the chamber of commerce approve that bill to give Negro children adequate school facilities?—they are the children of men who served under the flag in the last war. Will the congressman help admit more DP's to America; aid or curb the laboring men (veterans also) who seek safe conditions in the mines; and work for international peace without force?

In a word, do we all give lip-service to our country, to freedom, to justice; or do we work together to make conditions that produce freedom, justice, peace? Herein is the test of patriotism.

SCHWEITZER SPEAKS AT GOETHE EVENT

New York,—Dr. Albert Schweitzer, 74 year old missionary, musician, philosopher, and doctor arrived in the United States for the first time on June 28, aboard the New Amsterdam, accompanied by Mme. Schweitzer.

His only public appearance will be at Aspen, Colorado, where he has been selected to deliver the principal address at the Goethe Bicentennial Convocation and Music Festival, June 27 to July 17. The gathering is being held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the German poet and playwright, and is expected to attract over 4,000 persons.

Dr. Schweitzer will speak twice. His lecture will first be given in French on July 6. He will repeat the same lecture in German on July 8, the opening day of the second Convocation session. His lecture will be titled: "Goethe: His Personality and His Work," and will be translated into English, sentence by sentence.

Dr. Schweitzer is considered to be the world's foremost authority on Goethe, as well as the greatest living missionary. He has spent the last 36 years in Africa.

JUNALUSKA PLANS INSTITUTE OF CHURCH MUSIC

Lake Junaluska,—An outstanding feature of the Lake Junaluska Assembly Program is the Institute of Church Music, July 5-10.

Dr. Clarence Dickinson, Dean of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary, New York, assisted by Mrs. Dickinson and Cyrus Daniel, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, who will direct Assembly Music during 1949, will be in charge.

Daily weekday courses include: Organists forum, conducted by Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Daniel for discussion of organ repertory, improvisition, and use of the Hammond organ in church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson will conduct a course on Music of the Great Religious Movements, daily from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The daily afternoon course will be a Choir Directors' Forum. Vocal and Rehearsal techniques and choral repertory by Dr. Dickinson and Dr. Daniel.

Evening public programs in the auditorium will feature the following events: Tuesday, July 5, Vocal Recital; Wednesday, July 6, Wesley Program; Thursday, July 7, Anthem Services; Friday, July 8, Oratorio Service; Sunday, July 10, Hymn Festival.

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Our Readers Write; Dr. Ormond Discusses Winning Members by Proselyting; Announcements

SUMMER CONFERENCE

Dear Editor:

As pastor of the largest rural membership in the North Carolina Conference, and on the basis of my experience with a summer conference elsewhere, I heartily favor the idea of having the conference meet in the summer, preferably the early part of June.

In case of a move this will give the pastor time to get acquainted in his new situation before the summer revivals in the rural churches, or to get established before the summer vacation slump of the city pastorates.

Ministers should plant their garden whether or not they expect to move, as has been the custom of the writer. If all pastors would do this all parsonages with a garden would have fresh vegetables.

The children of the parsonage would have opportunity to get acquainted and adjusted before the opening of school in September.

A summer conference would simplify the fuel problem, which often with a new pastor in a new situation is inconvenient and sometimes embarrassing.

Churches which have postponed the collection of the conference budget until the last of October could still collect the major part of the budget in the fall. Then the financial emphasis would be placed in the middle of the conference year rather than at the close.

Diversified farming has largely eliminated the "one-money" crop idea in the late fall. My charge is strictly rural, yet, practically all the conference budget items are collected in the early part of the year.

Graduating ministerial students could immediately enter the conference and be placed without any loss of time.

R. Z. NEWTON,
R.F.D. 6, Burlington.

RECOMMENDS BOOK

Brethren,

Pardon a suggestion from one of your humble servants and brother—

If you have not read "The Case for Christianity" by C. S. Lewis, do it at your first convenience. I'm sorry I hadn't found it earlier. Duke library I feel sure has it. If not our publishing house is always open.

J. O. ERVIN
Paw Creek, N. C.

HERE'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dear Editor,

If you will permit me a little space for my soap box, I would like to speak my mind on a matter which many may consider trivial, but which can have far-reaching consequences. It concerns our persistent uncritical use of the word "catholic." Recently the Roman Catholic Church has been much in the news, and the secular press has made frequent mention of "Catholic prelate," "Catholic priests," "Catholic opposition" etc. in describing activities here and abroad which concern the Roman Catholic Church. This inaccuracy has too frequently been promoted in the language of Protestant speakers and writers.

Before we dismiss the matter as being of small moment, let us remember that the word "catholic" has rich historical and theological content. It appears in the Apostles' Creed—"I believe in the holy catholic Church." When laymen, realizing the popular connotation of "Catholic," ask why they should affirm belief in the holy Catholic Church, we tell them that catholic means universal, and that in the words of the creed they are expressing their belief in the Church Universal of which Christ is the Head. Then, in our sermons and in our conversation we revert to the popular, uncritical use of the term. The result is that we aid and abet the error, and increase the consternation in the minds of confused laymen.

Our Roman Catholic friends are not disturbed over this confusion. To them "the holy catholic Church" is the Roman Catholic Church. But to us it is not! If it is at all important that we say what we mean, then either we must reassert the traditional interpretation of the word "catholic" or else replace it in our Creed and in our conversation with the word Universal.

JAMES C. STOKES
Maiden, N. C.

JUNALUSKA SCHEDULE

July 12-20—School of Missions.

July 19-29—Young People's Leadership Conference.

July 20-22—Laymen's Conference.

July 26-August 1 — Missionary Conference.

July 29-31—Church School Superintendents.

August 1-4—District and Subdistrict Directors.

August 1-7—Pastors' Convocation.

August 2-5—District Superintendents.

August 3 - 4 — Conference Secretaries, Treasurers, Statisticians.

August 4-16—Leadership School.

August 8-14—Bible Conference.

August 14-16—SE Historical Society.

August 15-21—Week of Evangelism.

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The Minister Should Know

That as a means of maintenance and growth of his church evangelism is superior to proselytism. Every minister who seeks out the unsaved persons within the area of his parish and leads them through a conversion to the Christian faith and into membership of his church deserves high praise and honor. When his church increases in size and influence by this method he has evidence that he has justified his call from God.

Some ministers who are ambitious to have their churches grow use a less worthy method than evangelism. They develop the angler's skill in the use of a lure supplied by a nucleus of members who rank high in the social register. By the artful use of this lure the minister is able to catch certain socially ambitious people of other churches, and to get new-comers of prominence and wealth whose memberships are of the same religious faith elsewhere.

Ministers who deliberately seek to enlarge their membership by such cheap proselytism deserve nothing but censure and contempt. How can they justify their divine call by such neglect of the non-Christians and by placing the emphasis upon social prestige rather than upon a redeemed society in the Church of God?

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Editorial Comment . . .

When Christians Grow Weary of Doing Good

In all of his writings St. Paul never dealt with abstract theories or hypothetical questions, but with concrete problems and specific needs. Each of his epistles was written to illumine a particular segment of Christian truth or to give counsel on some burning issue faced by a local congregation. Thus when he wrote in his letter to the Galatians, "And let us not be weary in well doing," he was dealing with an actual situation. He was addressing Christians who were showing signs of weariness, whose enthusiasm seemed to be flagging, who were obviously growing tired. Paul was seeking to build up the morale of his fellow-Christians.

We are not familiar enough with the Galatian Christians to know at what points they were growing weary. There was likely a weakening at all points. We know, however, that their affliction has a very modern note. Some of us are in danger of becoming tired, jaded, weary Christians. We are in danger of becoming tired of being good, tired of doing good, tired of taking a stand on moral issues, tired of pioneering for social justice, tired of working for a Christian world. We live in a world in which the needs of our fellow-man have reached staggering and overwhelming proportions. In the face of a veritable mountain of human need crying out to us from all directions we become discouraged, feel that our efforts, however vigorous and sacrificial, are futile and inconsequential. Then the forces of evil seem so strong. Evil seems bolder, more brazen, more aggressive. On many fronts the initiative appears to be passing out of the hands of the church into the hands of the enemies of the church. In many quarters Christians seem to be retreating, compromising, giving ground. In some circles there are increasing signs of weariness, of battle fatigue, of lethargy and despair.

If ever a follower of Jesus had reason to grow weary in well doing, that person was the Apostle Paul. Hear him as he relates some of his harrassing and soul-shaking experiences to the Corinthian Christians: "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep, in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of mine own countrymen, in perils of the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me, the care of all the churches."

WHAT I NEED

I need a strength to keep me true
And straight in everything I do;
I need a power to keep me strong
When I am tempted to do wrong;
I need a grace to keep me pure
When passion tries its deadly lure;
I need a love to keep me sweet
When hardness and distrust I meet;
I need an arm to be my stay
When dark with troubles grows my day:
And naught on earth can these afford,
But all is found in Christ my Lord.
—Theodora Horton.

Yet with all of these burdens, Paul never grew tired. He continued to proclaim with vigor and power the unsearchable riches of Christ. Through the darkest moments he could rejoice and sing. Listen to him exult: "We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

What optimism! What boundless enthusiasm! What victorious faith! The burdens were never too heavy to tire him; the disappointments, never too bitter to crush his spirit.

What was the secret of this radiant, shining, triumphant enthusiasm? How, in the face of a hard, doubting, pagan world that often scorned his Christ and weak, vacillating, bickering fellow-Christians whose enthusiasm often ran cold, could he keep from growing weary? We must let Paul himself tell the story. Standing before King Agrippa one day, on trial for his life, the dauntless evangelist recounted an experience that marked a turning point in his life. He told how as a Jewish leader he had been chosen to persecute the Christians. "Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, at midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.' And I said, 'Who art thou, Lord?' And he said, 'I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

Christians today can find their staying power, their unstoppable, radiant, conquering zeal and joy where Paul found his—in a transforming experience and a continuing fellowship with Jesus Christ. Of course, we are not compelled to have the identical experience that came to the great apostle on the Damascus road. But it is absolutely necessary that we know Christ first hand. It is equally necessary that we stay in constant contact with Christ.

Christians lose their enthusiasm only when they lose Christ. They become discouraged, weary, tired, only when they depend upon their own resources. They grow weary in well doing only as their love for Christ wanes.

The only cure for our weariness is a fresh, invigorating, transforming experience with Jesus Christ. That experience must be renewed and deepened daily.

A church transformed and redeemed by Jesus Christ and living in intimate fellowship with him can regain the initiative, put to riot the forces of evil, and bring mankind to his way.

What Kind of a Harvest Will They Reap?

In the 1930's, John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" made a nation indignantly aware of the poverty and travail of its migrant agricultural workers.

In the decade and more between, public opinion and economic changes during the war brought some progress in developing a program to meet the needs of these workers.

Today, however, the federal government program has been withdrawn. Rising unemployment across the nation is expected to send additional thousands into the harvest work, swelling the ranks of migrant farm workers to a post-war high. And although the farm labor market is near a glut, plans are being made to import workers from Mexico and Puerto Rico for the summer harvests.

This summer the men, women and children who follow the crops may too easily slide back into the misery of the 1930's. They need our Christian help.

Steinbeck wrote of the people who fled the dust bowl in the West. But every year there is a tide of migrants and their families moving north: from Florida and Georgia up the eastern seaboard to New Jersey, New York and the New England states; from Texas as far up as the orchards of Michigan and the beet fields of Minnesota; from southern California to the fruit harvests of Washington state.

They work in at least 40 out of 48 states, and their number is estimated at 2,500,000.

A federal agency has stated: "Child labor, substandard living and a padlock against education have destroyed the rights of children and drastically disturbed the integrity of family life among migrant workers. . . . Unorganized, unprotected by workmen's compensation laws in most states, ineligible for educational, health or welfare benefits while following the elusive dollar during seasonal employment shifts, migrants frequently find maintenance of even a minimum standard of living an impossibility."

Early in 1948, action by the 79th and 80th Congresses had eliminated the Federal Health Program for Migrants and liquidated the 50-odd camps established by the Farm Security Administration that had been at least a token of intelligent action, with reasonable rents, central laundries, recreational facilities, and clinics.

In the last decade some employers have improved housing for the migrant families, but too often even today they must live in shacks, box-cars, or tiny cubicles partitioned out of a warehouse or a stable. In the face of rising living costs, a family of 8 or 9 may make an average wage of $800 a year. The children, handicapped by the impossibility of regular schooling, receive even less education than their parents. Economic necessity, too, often forces children of seven or eight to work in the fields with the rest of the family. There is little provision for their health, social welfare or religious needs.

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Editor's Note: This story of migrants, prepared by Missions Public Relations Office, is the first of a series of features dealing with the home missionary enterprise.

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And racial tensions often compound the indifference or hostility of the communities to the "outsiders" they need as workers and reject as human beings—for whom the community's schools, clinics and even churches are often closed.

The migrant's seasonal labor is essential to the national economy. Yet they have pitifully little share in the "American Way of Life" they help make possible.

Creating a better Christian America for these disinherited human beings is a test and a challenge for all of us as citizens and Christians. Co-operative church action can do a great deal to meet the challenge.

What is being done for the spiritual welfare of the thousands of migrant agricultural workers who work in at least 40 of our 48 states? Here, at least, is the story of what 23 denominations are trying to do, and an indication of what you can do to help these disinherited people.

Churches of many denominations have in fact co-operated in work with migrants for over 25 years. Today 23 denominations, working through the Home Mission Council, carry out a program of recreation, education, child care, counseling and worship for the migrants in 23 states.

A permanent staff of 15 ministers and community workers is augmented each summer by a growing number of college and seminary students who work as ministers, teachers, child-care specialists and social workers. These students, many of whom expect eventually to become full-time missionaries, include Anglo, Negro and Spanish-speaking men and women. Last summer's seasonal staff of 150 included an exchange student from France and a graduate student from Liberia, in West Africa. This summer over 200 church workers will go out from the annual training institutes held in New Jersey, Michigan, California, Colorado and Oregon.

The Home Missions people work with individuals and groups in the community as well as directly with the migrants.

In another area, four large canners furnished buildings and made a generous financial contribution to the Home Missions Council to maintain child care centers in their migrant camps.

At these child care centers, babies and young children are given expert care, feeding, training and supervised play while their parents work in the fields. In New York state, the child-care program initiated by the Home Mission Council in 1930 has been taken over in its entirety by the state, leaving church resources free to be concentrated on teen-age and adult ministry.

Such ministry may include teen-age clubs, Sunday schools, health education and home-making classes, sports, movies, singing, folk games and worship. For Spanish-speaking migrants, such as the families of Mexican origin and the Puerto Rican men, homesick for their families and their native island, there is ministry in their own language, help in learning the rudiments of English and aid in practical matters in which language may be a handicap.

Six station wagons, called Harvesters, have greatly increased the effectiveness of the migrant ministry. Equipped with portable organ, folding altar, sports equipment, medicine kit, books and magazines, record-player and sound movie projector, the Harvester travels from camp to camp, a symbol to the migrant of a church that cares what happens to him and wants him in its fellowship.

Although the migrant ministry functions through the Home Missions Council, it is made possible by the devoted participation of local church people working through their councils of churches and church women. A share of the World Day of Prayer offerings and contributions from national mission boards of many denominations make possible the Harvesters and the permanent staff members. Seasonal staff memberes are supported by local budgets raised through state and area committees.

The individual church member can also play a part in this vital work. He can become familiar with the migrant situation in his area and with child labor, housing and health regulations in his state and the extent to which they are enforced. If there are migrants in his own neighborhood, he can work for better community understanding and sympathy for their problems.

In one town, young people's groups from several churches spend an evening

a week with the teen-agers in a nearby migrant camp. In another, church women provide hot lunches for the children whose parents are at work in the fields. In still others Scout troops share their skills with migrant children and librarians hold story hours in the camps.

In 17 of the states where migrants work, there is no Home Missions Council ministry as yet; across the country there are 2,000,000 migrants still unreached.

By increasing your local church contributions to the national missions board of your denomination; by supporting the World Day of Prayer each year on the first Friday in Lent; by becoming informed about migrants in your own communities; by working with councils of churches and church women; in all these ways you can help create a better Christian America for these disinherited people.

How the Lights Were Turned on---

(By an eye and ear witness,
E. HAROLD MOHN)

It happened in Lakeland. The night could not have been darker for the lights had all gone out, nor could it have been hotter, even in Florida, on a Sunday night in June.

In spite of the heat and the blackout, the auditorium, packed with people, was radiant in the light of a thousand happy faces and so charged with excitement that everyone forgot to be uncomfortable.

This is how it all happened.

Two missionaries to Cuba, Rev. and Mrs. John Stroud, were on the platform. Simply and briefly they had told their story about a Christian ministry to 4,000 children on the island of Cuba and explained that the lack of medical supplies and additional equipment constituted the difference between life and death for hundreds more. Mr. Stroud had challenged, "Methodism could change the character of the island of Cuba in five years if we but had the resources in men and money."

Then the lights went out.

Everyone knew they would come on again, but only a few realized how they would come on.

Chairman Dr. P. M. Boyd of Jacksonville, Florida, called out in the darkness, "Why not meet this challenge with Missionary Specials? My church will pledge $250 for one month's medical supplies."

Immediately from the audience another gift of $250 was pledged for the second month of the year and then Dr. John Branscomb suggested that the pledges start with January and since February also was provided, his church in Orlando would be responsible for March.

From the audience came voices out of the night—"My birthday is in June. We will take that month for my church." Someone had a birthday in May and challenged the holder to make room for his church in that month. So these eager voices sparkled in the darkness until one could feel, if not actually see, the faces of a thousand people illumined with the light of the gospel of the Son of Righteousness.

What a story! Before the electric lights could be turned on again 24 months of medical supplies had been provided for the work of the Strouds in Cuba. The total was $6,000 in extra Specials.

But that is not the end of the story. The Florida Conference had already reported an increase in World Service giving of thirty-three and one-third per cent with a surplus of $7,000 beyond that. It had reported one-fourth as much remitted in cash for Specials in the first year of the Advance, as it had given in the last quadrennium to the Crusade for Christ. It had given more than $16,000 to the Week of Dedication.

There is no end to such a story. There never is. All we need is to have a story to tell and then tell it. Life is a storybook in which the actors never grow up. Always we are children both in our eagerness to hear its stories and to have part in them. To share with others the good news of the Gospel in the midst of the world's evil does far more than logic, or even theology, to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.

It is time to tell the story. The story will bear its own message most effectively. Laymen want to hear it and they will heed.

The Advance for Christ and His Church will be hastened when more Strouds are given the chance to tell the story of Christ's love and of His redeeming power.

Tomorrow Will Be Fair

Today is dark, the rain pours down,
The clouds hang heavy overhead;
All minds are on the storm and gloom;
Life seems to drag, and work is dead.
But beams of light behind the clouds
Will drive the terror from the air;
They cannot be for long held back—
Tomorrow will be fair!

Today my heart is sore with grief,
My heavy burden gives me pain;
I cannot see dark problems through,
My earnest efforts seem but vain.
But I must work and hope and pray,
I will not give way to despair;
The God of light's above the clouds—
Tomorrow will be fair!

My pain is constant, sleep has fled,
Or comes but briefly, strange with dreams;
Will sickness go, and health be mine,
Can sunlight give me all its beams?
The God of life is on His throne,
And I am in His wondrous care;
All things will work for good to me—
Tomorrow will be fair!

The plans of life are broken up,
Most dreams we dreamed have not come true;
Loved ones have smiled and journeyed on,
Until their forms are lost to view.
Today seems empty, sad, and lone;
We dread the night that waits down there;
But the God of love will lead us through—
Tomorrow will be fair!

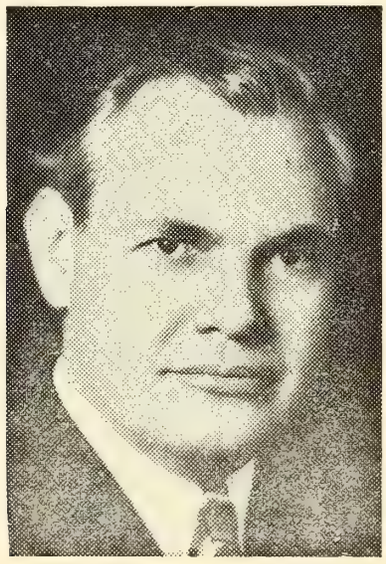
—JOHN CLINE

Laymen Gather at Junaluska July 20-22; Harrell Speaks at Opening of Chapel; Guild Holds Institute

MARTIN, MOHN AND HILLMAN TO ADDRESS LAYMEN AT JUNALUSKA

Hundreds of laymen from the Southeastern Jurisdiction will attend the annual Laymen's Conference at Lake Junaluska July 20-22, according to advance reports. During the three-day meeting, which includes inspiration, instruction, fellowship and recreation, outstanding speakers have been secured. Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, is scheduled to speak Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director of the Advance for Christ and His Church, will speak Thursday evening and Friday morning. Dr. James M. Hillman, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia and active layman, will speak Friday evening.

The program begins Wednesday afternoon with the registration of the delegates and closes Friday evening with a



BISHOP MARTIN

meeting of the Jurisdiction Board of Lay Activities.

Forum leaders include Dr. Clarence M. Dannelly of Montgomery, Ala.; Lee Davis of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Walter K. Greene of Spartanburg, S. C.; Dr. Zach Henderson of Collegeboro Ga.; and J. P. Stafford of Cary, Miss.; Dr. John C. Simpson of Danville, Va., and M. T. Lambeth of Statesville will lead the devotions on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Fred B. Noble, president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Board of Lay Activties, will preside. Lee Davis is secretary, Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham is in charge of the program, and Paul F. Evans, Western North Carolina Conference lay leader, is in charge of entertainment.

Charge, District, Associate District and Conference lay leaders are invited. In addition, members of boards of stewards, members of committees on Christian stewardship, members of finance committees and other interested laymen are invited.

Conference lay leaders will be host at a get-acquainted party Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock.

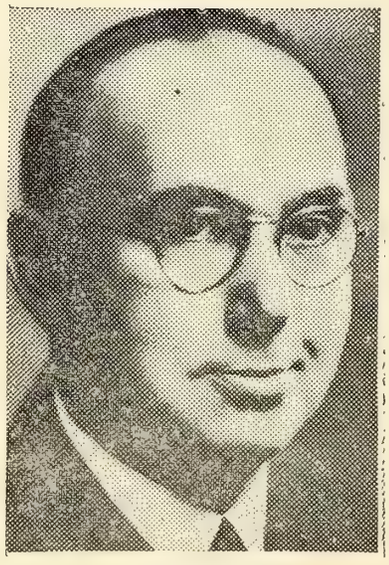
Many laymen from the two conferences in North Carolina are expected to attend.

CHAPEL AT LAKE JUNALUSKA OPENED

The formal opening of the Junaluska Temple of Peace, a memorial chapel preserving the names of 70,000 Methodist young people who served in World War II, was held Sunday, July 3, with an early morning communion service. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of the Charlotte Area; Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent of the Assembly; chief navy chaplain, Admiral W. N. Thomas, and Dr. Elmer T. Clark, editor of World Outlook and trustee of the Assembly, officiated at the service which was held at 8:30 o'clock.

The chapel seats 300, and an orderly arrangement made it possible for the persons who filled the pews and those waiting outside to be served. Throughout the day the building was open for inspection. It will be used exclusively as a place of worship and a place of retreat for meditation and prayer.

Bishop Harrell in the communion meditation stressed the fact that while the



DR. MOHN

building specifically honors the men and women who "defended our country's sacred liberties when they were imperiled," it is also a real memorial to all that has gone before in the establishment of this church center and a reminder that those living today are debtors to those who have gone before. It is dedicated to the hope that nations will learn to live together as members of the family of God.

"It is more than a memorial," he continued. "It is a place of worship where we shall see in spiritual reality those of the long past to whom we are indebted and through them find our way into the presence of Almighty God. There are many who have built it. It is not just another building. It is dedicated particularly to the deep and fine things of the soul. It is the spot at Lake Junaluska where people may experience heaven and earth brought together in close communion; and where one may experience the presence of God."

I never met a ragged boy on the street without feeling that I owe him a salute, for I know what possibilities may be buttoned up under that shabby coat.—James A. Garfield.

GUILD MEETING AT PFEIFFER ATTRACTS 81

By Sarah Helen Covington

The third annual Institute of Missions, sponsored jointly by the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference, met at Pfeiffer Junior College, June 17-19, 1949. Mrs. P. A. Masten, registrar, assisted by Mrs. Iola Davis, registered 82 enthusiastic Guilders. There were 39 from the North Carolina Conference with one Junior Guild member, and 42 from the Western North Carolina Conference and five visitors for the day Saturday.

During the dinner hour on Friday evening, Mrs. H. A. Davis, dean of the Institute, welcomed the members and introduced the conference secretaries, Miss Lottie Duncan of the Western N. C. Conference, and Miss Sarah Godfrey of the N. C. Conference. They in turn introduced their respective district secretaries. Mrs. Davis also presented Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, president of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the teachers for the institute, Dr. Margaret Applegarth, author, lecturer, teacher and a member of the World Council of Churches, and Miss Lucy Steele of the faculty of Peace College.

Mrs. J. C. Burwell opened the evening program in the chapel with an organ prelude and led the group in an inspiring meditation. Mrs. C. M. Waggoner brought greetings from the School of Missions and welcomed the group to the campus. Dr. Waggoner, president of the college, also extended greetings and gave a brief review of the founding and growth of the College. Following this, Dr. Applegarth gave a most inspiring message which carried the theme that somehow in a very simple way, or in a most difficult way, we may find out what it is that the Kingdom of God has for us.

Much practical information and an abundance of spiritual uplift were gathered from the two courses of study, "Women of Scripture," taught by Miss Steele, and "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church," taught by Dr. Applegarth.

At noon on Saturday each member was furnished a leaflet compiled by Mrs. Burwell, which was used for quiet, private meditation on the lawn.

On Saturday evening clinics were held in missionary education, led by Mrs. C. A. York; spiritual life, led by Mrs. Burwell; supply work and Christian social relations and local church activities, led by Mrs. I. C. Shelley; promotion work, led by Miss Pete Hill. After the clinics, the group assembled in the auditorium. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin led the meditation, and Miss Elsie Parker, Mrs. C. A. York, Mrs. Leo Palmer and Mrs. Sheila Howard presented the four Guild goals.

The Sunday morning service in the chapel was led by Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., vice-president of Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western N. C. Conference. Miss Lucy Steele brought the inspirational message based on the 14th chapter of Luke. During the service an offering was taken for Seward Hospital in Alaska which totaled $50. Mrs. Burwell climaxed the institute by leading the group in a period of re-dedication.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S. A., through its Board of Christian Education, is producing a new motion picture which is intended to stimulate Bible study both in the home and in the church school. Costing $50,000, the film is interdenominational in character and will be available to churches of all denominations.

NEWS IN BRIEF -- PERSONALITIES

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Thomasville, expects to let the contract for the new building by July 25, with construction to start soon thereafter.

MISS MARIAN SOCKWELL has resigned as director of religious education at Centenary Church, Smithfield, to take a similar position at Fairmont Church, Raleigh.

PHILLIP BLACKWOOD has resigned as minister of music of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro. Mrs. W. L. Warren, soloist at St. Paul, is in charge of the music at the present.

OVER 500 PEOPLE heard Hon. Clyde R. Hoey give an address on "American Policies for Peace" at First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, Sunday night, July 3.

COKESBURY church on the Kipling charge is celebrating its first homecoming day on July 17. All former pastors and members are cordially invited to attend. Dinner will be served in the new activities building.

REV. AND MRS. R. L. CROSSNO of Warsaw announce the birth of a son, Robert Seth, on June 26, at the Henderson-Crumpler Clinic, Mt. Olive, N. C. Mrs. Crossno was the former Miss Katherine Poyner of Moyock, N. C.

DR. EMBREE H. BLACKARD, pastor of Main Street Church, Gastonia, is attending the Yale University Summer School on Alcoholic Studies. During his absence the pulpit of Main Street church will be filled on July 17 by Dr. W. A. Stanbury, superintendent of the Gastonia district, and on July 24 by Rev. Cecil W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

CROP, an interfaith agency for the collection of foods for needy areas overseas, last year gathered over 2,000 carloads of wheat, corn, milk, peanuts, cotton and other supplies to be sent to more than two score countries in Europe and Asia. In North Carolina 70 counties participated in gathering 55 carloads of foods for CROP in 1948. The 1949 campaign seeks the participation of all the rural people in an even larger contribution.

RECENTLY the men of St. Paul's Methodist church, Maxton, assembled on the grounds of the church for a fish fry and an hour of fellowship at which time the Methodist Men were organized with the following officers elected: Henry Carter, president; Tracy Watson, vice-president; C. H. Whitlock, secretary and treasurer. In a meeting of great enthusiasm the men dedicated themselves to the creative service of their church.

THE WEEK OF JUNE 26 was "Beautify the Sanctuary Week" for the congregation of St. Paul's church, Maxton. Special services were held with the emphasis upon the meaning and significance of worship, and the importance of a beautiful sanctuary in the worship of God. On Wednesday evening the board of stewards was represented in the service; on Thursday evening the W. S. C. S. presented a part of the program; and on Friday evening the Methodist Youth Fellowship conducted the service, presenting the ways in which we can worship God in the beauty of holiness. Preceding the Friday evening service there was a picnic supper on the lawn.



REV. HERBERT W. BAUCOM, Sr., above, of Black Mountain, has been appointed state director for the North Carolina Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), it has been announced by Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine, state CROP chairman. Mr. Baucom, well known Baptist pastor, has already assumed his duties. He will work with 17 district supervisors in setting up organization for the collection of farm commodities for overseas relief among rural people in the one hundred counties of the state and will have charge of the overall state campaign.

FIRST CHURCH, HICKORY, dedicated memorial chimes and a tower music system recently at the morning worship service. A gift of Hobart R. Ruth, they were presented in memory of Nellie Ellis Ruth. The pastor, Rev. J. Clay Madison, was in charge, and Rev. J. H. Armbrust, superintendent of the Statesville District, brought the message and led in the dedication.

REV. LACY MARSHALL of Burlington has some open dates for revival services if any of the brethren would like to use his services. Brother Marshall has had a genuine conversion. He is a member of the Methodist Church. For several years he has been preaching as pastor of a tabernacle he built himself after his conversion. He has a good case of religion, and is doing a good work. He holds local preacher's license granted by the Durham District Conference. He would like to help in rural communities. He would render good service. He may be contacted by writing him at 608 S. Mebane St., Burlington, N. C.—S. J. Starnes.

REV. A. C. WAGGONER, Main Street Methodist church, Reidsville, is exchanging pulpits for the month of July with Rev. Ernest Rands, Woodbine Avenue United Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Waggoner and family left for Canada Wednesday, July 6. Mr. and Mrs. Rands and their two children arrived in Reidsville Thursday, July 7. They will reside in the church parsonage, 306 South Main Street, during their stay here. Mr. and Mrs. Rands are both natives of Canada. Mr. Rands is a graduate of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, and had his seminary training at St. Stephens College in Edmondton.

CENTENARY CHURCH in Smithfield, on Homecoming Day, June 19, received an offering of $1,085.98, with $520 designated especially for the church building fund.

THROUGH the courtesy of Radio Station WCOG, the morning service of Glenwood Church, Greensboro will be broadcast during the month of July.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH near Monroe will begin the annual revival Sunday, July 24, with Rev. R. A. Taylor of Gastonia assisting the pastor, Rev Earl Cook.

RHYNE HEIGHTS CHURCH, Lincolnton, will observe homecoming Sunday July 31, with worship, fellowship and dinner on the church grounds. All ministers and friends of the church are invited.

STONY POINT CHURCH will observe homecoming Sunday, July 17, with Dr. J. S. Hiatt of Elkin bringing the message at 11 a.m., followed by lunch on the church grounds. All former pastors and members and friends are invited.

PALESTINE CHURCH, Flat Rock Charge, will have brick on the church grounds within a few days to brick veneer the old church and to add Sunday school rooms. The brick are donated by two members, a brother and a sister. It is hoped that work can start soon.

RHYNE HEIGHTS, Lincolnton, closed a very successful revival recently, with Rev. F. E. Howard of Cramerton the visiting preacher. The church was greatly revived and 14 new members were received. Miss Dorotha Dellinger publicly surrendered her life for full-time Christian service, and plans to enter Brevard College this fall in preparation of her Christian career. Following the revival at the morning service all 46 persons who have united with the church during the past two years sat in a group.

PLEASANT GREEN CHURCH on the Durham Circuit will hold homecoming services Sunday, July 17, with Rev. S. J. Starnes, a former pastor, bringing the message at the eleven o'clock service. Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham District, will preach at the evening hour, and Rev. Leon Hall of Durham will assist the pastor in revival services, July 18-23. McMannen's Church on the same charge observed homecoming Sunday, June 19, with Rev. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Wilmington District, the visiting preacher. Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School also appeared on the program. Rev. C. H. Mercer of Wilmington led the evangelistic services, June 20-25.

THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE was represented at the School for Accepted Supply Pastors held at Emory University, June 13-29, by seven men. These included W. B. Bobbitt, Thomasville; Iverson Brendle, Vale; W. C. Crummett, Union Grove; C. W. Faulkner, Kernersville; Paul Heafner, Gilkey; J. C. Kendrick, Lincolnton; and W. T. Ratchford, Trinity. C. W. Faulkner was elected vice-president of the Accepted Supply Fellowship of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and W. C. Crummett was chosen to represent the Fellowship at the next session of the Western North Carolina Conference and to make plans for organizing a Fellowship within the Conference. Dr. Harry Denman was guest speaker at the School. Dr. and Mrs. G. Ray Jordan entertained the group from the Conference at a luncheon.



Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church, Newton

Bishop Harrell to Lead Dedicatory Rites at Newton Sunday; Laymen Hold Annual Meeting in Chicago

ABERNETHY CHURCH CLIMAXES BUILDING PROGRAM WITH DEDICATION OF SANCTUARY

Climaxing 37 years of service to the community and a building program that has extended over the past several years, the sanctuary of Abernethy Memorial church, Newton, will be dedicated Sunday, July 17, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell bringing the message and leading in the act of dedication. Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, pastor, will be in charge of the service, with others participating.

Built at a cost of $65,000, the sanctuary will take care of a church whose membership has grown from 272 in 1946 to 460 at the present, and is one of the fastest growing congregations in Catawba County. With only $4,500 in hand three years ago, the people have given sacrificially and systematically Sunday after Sunday to swell the building fund and to enable the committee to complete the building earlier than had been anticipated. Many members have tithed, equally dividing their contributions between the regular budget and the building fund. Julius W. Abernethy, outstanding citizen and business leader of Newton, for whom the church was named, gave one half of the total building cost. The Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference gave $3,000, and a gift of $500 was received recently to pay off the final indebtedness.

The church was formally opened on July 11, 1948, with Dr. J. H. Armbrust, district superintendent, bringing the message.

Organized as the First Methodist Episcopal Church in August 1912, the church was affiliated with the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. The first church building was completed in 1913 at a cost of $2,200. In 1942 a lovely nine-room parsonage was erected at a cost of $11,000. In 1944 a community house was constructed at a cost of $25,000. A scout hut was completed in 1947.

With a seating capacity of 386 and choir of 20, the sanctuary is equipped with a pastor's study, ladies' parlor, choir room, assembly room, boiler room, men's Bible class room and other conveniences.

The community building is taking care of the educational needs of the fast growing church which is located in the heart of North Newton. Plans, however, call either for the remodeling of this building or the erection of a new educational building in the future.

In 1946 the charge was on a mission status, paying the pastor $1,300. This year the church is entirely self-supporting and has made appreciable increases in all items of the budget.

J. W. Matheson is chairman of the building committee and C. M. Giles is chairman of the board of trustees.

A large congregation is expected for the service Sunday.

GENERAL BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The 10th annual meeting of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church was held in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, July 12-14, with President Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Texas, presiding.

Prominent leaders of the church addressed the meeting, significant over-all goals for laymen's work were presented, and six vacancies on the board were filled.

Chilton G. Bennett, executive secretary, presented his first annual report in that office and gave the closing address. Other members of the secretarial staff presented brief reports and spoke on special points of emphasis in the work of the board.

Six bishops brought addresses. Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, N. C., spoke on The Advance for Christ and His Church, and Bishop Dana Dawson of Topeka, Kansas, discussed "The Challenge of the Post-War World." Devotional addresses were given by Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit; Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.; and Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.

Other speakers included Dr. Ralph Stoody of New York City, executive director of Methodist Information; Dr. George L. Morelock of Evanston, Ill., executive secretary emeritus of the board; Dr. Harry C. Spencer of New York City, representing the Methodist Radio and Film Commission; Dr. D. Stewart Patterson, Washington, D. C.; and Robert G. Mayfield of Lebanon, Mo.

Slander is a vice that strikes a double blow, wounding both him that commits, and him against whom it is committed. —Saurin.

Methodist Students from North Carolina who participated in the Southeastern Regional Leadership Conference held at Lake Junaluska, June 4-11.



Front Row: left to right—Malloy Owen, president of NCMSM (Davidson); Celia Ann Edwards, representative to Western North Carolina Conference Board of Ed. (G. C.); Iola Carrowan, representative to the North Carolina Conf. Board of Ed. (E. C. T. C.); Troy J. Barrett, State Director of the Methodist Student Movement, Second Row: left to right—Hazel Cousins, Director of the Wesley Foundation of WCUNC; B. G. Smith, Duke; Frank Stowers, Duke; Robinette Meador, WCUNC; Mary Griffin, WCUNC; Inza Abernathy, WCUNC; Pat Floyd, G. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rainwater, Director of Religious Activities, Duke. Third Row: left to right—Betty Sinclair, High Point; Jean Gordon, Queens; Iris Williams, High Point; Molly Lambeth, G. C.; Mary Brinkley, G. C.; Jean Saunders, Duke; Mary Pierce, Bennett; Martha Allen, U. N. C.; Virginia Baughman, WCUNC; Bob Bunch, U. N. C.; Brooks Patten, Director of Wesley Foundation U. N. C. Fourth Row: left to right—Bob Parham, U. N. C.; Jane Swindell, WCUNC; Frances Hunt, WCUNC; Ted Thomas, Duke; Bernie Brown, Duke; Lula Cross Chapman, G. C.; Harold Waters, High Point; Louise Summerville, Bennett; Lee Cameron, WCUNC; Ted Ashby, U. N. C.; Al Stone, Duke. Fifth Row: left to right—Russell Young, U. N.C.; Mc Moyer, Duke; Mike Howard, Duke; Edwin Spann, Former N. C. Caravaner; Betty Ann Shaw, E. C. T. C.; Edward Buckner, U. N. C.; Dwight Mashburn, High Point; Elizabeth Ann Collett, WCUNC.

Persons from colleges in North Carolina and not present when the picture was taken: Barbara Apostascus, W.C.U.N.C.; Mary Lib Smith, W.C.U.N.C.; Jane Sarsfield, W.C.U.N.C.; Dr. Raymond Smith, Professor, Greensboro College; Harold Day, U. N. C.; and three boys from Pembroke State College.

Many Building Projects in Asheville District Completed; 700 Attend Ebenezer Church Opening

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT REPORTS ON GAINS OF THREE YEARS

There is a sense of wide-spread gratification throughout the Asheville district by reason of certain building operations that have been achieved to completion within the last three years. Notable features in the story are (1) there has been no "capital fund' to materially assist with the work; (2) the program has, with two exceptions, been in rural areas; (3) there is now a total indebtedness of less than $20,000 on the entire program; (4) the overall total costs represent more than $250,000.

Herewith is given the list of parsonages and church (or education) buildings, with the names of the pastors concerned:
, Newdale, D. B. Early, pastor: new parsonage, $7,000; new church at Martin's Chapel, $22,000. Bald Creek, L. W. Hall, pastor: parsonage improvements, $700. Ivey, J. M. Green, pastor: parsonage improvements, $1,200. Weaverville Ct., Durward Knight, pastor: South Fork, $3,500. Nesbitt's Chapel (Fairview), B. H. Ziglar, pastor: $22,000. Swannanoa Ct., N. G. Bethea, pastor: parsonage, $7,200. Emma-Riverview, J. R. Dawkins, pastor: parsonage, $9,000. Elkwood (Asheville Ct.), C. V. Hall, pastor, $32,000. Laurel Hill (Pisgah St.), Albert Gordon, pastor, $15,000. Abernethy, T. A. Groce pastor, $42,000. Central, L. F. Tuttle, pastor: memorial chapel, $15,000. Piney Mountain, M. E. Leftwich, pastor: parsonage, $11,000. Mt. Morenci, A. W. Thompson, pastor: education building, $19,000. Snow Hill, A. Wade Thompson, pastor: education building, $15,000. Fletcher, E. C. Price, pastor, education building, $14,000. Moore's Grove, J. D. Pyatt, pastor, $6,000. Fruitland, J. D. Pyatt, pastor, $5,000. East Flat Rock, Geo. E. Farrar, pastor, $9,000. Edneyville, Ray Wilkinson, pastor: parsonage, $5,000.

This story does not include extensive improvements at Haywood Street, Brevard, West Asheville, Central, Burnsville, Oakley, Leicester, Biltmore, and elsewhere; nor does it include the installation of Hammond organs at Burnsville, Oakley, Mt. Morenci, Biltmore, Fletcher, and Black Mountain; nor many parsonage "improvements."

Nor does this impressive and inspiring list include projects, some of them actually under way, for a new church at Sardis, $30,000; new education building at Acton, $20,000; new parsonage at Ecusta, $7,000; new parsonage at Skyland, $5,000; new parsonage at Francis Asbury, $8,000; toward a new church at Hillside-Merrimon, $25,000.

In the three-year period salaries have advanced about $17,000 and six new charges have been formed.

Debts of approximately $20,000 have been paid, resulting in the dedication of Piney Mountain Church, Mills River Church and French Broad Church, M. E. Lefwich, W. E. Rufty and G. E. Keeler, respectively being the pastors of these churches.

The morale of the ministers and laity in the Asheville district is high, and we feel, with some satsifaction, that the district is on the march! R. D. W.

NEW EBENEZER CHURCH FORMALLY OPENED

The formal opening of the new Ebenezer Church on the Garner Charge was held Sunday, June 26, with more than 700 in attendance. Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor, was in charge of the program. Following lunch, which was served on the church grounds, a cornerstone laying service was held, with Dr. H. B. Porter, superintendent of the Raleigh District, in charge of the unveiling. Rev. W. L. Clegg of Burlington and Rev. G. W. Starling of Kenly, former pastors, were present. Other former pastors sent letters which were read.

Ebenezer church dates back to 1840 when the deed was drawn. The church grew rapidly, but because of growing tension between the North and the South, the church was discontinued. However, in 1862 Captain Charles Nicholas Allen was responsible for beginning services again. In 1870 Ebenezer became a part of the Cary charge. The church continued to grow and in 1926 plans for a new church were discussed. Because of economic conditions the people were not able to proceed with their plans.

In 1948 a building committee was appointed, consisting of Walter L. Bagwell, M. P. Wall, Mortimer Poole, Herman Williams, Leon Vinson and Eugene Holder. Plans were drawn for the new building to be erected on the site of the old church. On June 28, 1948, after the old building had been moved, ground was broken and construction began.

Built at a cost of $35,000, the church is modern in every respect and is adequate to accommodate a growing congregation. M. Stewart Davis of Louisburg was the architect.

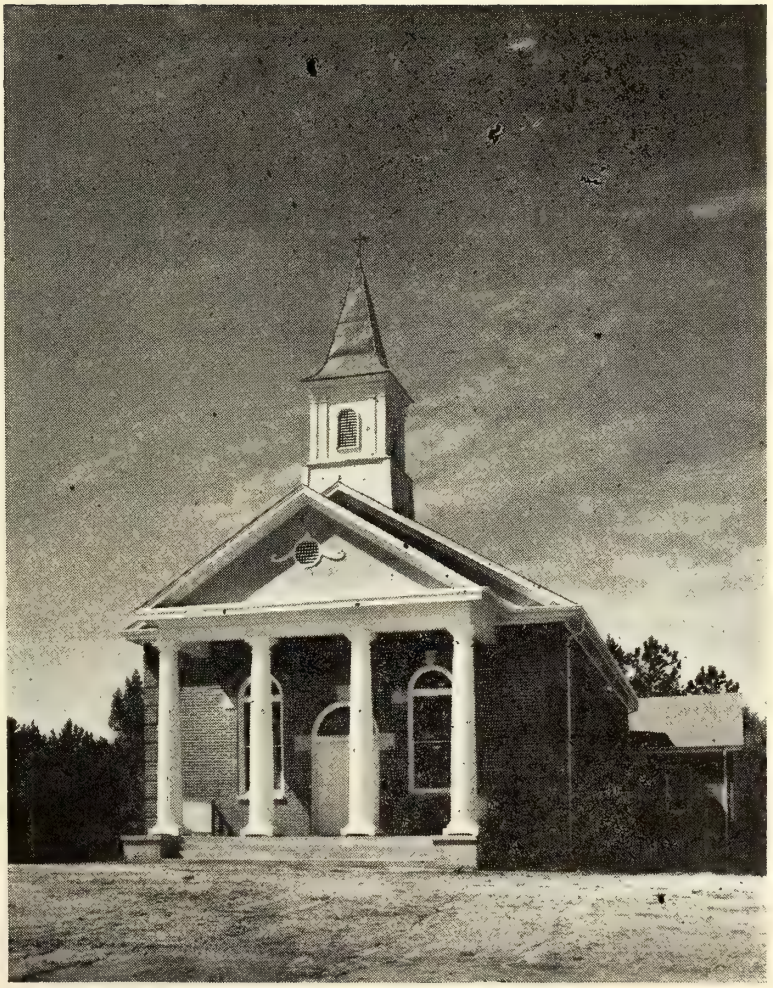
Many memorial gifts are included in the new building.

Phyllis Johnson, great-great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Bagwell, and Margaret Sterling Banks, great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholas Allen, unveiled the cornerstone.

WORKBOOK PREPARED FOR ADVANCE IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school superintendents, pastors and division superintendents are urged to secure copies of a workbook prepared by Dr. John Q. Schisler of the General Board of Education. The book (Our Workbook for the Advance in the Church School, 25 cents will be available in time to be used in planning for Christian Education Week —September 25 to October 2. During this period it is expected that local church workers conferences will be held for full consideration of the suggestions contained in the book for implementing the ten points of the Advance in the church school authorized by the General Conference for the quadrennium 1948-1952. The ten points are:

1. Cultivate commitment to teaching in all of life's relationships; 2. Add new members to your church school; 3. Win persons to Christ and the church through the church school; 4. Enlist youth and young adults in Christian life-service vocations; 5. Study the Christian program; 6. Challenge and teach families to be Christian; 7. Teach the facts about beverage alcohol; 8. Elevate the stewardship ideal in the church school; 9. Educate concerning a Christian social and world order; 10. Strengthen the rural church.



Ebenezer Methodist Church

Church Schools to Give Emphasis to Advance Themes; Faith, Temperance, Rural Church to Be Stressed

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

THE ADVANCE IN YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Whether or not you have made a definite beginning of effort in "The Advance for Christ and His Church" in your church school, you will do well to get a certain 15-page booklet from Nashville and put it to maximum use. If you are a pastor or superintendent you have probably already gotten a copy of the booklet. In this case no doubt one of two things have happened: it either got lost in the shuffle of constant mailings, or you have it in sight on your desk and are beginning to use it. One copy goes free to each pastor and superintendent, and additional copies are five cents each, cash with the order, the address being The Division of the Local Church, The Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

Important Textbook

This little white paper booklet with blue and black ink is the textbook for church school participation in the Advance. Four ways of using this booklet are suggested: (1) in a preliminary study by the pastor and superintendent, (2) in a conference between the church school superintendent and his divisional superintendents, (3) in a series of meetings of the church board of education, and (4) in a series of meetings of the workers' conference, or in staff meetings.

Stresses the Important Things

A study of the booklet impresses one that the Advance leaders are directing us to the most important things in Christian education. Whether or not it was imaginary, the impression did get to some of our workers that the Crusade emphasis was too much on numbers in enrollment more than on the spirit of the work. In the Advance we are advised to remember that our perplexed world needs men and women with spiritual insight, loyal to Christ and dedicated to the Christian way. Each Methodist church school must recognize the central place of persons in all its plans.

IMPORTANCE OF YOUR SCHOOL

The Advance gives us the opportunity to view our church school for the importance it carries in the world today. We can make our job in the school just hard work and drudgery unless we realize the place of destiny which Christian education occupies. The Protestant church school is the only institution which enlists large numbers of laymen, both men and women, to teach their neighbors and their neighbors' children the truths of God as found in the Bible and in human experience. The place of the pulpit and preaching is primary, and along with the pastor and the pulpit goes the great Protestant program of Christian education in the church school. It is unique in the whole field of human activity in giving the people as a whole the opportunity of freedom to discuss and teach the truths upon which human freedom and human excellence are based.

PRESENT WORLD STRUGGLE

It has been frequently stated that the present world struggle in matters of faith is not between Christianity and other religions, but between Christianity and militant atheism. This appears to be the case both in the world picture and right here in America. Various forms of disbelieving paganism are struggling with Christianity for the lives of our folk right here in our homeland as well as in places usually called mission fields. Religious persecution is again an active element in the world and our Methodist folk in some lands have faced all the struggles of the ancient pagan days.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE STRUGGLE

The Protestant church school with its full message of mankind's dignity and freedom under the laws of God, and mankind's free access to saving Christ may well be the strongest institution remaining in the face of a militant atheistic paganism. What a difference it should make in our attitude toward our church school duties if we could keep ever in mind that we are serving Christ in a movement of strategic destiny in this crucial age.

CONSECRATION INDISPENSABLE

If the Advance is to give us such a sense of spiritual destiny in Christian teaching, then commitment and consecration will seem positively essential. This is just what the Advance is aiming at in the church school. We are to "Cultivate commitment to teaching Christ in all of life's relationships." The movement is not to be just one of gaining numbers in our enrollment.

BELIEFS THAT MATTER

It is evidently on the basis of a widespread sense of need that Methodists have turned to an emphasis on beliefs in the study of "Our Faith' in connection with the Advance. We have often heard it said that the Methodists were so broadminded as to suffer somewhat in depth. That may not be a correct evaluation, but it does seem that we have emphasized going things in the Kingdom with such vigor as to leave little time and attention for solid study in essential Christian beliefs.

THIS FALL AND WINTER

During the fall and winter seasons 1949-50, there will be available eight Advance booklets on Our Faith, giving studies in our faith in God, Christ, the Bible, Love, Prayer, Immortality, the Holy Spirit, and the Kingdom of God. These booklets should be secured and used in all youth and adult groups in the church school.

COURAGE IN TEMPERANCE

One feature of the Advance in the Christian education field is that of teaching the facts about beverage alcohol. In recent years the Methodists as well as a lot of other folk have been so overwhelmed by the alcoholic stampede that we have almost taken our whipping "lying down." In the Advance we are at least going to be given the chance to get up on our feet and offer a bit of resistance. In this field our Board of Temperance has the responsibility of leading, and it has been doing, and is doing a fine job. It has given us a voice crying in the wilderness.

STRENGTHEN THE RURAL CHURCH

The rural church program seems definitely on the way in Methodism as one of the best led and strongest movements. However, the recognition this movement has received and the lip service rendered, provide just a bare beginning in the eventual need. The national leaders of our church school program are to be praised for a thorough awareness concerning the rural church. One of the strongest recent additions to the General Board staff is charged directly with helping to provide leadership for church school work in rural areas.

YOUTH CARAVAN TO OPERATE IN N. C. CONFERENCE



Leroy Reynolds, McAllen, Tex., Recreation; Senior-Older Youth Program; Margarett Sorrells, Senatobia, Miss., Recreation; Senior-Older Youth; Pattie Martin, Murray, Ky., Worship and Intermediates; Joan Norman, Galena, Ill., Missions and World Friendship, Intermediate Department; Rev. Robert Grumbine, Counselor; Pat Alexander, Sterlington, La., Senior-Older Youth Program, Community Service and Evangelism.

Dates and places for the Methodist Youth Caravan in the N. C. Conference: June 24-July 2—Rev. W. C. Shaw, Bath; July 2-9—Rev. W. C. Shaw, Bath; July 9-16, Rev. E. R. Shuller, Williamston; July 16-23—Rev. Johnnie Aycock, First Methodist, Rocky Mount; July 23-30—Rev. Joe Coble, Jackson; July 30-Aug. 6—Rev. H. A. Bizzell, Jr., Clarendon; Aug. 6-13—Rev. H. A. Bizzell, Jr., Clarendon.

Executive Board Reviews Work, Makes Plans; Guild To Visit Junaluska; Thomasville Has Caravans

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SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

The spiritual life retreat at Pfeiffer College June 10-12 was a rich experience for the 88 women who had the privilege of attending, about the same number coming from each conference. Under the leadership of Miss Margaret Applegarth of the staff of the World Council of Churches the 88 women shared in the benefits of Miss Applegarth's wide and varied experiences

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

From the two conferences 223 women registered for the School of Missions and Christian Service, numbers of them commuting each day from as far as Statesville. Miss Applegarth taught the course. "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church"; Miss Sallie Carroll from Rocky Mount, Virginia, who served 12 years on the mission field in Japan, taught, "Women of Scripture"; Miss Katherine Johnson, a member of the faculty of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., who also served for 18 years at Hiroshima, Japan, taught "Japan"; and Mrs. Warner M. Hubbard of Clear Lake, Iowa, a member of the Iowa Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, taught "Cooperation for a Christian Nation."

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

An executive session for the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was called for Tuesday, June 14, with 26 members present and several matters of routine business were attended to. The five months—January to June—were most profitable months and reports for this period will be included as a supplement to the Annual Minutes which will be mailed out soon.

Equipment for Jane Stentz to take to India when she sails some time in September and a new car for Maggie Campbell to use in her work as rural worker in the Marion district were announced as necessary expenditures of money, and the names of several new students had been passed upon by local committees as applying for study grants.

Announcement was made of the resignation of Mrs. R. C. Nimon, promotion secretary of the Gastonia district, who with her husband is moving to Maryland and transferring to the Baltimore Conference, and sincere regret was expressed over their leaving. Mrs. Nimon has proven to be an efficient and consecrated worker and not only the Gastonia district but the entire conference regrets that it is necessary for her to make this change in order to help take care of her aged parents.

The Charlotte district remains without a promotion secretary, since the resignation of Mrs. L. E. Brown some time ago on account of illness.

Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., vice-president of the conference, in well chosen words expressing the praise and gratitude of the conference to Mrs. J. W. Payne, president, who has led the conference through a most successful year in spite of the adjustments necessary to change the conference year, presented Mrs. Payne with an honorary life patron pin.

The children over the conference have responded generously to the appeal for money for playground equipment on the Cherokee Indian reservation within the bounds of our conference. Much more can be used and it is hoped that vacation Bible schools will use this as a project for this summer. Scraps of materials, thread, etc., are most acceptable for the sewing class at Cherokee and this may be sent directly to Mrs. D. H. Dennis, Cherokee, N. C.

The annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at Lake Junaluska June 28-30, 1950. This is quite a departure from the usual custom of being held earlier in the year and at a local church, but with the new conference year running from June to May 30 it will be an ideal time as far as reports of the previous year's work is concerned and will also afford an opportunity to make plans to be carried out in the local societies early in the conference year.

Mrs. Payne announced that $10,000 had been paid toward the project in China as a memorial to several former missionaries to China accepted last year. This project is a building at Laura Haygood School in Soochow, China.

GUILD WEEK END

Wesleyan Service Guild Week End will be held at Lake Junaluska July 16 and 17, according to the publicity chairman, Mrs. James Jarvis, Jr. It is hoped that a large number of Guilders will avail themselves of this opportunity.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. F. Jonas of Marion, vice-president of the Marion district, in the recent death of her husband, Dr. J. F. Jonas. Both Dr. and Mrs. Jonas have given generously of their services to First Methodist Church, Marion.

ADVANCE CARAVAN—THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

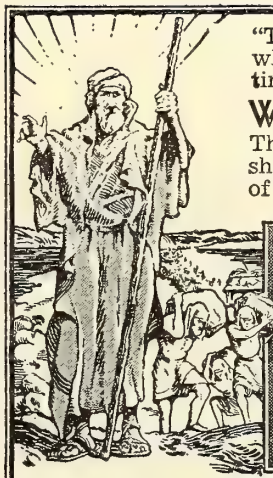
The Advance Caravan of the Woman's Society of Christian Service presented the four-point program for the next quadrennium at two sub-district meetings the first week in June. The Randolph sub-district was held at First Methodist Church, Randleman, and Mrs. Dick Brown is chairman and Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald, secretary. Mrs. W. F. Reddings, Jr., Mrs. J. G. Winkler, and Mrs. Don McGlohon gave interesting and informative talks on membership, studying, recruiting and giving.

Following this program, an officers' training class was held by Mrs. Clarence Cranford, promotion secretary of the district, assisted by other district and conference officers.

The Advance Caravan had a similar program at Center church in Davie County the following day, with Mrs. W. M. Seaford as chairman, and Mrs. L. R. Powell secretary, in addition to the officers participating. Forty-five women attended this meeting.

Charter certificates were presented to a large number of societies at both meetings.

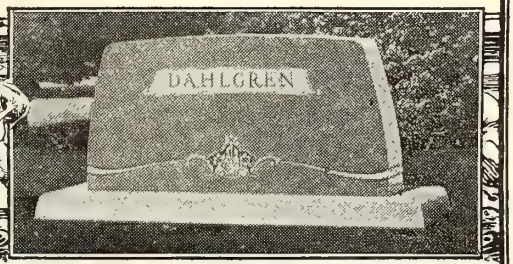
Sub-district No. 3, Davidson County, was held at Fairgrove church, near Thomasville, June 22, with the same speakers participating.



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By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

The financial statement made to our Board of Trustees is most gratifying. A. W. Pridgen has served the home faithfully for 22 years. Every item of expense, no matter how small it is, receives his careful study and consideration.

Our per capita cost last year was $72 less than the average for the six largest homes in the state. This was accomplished in spite of the fact that our repair cost was abnormally high in 1948. If our per capita had been as much as the average for these six orphan homes it would have cost us $19,357 more to operate than was the case last year.

The churches in our conference are giving us splendid support this year, and for the love expressed in so many ways we are deeply and sincerely grateful.

MEDICAL REPORT

In every home the health of the children is of deep concern to the parents. The physical welfare of these boys and girls means much to our staff of workers.

Dr. Verne S. Caviness represented our medical staff before our board recently. He said, "The health of the children during the past year has been excellent and definitely above the average. I do not remember a year in the last 25 with as little serious illness."

With the splendid services of a large number of efficient doctors we will do our best to maintain this good record.

VACATION COMMENTS

Around the first of July the children were too excited even to eat. It was time to visit relatives and friends.

Little Bobby Page—three years old, came up to inform me he was going on "my vacation." I asked him what was a vacation. He replied, "I don't know, but I'm going on one."

Gladys Toler was telling her friends about her plans—"I have never been out of the United States but one time." "Where did you go then?" asked Mrs. Keller. Gladys replied, "to Washington, D. C."

Last Christmas when candy was plentiful, L. B. Catlett asked Mrs. Larkin to put his 3-pound stick in the ice box. He agreed to leave it there until July. The day before his vacation, "L. B." called for the big stick of peppermint candy. "I am sure glad I put this away and let it stay," he remarked.

CHURCH PEOPLE RESPOND

An appeal was made for homes for a number of children who did not have a place to spend their vacations. The response has been wonderful.

The Merritt girls are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brisson at St. Pauls; Joyce Faye Stephenson is with Mrs. G. M. Pate and other friends at Rowland; Lorinda Beck is visiting near Raleigh with Mrs. Alvin Lyles; Charles Bass is with Mr. Upchurch in Lillington; Betty Jean Sutton and Sarah Hill are being entertained by Miss Lola Thompson and Mrs. Isaac Holt at Snow Camp; Claudette King is having a vacation with Mrs. F. B. Monroe and other friends at West End; Mildred Rogers is the guest of Mrs. T. B. Williford at Edenton; Peggy Rogers is with Mrs. G. C. Kinlaw at Columbia; the Baysden twins, Roger and Raymond, are with Mrs. T. T. Stephenson at Garysburg.

The women of Calvary church, Durham, are sending Marjorie Etheridge to camp for her vacation. The women of First church, Henderson are sending Shelton Sutton to the Assembly at Wrightsville Sound.

Other loyal friends have offered their services and opened their homes to the children. We found that we had more homes than we had children who were in need of a place to go. Through the Advocate page I wish to thank all those who have been so helpful and kind.

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You have heard it said, "Giant Oaks from Little Acorns Grow." Small things do produce large results. It is that way with the coupons our friends have been sending in. The tile floor and new ceiling in the dining room are being paid for and new equipment has been secured for the kitchen. If our society members could visit our dining hall and kitchen I believe they would serve this cause with genuine pleasure and enthusiasm. You might contact cafeterias and other places where coupons could be secured in large quantities. "The more you get together, the happier we will be."

BURWELL COTTAGE HAS NEW MATRON

The tenth of June, Mrs. Sharber had to resign as mother to the Burwell girls. Her husband was sent to Norfolk after graduating at North Carolina State College, so she had to leave. She served the home faithfully for two years.

Miss Winifred Kuhns, a math teacher at Peace College, came to our rescue. She has worked happily and helpfully with girls for 30 years, and we were fortunate in securing her services for the summer. The girls in this cottage love her and appreciate her fine qualities of leadership. They affectionately call her "Aunt Winnie."

PIANOS WILL PLEASE

Our girls are taking more interest in music each year. We do not have enough pianos to provide for these music students. If you know of a used piano that is available you will be doing a fine service to our family by getting in touch with the superintendent. Lives are always enriched and inspired through the ministry of music.

MANY VISITORS ON THE CAMPUS

Recently we were delighted to have large groups from Sanford, Goldsboro and Swepsonville. The pastors from these churches—Dawson, Brantley and Poe—arranged for these visits. Each group was in a vacation Bible school and this was a part of their school program.

Well-filled baskets were brought in the cars and many of our children enjoyed the good food and the fine fellowship. I am sure the Orphanage will mean more to these children because they are well acquainted with our home and our program of work.

To all of our friends we would send our love and good wishes.



BOYS AND BICYCLES

Boys and bicycles make a great combination. Here with their prized possessions are, left to right, Tommy Allbright, Paul Spence, N. R. Stell, Jr., and Dan Thompson.

Songs of the Temple

Psalms 24; 84; 95:1-7b

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The Pslamist was awed at the thought of coming into God's presence, because He was the Creator of the heavens and the earth. We should be even more awed, for we know that he is the Creator of the mighty suns and systems millions of light years away. My heart crieth out, said the Psalmist, for communion with the living God, but interestingly also he adds that his flesh also crieth out for God. There are thousands of people today who are consulting psychiatrists and physicians, who would feel no need of them if they had the joyful religious experience of the man who said, The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. When our church services glow with jubliant praise the day will come when people Sunday morning will say, not I am not well enough to go to church, but rather they will say, I feel so weak and depressed that I must by all means go to church to get an uplift and the healing grace of God.

It is in a sense surprising that the Psalmist was so thrilled with joy at the temple service, for instead of the beauty and comfort of a modern sanctuary with its rich music it was a place where sheep and oxen were sacrificed and rivers of blood were flowing, and the incense would hardly overcome the smell of the slaughter-house. And yet because they were all gathered in the name of the Lord his presence was especially manifested.

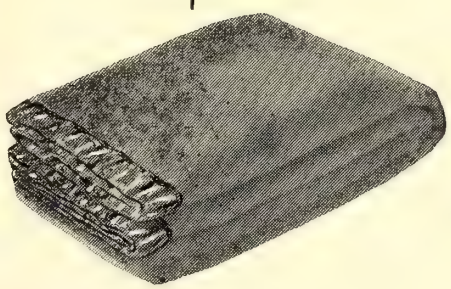
When the Psalmist exclaimed, I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness; for the Lord God is a sun and a shield, the Lord will give grace and glory, he was having a foretaste of the fulfillment of that promise of Jesus when he said, Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst; and a foretaste also of Pentecost when as they continued in prayer and supplication cloven tongues as of fire sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they will be still praising thee, says the Psalmist. If you ask a commercial traveler where he lives he will at once tell you the street and the number, although he is away from his home most of the time. But his home is where his thoughts and affections center. His whole life is related to those whose smile will welcome him when he comes home.

It would be wonderful if, in that sense, we all dwelt in the house of God, and looked forward with equal eagerness to meeting the brotherhood on the Lord's Day. What inspiring Bible classes we would have if, instead of going there to listen to some man lecture for half an hour, we would all keep a diary of the questions and the inspirations that we got as we read over the lesson during the week so that when we come together we could share our new thoughts and our rich experiences! We are as yet only on the border of that promised land where the church of Christ is the supreme inspiration and delight of all the brotherhood and their chief source of intellectual quickening.

Meanwhile we must put up with teaching and preaching that is sometimes boresome. Paul says, Despise not prophesyings; hold fast that which is good. There are always some good things in the preaching and teaching, and our duty is desperately to determine to make the best even of a bad situation, and to cover our teachers and preachers with a mantle of charity. There are creative listeners who by their faith almost force a speaker to say something worth while. But, alas, there are also listeners who would "wet blanket" the angel Gabriel.

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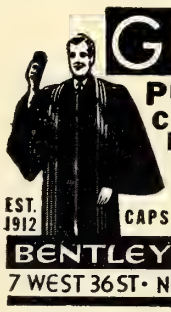
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Children's Storytime

A Soft Answer Turneth Away Wrath

By Gertrude D. McKelvey

Paul and Blake lived in a twin house. That is, Paul and his family lived on one side of the house and Blake and his family lived on the other side. The boys were good friends and seldom quarreled. But one evening Paul's father brought home a fine young dog for his son.

"Hey, Blake!" called Paul, running out of his side of the house, so excited he could hardly catch his breath. "See what I've got!"

"A dog!" exclaimed Blake, his eyes popping with surprise. "Boy, you're lucky!"

"Guess I'll call him Scottie because he's a Scottish terrier," announced Paul with great pride. He could not help the feeling of importance that welled up within him.

"Wish I had a dog," said Blake. "But I still have Tabby and he's a good pet, too."

Then before either of the boys knew what had happened, Tabby, Blake's cat, came out on the porch, took one look at the new dog, raised his back and tail in a bristled hump and let out a hissing sound that put Scottie into action. He leaped at Tabby but not quite fast enough.

Tabby fled like a streak of lightning, but Scottie was right after him! The boys looked at each other in amazement; then dashed after their pets. They found Tabby up in the apple tree in Blake's back yard. Scottie at the foot of the tree barked furiously. Paul picked up his pet and took him over to his side of the house. After what seemed a long time Blake was able to get Tabby down out of the tree.

In the days that followed every time the boys tried to play together their pets would end their fun. Tabby was forever hissing and Scottie was forever chasing Tabby.

"I'm sick of your old cat!" said Paul one day.

"Well, I'm tired of that dog!" retorted Blake. "We had fun before he came along!"

The next two days seemed long to Blake. He wished he had not quarreled with Paul. That night when he climbed into bed he tried to think of some way to patch up his quarrel with Paul, but he finally fell asleep with his problem still unsolved.

Blake woke with a start as he felt something soft fall upon his bed. Gradually as he began to see through the dark he found Tabby close by his side.

"Meow!" said Tabby.

"You gave me a scare, Tabby," Blake said, running his hand gently through his pet's fur. "What's the matter, old fellow?"

"Meow, meow!" cried Tabby.

"Oh, I know, you want to tell me you're sorry for fighting with Scottie, but we can talk that over in the morning. Now get down there on the floor in your own bed," said Blake, gently pushing the cat off the bed. But Tabby acted strangely, for he meowed louder than ever and ran to the bedroom door and back again to Blake. There was no mistake about it. Tabby was trying to say something, thought Blake.

"Tabby, you sure are turning into my problem child and I . . ." Tabby meowed so loudly at the door again that Blake jumped out of bed in an effort to stop him before he woke everyone up. Then suddenly Blake's heart stood still as he saw the smoke seep in under his door!"

"Dad! Mother!" he screamed out the alarm as he flung open his door upon a hall filled with smoke.

What happened after that Blake was never quite sure, but when he was outside his house away from the choking smoke, safe with his father and mother, breathing fresh air again, he began to realize what had happened. Somehow their house had caught fire and Tabby had saved their lives.

Paul stood beside him as they watched the firemen pulling down their big hose.

"Dad said it isn't as bad as it might have been!" said Paul.

"Yes, that's what my father said too," answered Blake. He was glad that he and Paul were friends again.

"It started in the roof . . . in both roofs, the firemen said," Paul exclaimed.

Blake all of a sudden felt so proud of his cat; "Tabby saved us all," he said.

"Oh, I heard all about your famous cat!" broke out Paul with sudden anger. "Dad said we ought to turn Scottie in for a good cat like Tabby. But I'd rather have my dog any day even if he did sleep through the fire!" Then without another word he whirled back to his side of the house.

Another quarrel! And just when they had made up. Blake felt so miserable that he almost wished Scottie had given the alarm instead of Tabby. He walked over to Blake and said, "I think Scottie's a good dog, honest, Paul."

Paul did not answer and looked coldly at Blake.

Blake tried again. This time he grinned as he said, "You know what? I'll bet Tabby's so old he's used up eight of his nine lives already. So he just had to do what he did to save his last life!"

Paul couldn't hold back the smile that crossed his face and soon the boys were laughing heartily at Blake's joke.

"Tabby's a good cat!" Paul agreed at last. "And Scottie's got a lot to learn even if he is a good dog!"

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Fletcher, 8	15
Mills River, Mills River, 11	17
Horse Shoe, 4	17
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Bosman, Selicia, 8	17
Acton, Acton, 8	18
Biltmore, 8	19
Black Mtn., 8	20
Francis Asbury, 8	21
Emma-Riverview, 8	22
Hendersonville, 11	24
Balfour, Fruitland, 3	24
Skyland, Mt. Zion, Skyland, 5	24
East Flat Rock, East Flat Rock, 8	24
Abernethy, 8	25
French Broad, 8	28
Central, 11	31
Weaverville Ct., Salem, 2:30	31
	August
Hendersonville, 8	1
Annual Picnic check-up Rhododendron Park, 10:30	2
Brevard, 8	3
Swannanoa Sta., 8	4
Haywood St., 11	7
Marshall, 3	7
Hot Springs, Hot Springs, 7:30	7
Candler, Mt. Morenci, 7:30	8
West Asheville, 8	9
Haywood St., 8	10
Leicester, School, 7:30	11
Weaverville Sta., 8	12
Burnsville, 11	14
Newdale, Martin's, 3	14
Bald Creek, Bald Creek, 7:30	14
Fairview, Nesbitt's Chap., 7:30	15
Swannanoa Ct., Tabernacle, 7:30	16
Piney Mtn., 7:30	17
Pisgah, Davis Chap., 7:30	18
Hillside-Merrimon, 7:30	26
Tryon, 11	28
Saluda, 3	28
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Central, 7:30	7
Asbury, Memorial, 7:30	8

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	July
Purcell, 8:00	14
Brevard Street, 8:00	15
Hawthorne Lane, 11	17
Pineville: Marvin, 3	17
Unionville: Bethel, 7:30	17
Union County Preachers, 10	18
Monroe, Central, 8	18
Huntersville, 8	19
North Monroe-Benton Heights, 8	20
Cole Memorial, 8	21
Calvary, 8	22
Monroe Central, 11:00	24
Prospect: Mount Carmel, 3	24
Marshville, 7:30	24
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	July
Gastonia, Main Street, 11	17
Bradley Memorial, 7:30	17
Cherryville Circuit, Bethlehem, 6	29
Asbury, Iron Station, 11	31
Concord-1 Bethel, Penley's, 3	31
Dallas, Dallas, 7:30	31

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	July
Crewson and Green Valley	3-8
Spindale, 11	17
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Pleasant Grove, 11	24
Broad River, Wesley, 3	24
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	July
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Pfeiffer: Zion, 3	3
Concord: Forest Hill, 8	3
Norwood, 11	10
Albemarle, Central, 3 (Organize Stanley Co. Mis. Soc.)	10
Jackson Park, 8	10
Salisbury, Park Avenue, 11	17
North Kannapolis, 8	17
Mount Mitchell, 11	24
Concord, Central, 3 (Organize Cabarrus Co. Mis. Soc.)	24
Mount Olivet, 8	24
Roberta, 11	31
Harmony, 8	31

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	July
Newton, Abernethy Memorial, 11	17
Catawba: Hopewell, 3	17
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North Wilkesboro, 7:30	20
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	July
Mocksville, First, 11	17
Cooleemee, 3	17
Thomasville, West End, 7:30	17
Fairfield, 7:30	20
Richland: Giles, 7:30	21
Liberty Circuit: Staley, 11	24
Liberty, First, 3	24
Old Union, 7	24

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	July
Yadkin Evangelistic Week	10-15
Central Terrace, 11	24
Hanes Ct., Hanes, 3	24
Marvin, 7:30	24
Walnut Cove Ct., Pine Hall, 11	31
Pinnacle Ct., Pinnacle, 3	31
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	July
Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove, 11	17
Durham Circuit: Pleasant Green, 7:30	17
Orange, Hebron, 11	24
Eno, Palmers Grove, 7:30	24
Bahama, Mt. Bethel Dedication Services, 11	31

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	July
Kitty Hawk, Hebron, 11	3
Wanchese, 8	3
South Mills, McBride, 8	6
Ahoskie, 11	10
North Gate, 8	10
Pasquotank, Hall's Creek, 11 and 1	15
Aulander, Colerain, 11	17
South Camden, Perkins, 8	17
Perquimans, New Hope, 11 and 1	23
Moyock, Moyock, 11:15	24
Edenton, 8	24
Elizabeth City—City Road, 11 (Preaching)	31
	August
District Superintendents' Conference, Lake Junaluska	2-5

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	July
Newport: Oak Grove, 11	17
Beaufort, 11	24
Goldsboro, St. Paul, 11	31
	August
Greenville, Jarvis Memorial, 11	7
Moncure: Buckhorn, 8	19

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Whiteville, 8	10
Carolina Beach: Federal Point, 12	17
Garland: Salem, 8	17
Waccamaw: Bethesda, 11	24
Tabor City: Zion, 3	24
Fairmont, 8	24
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	August
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At 21 he was at the University of Strasburg in Alsace and had studied Greek, Latin, theology, history, natural science and philosophy. Already then a recognized musician, he had begun on the organ at eight, was deputized for the church organist at Grunsbach at nine, and at 18 had studied with Widor in Paris.

He continued his studies, at 24 published his work on Kant, took his doctorate in Philosophy and became preacher of St. Nicholas Church is Strasburg. At 25 he took his licentiate in theology (a degree higher than the doctorate in German universities) and at 26 he became principal of St. Thomas theological college at the University of Strasburg.

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At 31 he resigned as principal of the theological seminary, but published in German the "Quests of the Historical Jesus," begun with a study of the Greek testament when he was on military service twelve years before, and in both French and German his work on "Organ-Building and Organ-Playing." Two years later his German life of Bach—not a translation, but a new work—was published.

At 36 he passed his medical examination and his "Paul and His Interpreters" was published in Germany. The next year he resigned as teacher at the University and preacher at St. Nicholas, entered his medical interneship, married Helene Bresslau, and with her did a revised edition of the "Quest."

In 1913, when he was 38, he received his medical doctorate, published the "Psychiatric Study of Jesus," with Widor brought out six volumes, each in three languages, of all Bach's work except the choral preludes, and sailed with his wife for French Africa. There, with medical supplies brought from Europe, they established the famous hospital at Lambarene.

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Correspondence from Our Readers; Dr. Ormond Discusses Sympathy for Those Who Suffer

LIKED EDITORIAL

Dear Editor:

Your editorial last week, "When Christians Grow Weary in Doing Good," did for me what Paul did for King Agrippa: It lifted me. I am a retired minister, 88 years of age, and I guess pretty well seasoned in those graces, but it does me good to feel the heart-beat of one like-minded.

J. I. SPINKS

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NEED MORE PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES

Dear Editor:

Some of the happiest people I have met in Mexico and Alaska are our Protestant missionaries. They are cheerful and heroic souls doing a great work. The need for Christian missionaries is great.

We are on our way home.

H. G. ALLEN

Ketchikan, Alaska

Editor's Note: Dr. Allen, Mrs. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Dixson, all of Winston-Salem, during the past month have been visiting Methodist missions in Mexico and Alaska in connection wih an extensive trip that has taken them through the West, Mexico, the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Alaska.

OPPOSES SUMMER CONFERENCES

Dear Editor:

All change is not in the direction of progress. October and November are the peak money months in the rural economy of eastern North Carolina. Peanuts, tobacco and cotton are on the market at this time. Did you ever try to get a people to liquidate an obligation six or nine months ahead of time?

Too, June, July and August are vacation months and a most inopportune time to launch the program in the local church. People are away and meetings would be poorly attended. Of course, we could handle the questions of gardens and schools on any time schedule but can we change the habits necessitated by this rural economy? I fail to see one single advantage in either a spring or summer meeting date. To shift sharply away from this economic consideration, I can see where the whole program of the church might be thrown into unnecessary jeopardy.

SAM MAXWELL

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We seek Thy forgiveness, for we have not cared for these displaced people as we ought to have done. As a nation, as a church, and as Christian individuals we have neglected and failed them, leaving them miserable in mind, body and spirit. Quicken our Consciences, O Lord, that we may save these, our brothers, from consequences for which they are not to blame. Challenge us that we may consider them as Delayed Pilgrims, and, as a duty of love, may we help provide for them here in this land of freedom, places of shelter, daily work, and some real basis of future happiness and usefulness.

Be with those fortunate ones now in this country, and with those upon the seas coming to places of welcome. Guide and protect them, we pray Thee, and may their journey lead toward a better tomorrow. May they be prepared to enter into a new way of life, eager to make a contribution to the community in which they are resettled.

We would also thank Thee for all those in govermental and voluntary organizations who are helping these displaced persons. We express our gratitude for the action of our President, and certain members of Congress, who are determined to free DP's from their present bondage. May the time soon come when there will be no DP camps and when these Delayed Pilgrims will have a new home in a land of hope, peace and security. AMEN.

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Instead of becoming bitter and rebellious about our suffering we may use suffering as a means of spiritual growth. As tougher and finer fiber is produced in the trees which grow on top of the mountain because of exposure to the full blasts of wind and storm, so persons who successfully and intelligently endure great suffering evolve into sturdier, more godly persons. In his recent book, **Something to Stand On,** Dr. Dunnington quotes from Esther Wylie Palmer an appropriate quartrain:

"Sorrow came to bide with me
(The frumpish, frowsy thing)
But all my rooms were rented out
To love and life and spring."

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Editorial Comment . . .

The Significance of the Religious Struggle in Spain

Revealing and shocking indeed is an article by Joseph G. Harrison entitled "Protestant Persecution in Spain Stirs Critics" which appeared in a recent issue of the Christian Science Monitor. Writing from Madrid, the chief of the Monitor's Mediterranean Bureau opens his story with these awesome words: "Fewer blacker marks are placed against Franco Spain by its critics than that recorded for its medieval, implacable persecution of all non-Roman Catholic religious groups." Then in frank, devastating language Mr. Harrison paints a picture which seems unbelievable in the twentieth century, particularly in a nation which claims to be civilized.

For example, under the Franco regime, the author states, Protestant chapels are liable to be closed at the slightest whim of the local police or of the local Roman Catholic clergy. No signs that would designate them as a place of worship are permitted. Protestant clergymen are denied the privilege of holding out-door meetings, may not proselytize in any way, and their celebration of baptism, marriage and burial is not recognized as valid by the state. They run the risk of being molested by hoodlums. One instance is cited in which a Protestant group was raided during a prayer service, the lights turned out, men and women and children beaten with brass knuckles, and the little pump organ which the congregation had bought at great sacrifice smashed. Franco has closed all Protestant schools and Protestant children are required to attend state schools where they receive Roman Catholic training.

Many Protestants, the author reveals, have been killed; among them Pedro Torres of Jaen, who in 1940 was taken out by state police and shot merely because he led a Protestant meeting. A front-page editorial in El Correo Catalan, which speaks for Roman Catholicism in Catalonia and for the archbishopric of Barcelona, boldly proclaimed: "We do not hesitate to affirm that we would prefer to see 10,000,000 Communists in Spain to 1,000,000 Protestants." When a strong-arm squad wrecked a Baptist chapel in Rome, they left pamphlets which declared, in part: "The spirit of the Inquisition is still in us and we are ready to use it."

Religious liberty shall be interpreted to include freedom to worship according to conscience and to bring up children in the faith of their parents; freedom for the individual to change his religion; freedom to preach, educate, publish, and carry on missionary activities; and freedom to organize with others, and to acquire and hold property, for these purposes.

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Even though Protestants do not number more than 30,000 in a total population of 28,000,000, they are persecuted far worse than they were during the days of the Republic or even during the time of the monarchy. "One must go back into the dark days of several centuries ago," the journalist declares, "to find a period which matches that of Generalissimo Francisco Franco."

Who is responsible for this intolerable situation in Spain? Quite obviously the Spanish dictator himself. Both in his struggle for power during the bloody days of civil war and during the years of his reign Franco has shown unmistakably that he is as ruthless, as power-crazed, as sanguinary as any of the dictators. Mr. Harrison believes the dictator will pursue this policy of relentless persecution as long as he can.

But Franco is not alone in this despicable business. The Roman Catholic Church itself is deeply involved. The failure of the hierarchy to condemn the persecutions is evidence enough that Franco and the church are partners in persecution. It is a well established fact that Rome believes in tolerance only when her constituents are in the minority; but practices flagrant intolerance when she gets the upper hand. Not only do Spanish Roman Catholics stand condemned for these cowardly acts. The guilt extends to the Vatican in Rome, to every country where Roman Catholicism operates, even to the United States.

This does not mean that all Roman Catholics in Spain or in other countries participate in or even condone the persecutions. Many no doubt vigorously oppose them. Unfortunately, this does not represent the opinion of the hierarchy. If it did, the persecutions would cease.

The guilt does not even stop with Franco and the Roman Catholic Church. All people who believe in religious freedom and sit by in silence or indifference as their brothers are mistreated are guilty. The fact that Spain is far away does not lessen their guilt.

But what can we do? For one thing, we can stand against religious persecution not only in Spain, but wherever it is found. We can express our opinion in the local church, through both the religious and the secular press. We can register our opinion with the White House, with the State Department and with Congress. We can let our opinions be known to our representatives and to other representatives at the United Nations. Moreover, we can practice tolerance and goodwill toward all people with whom we come in contact, regardless of race or creed.

We do not propose a crusade against the Spanish dictator. He represents a dying order. A free and enlightened people will throw off the yoke of dictatorship everywhere. We only feel deep sympathy for those who must suffer until the day of freedom comes. We are not waging a war against the Roman Catholic Church. The church that practices intolerance and persecution today is sowing the seeds of its own downfall. We only propose to defend principles in which we sincerely believe. Franco and Rome are forcing the issue. We have no alternative but to oppose this barbarous, medieval, inhuman treatment of our fellowmen. We devoutly believe that all men have the inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. We stand with them in their struggle for religious freedom. We shall speak out as long as God gives us strength; for we believe that when religious freedom is denied anywhere, the time may come when it may be denied everywhere.

Perhaps Spain is one of the countries where the struggle will be waged to determine whether mankind shall live in freedom or slavery. Each of us has a tremendous stake in the outcome of that struggle.

Why I Gave My Life to Brazil

By J. R. SAUNDERS
Sao Paulo, Brazil



The Author

In the more than a quarter of a century that I have been in Brazil as a missionary, all my experience has strengthened the reasons I had for coming here.

Brazil was a needy field. Bishop John M. Moore wrote, "America was conquered by the plowshare and the open Bible: Brazil by the sword and the crucifix." Those who have lived in countries where the sword and the crucifix rule come to know how great and urgent is the need of the evangelical Christian message.

It is a noteworthy fact that wherever the Roman Catholic Church has a predominant influence in the life of a country that country has a high percentage of illiteracy. Even today illiteracy in Brazil is said by some to be 60%; by others it is said to run as high as 75%. A corollary is that there is a large class of the poor and very poor. Under these circumstances the sanitary conditions leave much to be desired. There is, as a result, a very high mortality rate, especially among infants and young children.

Under such circumstances—ignorance, poverty, death — superstitions flourish like the green bay tree. This is all the more true because the dominant church through its practices and customs inculcates superstitious beliefs.

Educational advantages are usually available only for the privileged few who can pay well for them. What a difference it would make if all had the opportunity to get an education! I have seen children from poor homes who were educated in our Methodist schools rise to positions of influence and leadership. Brazil is losing great leadership and talent because such a large percentage of her people have no chance to get an education.

All who read the daily papers know of the frequent revolutions in Latin American countries, when one dictator succeeds in wresting control of the government from the dictator who holds it.

Here Mr. Saunders tells not only why he gave his life to Brazil, but gives an intimate account of conditions in that growing country.

Dr. George P. Howard, evangelist in Spanish-speaking Latin America, points out that these Latin American dictators learn their art and find their inspiration in the oldest dictatorial government in existence—that of the Catholic Church in Rome.

All of these six points are illustrated not alone in Brazil but in the many countries of Europe and South America where the Roman Catholic Church has wielded predominant power and influence.



A Primary Class in Brazil

Rome is spiritually bankrupt in Latin America. Attending lectures given at The Institute of Brazilian Studies, Vanderbilt University, in the summer of 1948, I heard the priest, Rev. Roberto Siboia de Medeiros from Sao Paulo, Brazil, describe the spiritual condition of the people of Brazil, painting it in colors that were indeed dark. In conclusion he said, "The Church (Roman Catholic) must do something to help these people—it must give them more ritual!" Poor Brazil! This priest, a religious leader in the great state of Sao Paulo, living in the great city of Sao Paulo, and confronted with the spiritual poverty of millions in Brazil can offer nothing better than a more complicated ritual for the church service. Well did Christ say of such, "Ye are blind leaders of the blind."

Another reason for my choice of Brazil as my second homeland and field of labor was that I believed that Brazil and the United States, together, were destined to lead the world into better days.

Among the Latin American colonies which later became republics, Brazil has been freest from the Roman Catholic Church; her people have a spirit of independence, and of religious tolerance much greater than that found in republics founded by fanatical Spaniards. Brazil was colonized by the Portuguese. Moreover, she had the privilege of living under the long and enlightened rule of that great sovereign Dom Pedro II, who was ably seconded by men like Jose Bonifacio. When Brazil, as a republic, drew up her first constitution, she declared the separation of church and state. However, real separation between church and state remains more an ideal than a fact.

With this background, it is not to be wondered that Brazil and the United States are friends. Their friendship has become traditional. It grew even stronger during the last war when Brazil became an active ally. She not only furnished raw materials, but air bases within her borders made possible the southern air routes to Africa and Europe and later the invasion of Africa inself. Her soldiers fought side by side with the United States soldiers in the bitter Italian campaign. Friendly ties that had existed through the years were cemented in the blood on the field of battle.

Brazil is a country magnificent in area and in natural resources. It is larger than the United States and its resources have barely been touched. While Brazil now has a population of 45 millions, a U. N. commission estimated that she can support a population of 900 million.

I felt that a spirit of continued understanding and co-operation between Brazil and the United States would be a stabilizing influence in world affairs and that every effort put forth by Protestant churches to give Brazil a knowledge of evangelical Christianity would contribute to a fuller understanding between

the two nations and lay even firmer foundations for continued good will and cooperation. After twenty-eight years in Brazil, these convictions have been strengthened. As we view the progress of the evangelical witness in Brazil and note the contribution it has made to the religious, educational and social life of the country, we are justified in saying that it has strengthened the ties that bind these two great peoples to each other.

Far from being a hindrance to the "Good Neighbor Policy" as the Roman Catholic hierarchy, both in Brazil and in Washington, D. C., would have us believe, we may affirm that evangelical missions initiated that policy even though they did not call it by such a name, and laid the foundations for the present policy through the preaching of the gospel of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Wendell Willkie was astonished and gratified at the "reservoir of good will" for the United States which he encountered on his trip around the world; and he had the courage and honesty to give credit for it to the work of the missionary enterprise.

So, through the years, the work in Brazil has grown. There is now an autonomous Methodist Church of Brazil which is carrying the gospel message in-

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The Secret of Spiritual Growth

By J. L. INGRAM*

"But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."
—I Peter 3:18

To meet the ever-increasing strain of modern living the Christian must have more spiritual power. Here are some ways in which he may obtain that power.

We are living in a day of great change and development. This is indeed a day of scientific discovery and material prosperity. We, who profess to be children of God, must surely sense the urgency of the hour in which we are living. We must recognize that if the world is to be saved, God must do it through us. Our first task, therefore, is to develop the inner life, to grow in grace until God can do mighty things through us.

This Inner Growth Comes Through Prayer

There can be no substitute for prayer and communion with God. It is one thing to have the form of godliness; it is something else to have the power of God in our lives. The best way to obtain this needed power is through our moments of devotion and prayer to God and then be still long enough to hear God speak to us. A young doctor, upon finishing his medical training, began his practice with great zeal and hope, and upon opening his office hung out his shingle which bore these words: "Limp In and Leap Out." We need to catch something of the doctor's spirit. Great souls have been men of prayer, and if you and I would be strong of mind, body and spirit, we will find this strength at the altar of prayer. Isaiah felt this need when he said, "Wait on the Lord and He will renew thy strength." Power and understanding came at Pentecost after much waiting and praying. There can be no substitute for this power of God in our lives. There is no better way to obtain it than through the medium of prayer. Prayer does not change things or conditions until first it changes lives; and what we need today is changed lives in order that we may have a changed world. I wonder, after all, if we haven't done much praying and expected little results from our prayers. I am reminded of an experience that occurred on my first appointment. A good moral man in the community had never accepted Christ. One night at church, in a very quiet sort of way he came to the altar and said, "I want to give myself to Christ and unite with the church." Everybody in the community, save one person, seemed to be greatly surprised at this sudden change in this neighbor and friend. His devoted wife had been expecting this thing to happen for years in answer to her daily communion with God.

This Inner Growth Also Comes Through Bible Study

The Bible has been called the book of truth, the book of light, the book of great variety, the book of information and inspiration, the word of God and the guide book to proper living. I wonder if it has not become the most neglected book. If it is what great men have said it is for centuries, isn't it high time we wipe the dust from its cover and give it a very prominent place in our lives? No great spiritual growth and development can be brought about aside from the study of the word of God. Where it has been given proper place in the lives of the leaders of the nations of the earth, men have been free. Bible study is to the soul what food is to the body; it gives us strength and stamina for the tasks and problems which we face daily. We need to be aroused and awakened when we look about us and see masses of lost souls who seem to be undisturbed about their condition. One of the most challenging and dramatic moments in recent history was the day when General Douglas MacArthur stood on the deck of the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay to receive the surrender formally from the Japanese, and he said, "We have had our last chance. If we do not devise some greater and more equitable system Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advance in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural development of the past 2,000 years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh." General Dwight Eisenhower has said, "Unless we have a spiritual awakening, modern civilization is doomed to destruction in a cloud of atomic dust." The inner lives of men must be changed God-ward and Bible reading and study will play a great part in this important direction.

Church Attendance Likewise Contributes to Inner Growth

Man has felt the age-old urge to go up to the house of God for divine worship. Long ago David said, "I was glad when they said let us go into the house of the Lord." If you are in mourning and need comfort, if you are tired and need rest, if you are lonely and desire companionship, if you are in sin and need a Savior the best place to have these needs filled is at the house of the Lord. No substitute can take the place of church attendance. The radio is rendering a wonderful service in presenting religious programs to the shut-in and to the sick, but those who are able to attend church will find strength and blessing that cannot be found elsewhere. A mother carried her six-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The music, the beautiful windows, the friendly folks made a profound impression upon the child, and upon leaving the church the little girl asked her mother whose house this was. When the mother replied that it was the house of God, the little girl said, "Well, now I have seen everything in town, but why did we save the best for the last?" A minister called at the hospital one Sunday evening to see a soldier who had just returned from the war and who had lost both lower limbs. Some years earlier the minister had united Charles and Rebecca in marriage. The good soldier said to the preacher, "Well, I paid a pretty big price, but it was worth it, for after all we still have religious liberty and many other freedoms, and as you go home tonight you will doubtless see several churches lit up and the worshipers going in and out of the churches." The minister did observe as he returned home that Sunday evening, and what he saw did not make him very happy, for out of some seventeen churches he passed only two had opened their doors for the evening services. May God help more of our people to find their way to the house of God when her doors are open for divine worship, and thereby be filled with the fullness of God.

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Friends Honor Dr. Abernethy; Charlotte Church Formally Opened, Has Cornerstone Laying Service

DR. L. B. ABERNETHY HONORED ON 84th BIRTHDAY

By Granbery Dickson

Dr. L. Berge Abernethy of Charlotte, Conference Missionary Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, was out of the city on his 84th birthday recently, but just before that date friends got together and accorded him special honor.

The widely known octogenarian, who is more active than many a man his junior by a score of years or more, is in receipt of a handsome pen-and-pencil set presented to him by Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte area of the Methodist church as spokesman for a group of intimate friends.

In presentation of the set at a dinner at Hawthorne Lane Methodist church recently, with approximately 30 long-time friends in attendance, Bishop Harrell referred to "Dr. Abernethy's long and distinguished leadership and very faithful service" in the church and kindred agencies, notably the fields of Christian education and of hospitals.

Similar tributes were paid by Dr. Edgar H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte district of the Methodist church and secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference; Rev. Walter J. Miller, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, who is president of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension; Rev. Herman F. Duncan, pastor of Central Methodist church, Concord, who is secretary of the board headed by Mr. Miller; Dr. C. M. Pickens, counselor of the Methodist home; Rev. Reid Wall, superintendent and minister of the Methodist Home; and Algie W. Lawing of Hawthorne Lane church, a leading Methodist layman.

Although officially retired, these addresses recounted, Dr. Abernethy continues to serve energetically and with much distinction as conference missionary secretary and in other capacities in the constantly expanding program of Methodism in this area. His part in founding, and long serving as head of Hugh Chatham hospital at Elkin, and his large contributions to the development of Rutherford and Weaver colleges were noted. He is recognized as one of the best friends of the Methodist Home, in the Hickory Grove section, five miles east of the center of Charlotte. His ministry was praised as exceptionally pervasive, and his influence in "every worthy sphere of the big program of Methodism" was freely acknowledged. High tribute was paid to Dr. Abernethy because of the "fidelity and versatility and vast capacity which have characterized the life and works of this immensely useful Christian statesman."

High Point college, one of the speakers related, has conferred the D.D. degree on Berge Abernethy, but "the degree of service" which he has rendered was termed "to great for classification."

Two daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Abernethy live with them at their home in Charlotte. These are Dr. Ethel Abernethy, chairman of the division of human relations at Queens college, and Miss Irene Abernethy of Duke Power company. The Abernethy have three other daughters, Mrs. C. B. Howard and Mrs. J. P. Bellamy, both of Memphis, Tenn., and Miss Martha Berge Abernethy of Atlanta, Ga. A son, Dr. John R. Abernethy, is a member of the faculty of Arkansas Polytechnic college, Russellville, Ark.



Dr. L. B. Abernethy

MANY ATTEND SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

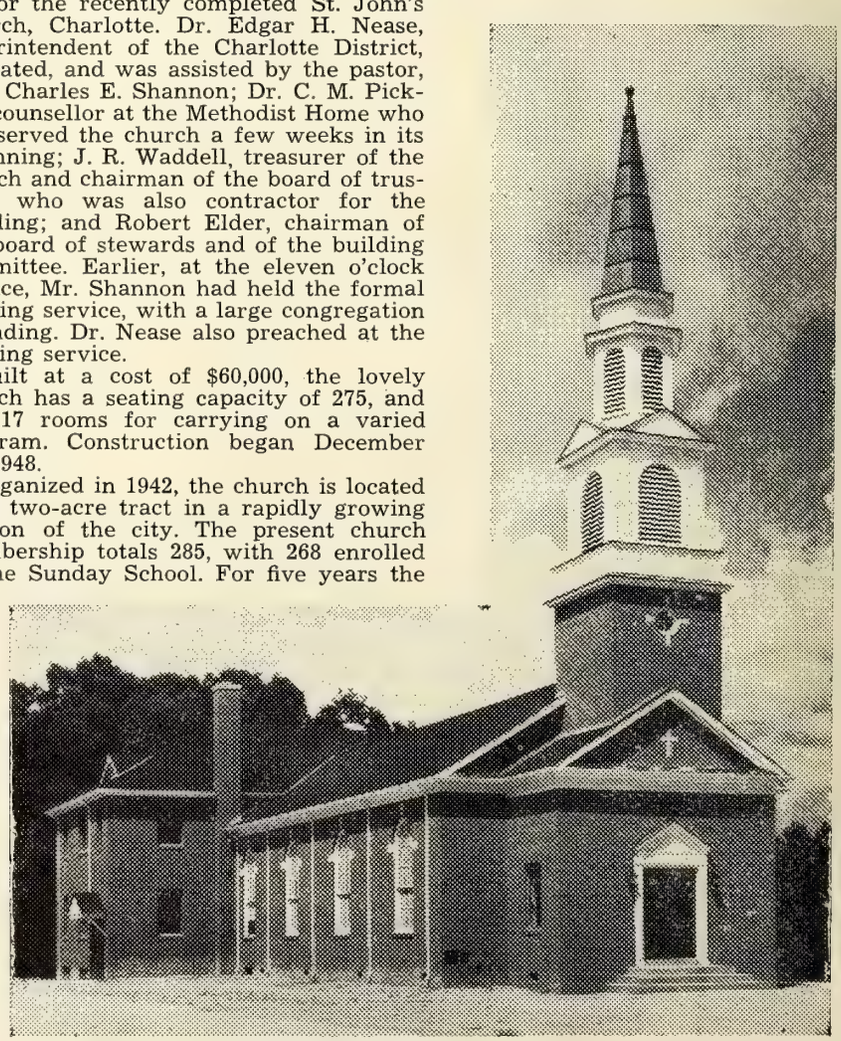
More than 200 persons, representing 30 Methodist churches, attended cornerstone laying exercises Sunday afternoon, July 10, for the recently completed St. John's Church, Charlotte. Dr. Edgar H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte District, officiated, and was assisted by the pastor, Rev. Charles E. Shannon; Dr. C. M. Pickins, counsellor at the Methodist Home who had served the church a few weeks in its beginning; J. R. Waddell, treasurer of the church and chairman of the board of trustees, who was also contractor for the building; and Robert Elder, chairman of the board of stewards and of the building committee. Earlier, at the eleven o'clock service, Mr. Shannon had held the formal opening service, with a large congregation attending. Dr. Nease also preached at the evening service.

Built at a cost of $60,000, the lovely church has a seating capacity of 275, and has 17 rooms for carrying on a varied program. Construction began December 10, 1948.

Organized in 1942, the church is located on a two-acre tract in a rapidly growing section of the city. The present church membership totals 285, with 268 enrolled in the Sunday School. For five years the progressive church has been self-supporting. W. C. Kimbro is superintendent of the Sunday School, and Mrs. Wilson Long is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Charlotte Mission Society has contributed $25,000 to the building fund of the church. The church has an indebtedness of $10,000, which it expects to liquidate within two years.

Mr. Shannon is completing his seventh year as pastor.



St. John's Methodist Church, Charlotte

METHODIST NEWSMAN KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

H. R. KNICKERBOCKER, well-known news correspondent and radio commentator, who met death in a plane crash near Bombay, India, July 12, was the son of a retired minister, Rev. Hubert D. Knickerbocker of the North Texas Conference of The Methodist Church. The famed writer had also served from 1922-24 as head of the journalism department of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. His brother, Ronald C. Knickerbocker, is now director of the office of information and university publications at Southern Methodist University. Two uncles, the late Rev. H. M. and the late Percy Knickerbocker, were Methodist pastors.

ROMAN CATHOLICS INCREASE

ROMAN CATHOLICS in the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska, now total 26,718,343, according to the 1949 Official Catholic Directory. This represents a gain of 642,646 over last year. During the year 117,130 conversions were listed.

News in Brief -- Personalities

W. L. HUTCHINS is a patient in the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin. He has been in declining health for several months.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, Cherryville Circuit, is holding its annual revival this week with Dr. S. A. Maxwell of Oxford assisting the pastor, Rev. B. W. Lefler.

MRS. EMMA CLODFELTER has been made an honorary life member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Canaan Church on the North Davidson Charge.

METHODIST MISSIONARY giving during June climbed to the highest figure for that particular month since unification in 1939. Receipts were $245,345.11, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer, an increase of 64.89 per cent over the $148,796 received in June 1948.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH on the North Davidson Charge has passed out $850 in five and ten dollar bills to the members to be used on a talent basis. The money, to be applied on the building fund, is to be put to use immediately and the proceeds turned in September 11.

CALVARY CHURCH, Greensboro, has just closed a series of revival services, with the pastor, Rev. J. T. Shackford, beginning the series and Rev. R. G. Tuttle of Elkin concluding the series. In the vacation church school held recently 100 pupils were enrolled.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH, near Greensboro, has just closed a series of revival services, with Rev. J. L. Ingram of Greensboro assisting the pastor, Rev. V. A. Morton. At the closing service the 70 young people present stood around the altar for a dedication of their lives to Christ.

MRS JOHN GREENE, the mother of Rev. Ellis P. Greene, and six other living sons, died July 5. She was a member of El Bethel Church. The funeral service was held from El Bethel Church by the pastor, Rev. E. A. Bingham, assisted by Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., Rev. Byron Shankle, Rev. G. W. Fink and two Baptist ministers, Revs. Crowe and Freemon. The body was placed in El Bethel Cemetery.

MATTHEWS CHURCH dedicated a new electric organ and a fellowship building Sunday, July 10. The organ, gift of Dr. T. C. Bost, widely known Charlotte physician, in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bost, was dedicated at the eleven o'clock service, with Dr. E. H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte District, in charge, and with the pastor, Rev. Charles G. Beaman, Jr., presiding. Mrs. J. C. Wainwright, church organist, was in charge of the music. Following the service in the church, the congregation proceeded to the fellowship building for dedicatory rites there. The building, recently completed, was presented to the board of trustees by R. L. Poindexter, chairman of the board of stewards. It was accepted for the church by Herbert Patrick, chairman of the board of trustees. Valued at $12,000, the building includes a general assembly room for the Church School, a combination recreation and dining hall, stage, kitchen and other conveniences. Furnishings were supplied by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Herbert Patrick, president. The church sanctuary has been recently redecorated and other improvements made. The church has shown unusual growth during the pastorate of Mr. Beaman.



MISS ETHEL WILLIAMS, above, is the new director of Christian Education at Proximity Church, Greensboro. A native of Greensboro, Miss Williams graduated from Greensboro College this spring. She has been quite active in youth work, and will give considerable attention to this phase of the program at Proximity. Her sister, Miss Robbie Williams, has accepted a similar position at Trinity Church, Wilmington.

SHILOH CHURCH on the Roanoke Circuit has just closed an unusually fine revival with 30 persons uniting with the church. The week before the meeting the laymen painted the church inside, and at least 23 laymen were active in behalf of the revival. During the revival the attendance averaged 350, and in the Vacation Church School held simultaneously 113 pupils were enrolled. Assisting Rev. John T. Maides, pastor, in the revival was Dr. J. H. Turner of South Hill, Va.

MR. AND MRS. J. B. IVEY of Charlotte, who make their summer home at Lake Junaluska, were honored recently at a "mix and mingle" party given by the Junaluska Woman's Club and the Cottage Owners' Association. Held at the Terrace Hotel, the party paid special tribute to the Ivey family for its contribution to the progress of the Assembly. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Ivey were Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Love, Joseph Chamberlain, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Loyal, Mrs. Leland Moore, and Mrs. I. W. Walker.

SEVEN METHODIST MINISTERS are among the 15 area directors chosen by CROP for the forthcoming campaign in North Carolina for farm produce. These include: Rev. F. Roderick Dail of Kipling; Rev. W. Lawrence Freeman, Edenton; Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, Erwin; Rev. J. D. Stott, Maysville; Rev. John S. Jordan, Mt. Airy; Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Jr., McAdenville; and Rev. Herman Winberry, Henderson. Others who will serve as district supervisors are: Rev. Jack R. Bagwell, Asheville; Rev. Bernice G. Bass, Fair Bluff; Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff, Shelby; Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, Greensboro; Rev. J. Max Cooke, Lilesville; Rev. C. Arthur Francis, Nashville; Rev. D. D. Gross, Clyde; and Rev. W. W. Jones, Lenoir.

REV. JAMES E. SPONENBURG, pastor of Princeton charge, was called this week to Asbury Park, N. J., where his father passed away July 18, following a brief illness.

DR. W. A. LAMBETH, superintendent of the Greensboro District, is improving from a recent illness at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. R. Reynolds, Chestertown, Md.

SPENCER MEMORIAL CHURCH, Charlotte, is holding a membership training course on Wednesday evenings this summer. In the series to run eight weeks, the following visiting ministers will participate: Robert Stamey, A. M. Smith, Fletcher Nelson, H. P. Myers, Jr., John Hamilton, J. G. Huggin, Jr., W. J. Miller, J. J. Powell. Laymen will have charge of one session.

COLD SPRINGS CHURCH on the Mt. Pleasant-Cold Spring Charge received 15 new members Sunday, July 10, following the annual revival, with Rev. Herman F. Duncan of Concord the visiting preacher. The church had already received 16 members since conference. Sunday School attendance on July 10 was 239, which is a record attendance in the history of the church.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of the Catawba Sub-district began a youth activity week program Sunday, with meetings to be held in various churches in the area during the week. Rev. A. G. Lackey of Catawba is dean; Miss Marjorie Gilbert of Newton is adult counsellor; T. M. Lutz is teaching a course on "Alcoholism;" Rev. L. F. Strader, on "O Come Let Us Worship;" and Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, on the New Testament.

REV. J. R. REGAN, pastor of the Troy circuit, is attending the Yale University Summer School on Alcoholic Studies. The western and eastern summer sessions have been combined this year and are being held on the campus of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. The object of the summer session is to make the most recent findings of scientific research available for application to the problems of alcohol in the community. Mr. Regan is especially interested in the alcohol problem and has already made some study toward its solution.

THE FOUR OAKS CHARGE has been carrying on a busy summer program. Attending the Vacation Church School in Four Oaks, which was planned for Antioch, Corinth, and Four Oaks with children being transported on the two newly-acquired church buses, were 165 boys and girls, with 48 in attendance at the Sanders Chapel Vacation School. Rev. H. K. King, of Smithfield, very effectively led revival services at Sanders Chapel the week following the School and 7 new members were added to the church. The young people of the charge have paid $85 to the Methodist Youth Fund; 8 intermediates attended camp at Fishers Landing; 13 young people went to Louisburg assemblies. One of the Elizabeth Church young people, Polly Sanders, is newly-elected president of the Johnston County subdistrict which sent her to the Youth Leadership Training School at Lake Junaluska, July 19-30. Some of the members of the Four Oaks church recently presented their pastor, Rev. J. A. Auman, with a much better automobile, a practically new '48 Plymouth.

184 Charges in Western North Carolina Conference By July 1 Contributed $9,183.44 to Golden Cross

GOLDEN CROSS REPORT UP TILL JULY 1, 1949

"The enrollment in the Methodist Golden Cross Society shall be held annually in order to secure interest in and support of Hospitals and Homes in every congregation in such manner and on such date as determined by the patronizing Annual Conference." Discipline, 1948, Par. 1529.

Asheville District

Asheville—Abernethy, $25.00; Hillside-Merrimon, $175.00; Asheville Circuit, $10.-60; Bald Creek, $4.00; Balfour, $7.60; Brevard, $25.00; Leicester, $8.65; Mills River, $6.00; Swannanoa Station, $11.50; Swannanoa Circuit, $7.00; Weaverville Circuit, $8.00.

Charlotte District

Ansonville, $19.10; Central Avenue, $12.-00; Dilworth, $100.00; Hawthorne Lane, $50.00; Myers Park, $275.00; Purcell, $5.35; St. Johns, $10.00; Homestead-Pleasant Grove, $20.00; Lilesville, $10.00; New Hope-Bethel, $15.00; Waxhaw, $14.00.

Gastonia District

Asbury Circuit, $38.01; Main Street, $25.-00; Park Street, $50.00; Belwood, $27.10; Odell Memorial, $5.00; Cherryville, $25.00; Cherryville Circuit, $40.35; Cleveland Circuit, $10.40; Crouse, 11.00; Fallston, $37.55; Main Street, $500.00; Myrtle, $35.00; Kings Mountain—Central, $137.32; Lincolnton—First, $100.00; Rhyne Heights, $40.00; Lowell, $28.90; Lowesville, $57.50; Rock Springs, $37.03; Hoyle Memorial, $19.00; South Fork, $30.85; Stanley, $18.25; Vale, $36.00.

Greensboro District

Flat Rock, $42.40; Friendship-Hickory Grove, $31.00; Greensboro—Bessemer, $10.00; Bethel, $6.00; Calvary, $37.50; Centenary, $260.00; Glenwood, $25.00; Grace, $166.94; Midway-Groomtown, $12.50; West End, $21.00; West Market St., $300.00; Haw River, $25.00; High Point—Calvary, $40.00; First, $150.00; Lindsey Memorial, $36.16; Ward Street, $100.00; Wesley Memorial, $300.00; Jamestown, $49.28; Lee's Chapel, $35.00; Meadow View, $11.00; Reidsville—Main Street, $145.00; Reidsville Circuit, $70.33; Sandy Ridge, $47.71; Summerfield, $25.00; Tabernacle—Julian, $23.00.

Marion District

Avery, $8.00; Avondale-Alexander, $10.-00; Boone, $36.00; Boone Circuit, $30.97; Broad River, $34.00; Cliffside, $32.60; Drexel, $42.50; Linville Falls, $3.25; Marion—Cross Mills, $15.00; East Marion, $10.00; Marion Circuit, $17.50; McDowell, $5.00; Morganton—North Forest, $35.00; St. Matthew—Old Zion, $25.00; Morganton Circuit, $38.35; Nebo-Clinchfield, $11.50; Old Fort, $13.00; Old Fort Circuit, $18.88; Spindale, $65.00; Spruce Pine, $10.10; Sunshine, $9.10; Watauga, $26.00.

Salisbury District

Albemarle—Central, $14.25; Main Street, $45.20; Bethpage—Shiloh, $16.50; China Grove, $23.00; Concord—Ann Street, $85.00; Central, $100.88; Harmony, $48.73; Kerr Street, $29.36; Concord Circuit, $5.00; Gold Hill, $59.76; Granite Quarry, $5.39; Kannapolis—Jackson Park, $25.00; North Kannapolis, $25.00; Landis, $21.00; Roberta, $40.00; Rocky Ridge, $44.65; Rowan-Rock Grove, $10.45; Salem, $13.00; Salisbury—Coburn Memorial, $18.50; First, $80.00; Woodleaf, $60.97.

Statesville District

Claremont-Shiloh, $100.00; Cool Springs, $46.32; Grace-Rhodhiss, $35.00; Granite Falls, $5.86; Harmony, $6.00; Helton, $6.50; Hickory—Bethel, $25.00; First, $5.00; Westview, $15.50; Hudson, $43.45; Jefferson, $25.00; Lenoir—First, $100.00; Lenoir Circuit, $15.00; Maiden, $37.03; Miller's Creek, $69.20; Mooresvile Circuit, $37.00; Newton—First, $37.50; Abernethy Memorial, $50.-00; Olin, $31.00; Shepherds, $13.00; Statesville—Broad Street, $215.00; Statesville Circuit, $52.89; Stony Point, $46.50; Troutman, $26.00; Union Grove-Zion, $29.62; Warrensville, $43.00; West Jefferson, $50.00.

Thomasville District

Archdale, $49.50; Asheboro Circuit, $31.-00; Davie, $131.87; Denton Circuit, $6.44; Eldorado, $12.90; Farmer, $150.00; Lexington—First, $112.50; Linwood, $19.00; Mocksville Circuit, $14.00; Mt. Vernon, $14.61; Ramseur - Franklinville, $40.13; Randleman Circuit, $92.62; Richland, $25.-00; Shiloh, $10.00; South Davidson, $37.00; Thomasville—First, $51.58; Trinity, $42.35.

Waynesville District

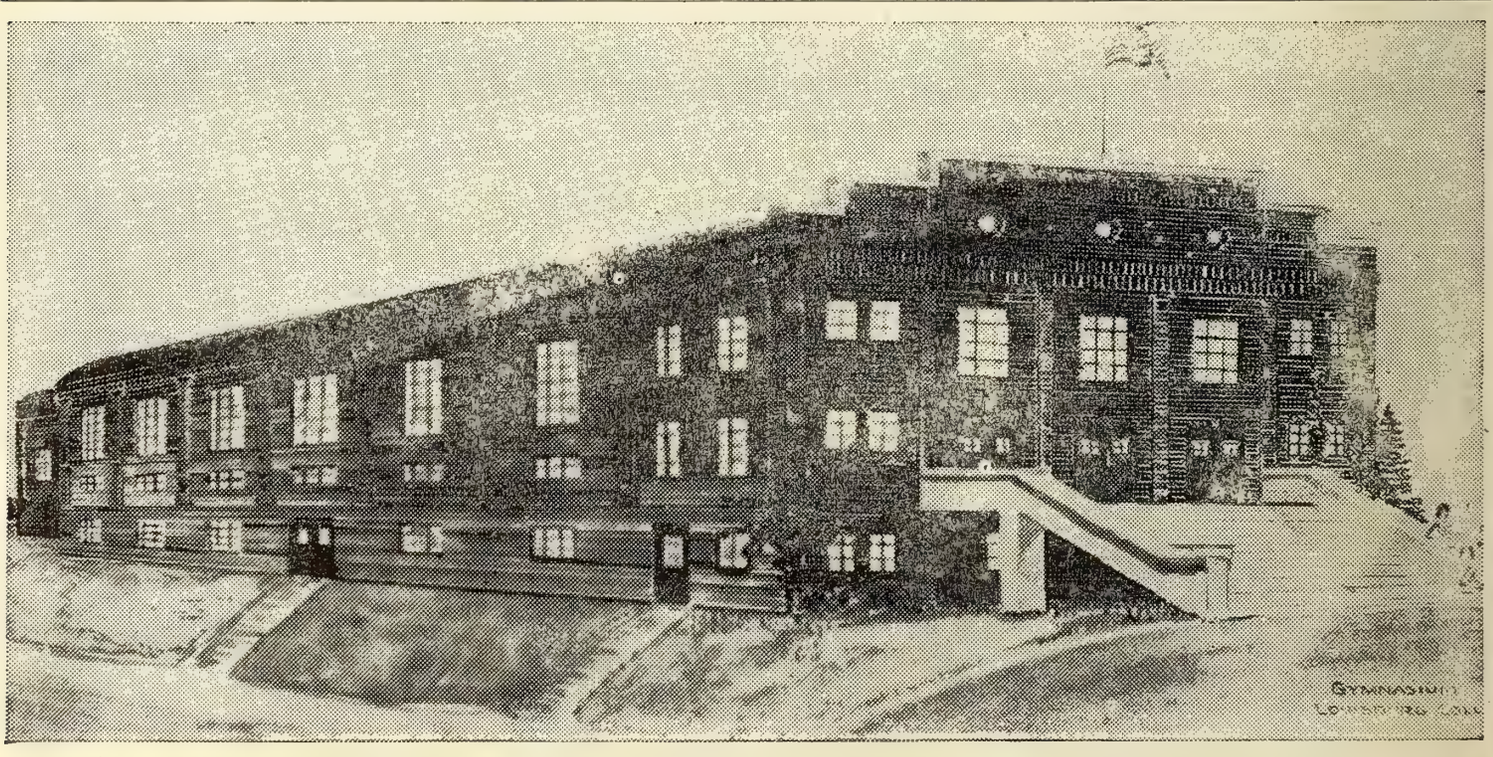
Bethel, $30.00; Bryson City, $20.00; Franklin Circuit, $5.00; Hayesville, $3.00; Hazlewood, $10.50; Macon, $52.50; Pigeon Valley, $4.00.

Winston-Salem District

Concord-Sharon, $12.00; Crews-Sedge Garden, $101.50; Dobson-Mtn. Park Circuit, $10.00; East Bend, $25.00; Elkin Circuit, $10.00; Kernersville Circuit, $30.00; Level Cross Circuit, $20.85; Lewisville, $39.50; Marvin, $50.00; Mt. Airy—Franklin, $48.35; Rockford Street, $80.00; Mt. Pleasant, $15.00; Oak Grove Circuit, $44.60; Pinnacle, $57.00; Shoals Circuit, $33.50; Union Ridge-Hiatt, $31.00; Walnut Cove, $38.00; Winston-Salem-Ardmore, $125.00; Centenary, $750.00; Central Terrace, $150.00; First, $25.00.

J. S. Hiatt,
Director of Golden Cross.
J. L. Hall,
Treasurer.

Religion, like music, is not in need of defense, but rendition.—Fosdick.



Above is the architect's drawing of the Gymnasium now under construction at Louisburg College. Work started June 1, and it is expected that the building will be in use around December or January of the college session opening in September. The building which is to be 157 feet long by 96 feet wide will contain a basketball court 90 by 50 feet, lockers and showers, classrooms and offices. A large stage will be at one end of the main floor, and it is planned to use the building for sports and general meetings. The seating capacity for athletic contests will be approximately 1400. (Architect M. Stuart Davis, Louisburg.)

Sprinkle Speaks at Junaluska; Church Membership In U. S. Climbs; 50 Crusade Scholars Make Plans

SPRINKLE DISCUSSES HUMAN RIGHTS AT SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 15— Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., associate editor of the World Outlook, a featured speaker at the Lake Junaluska Assembly under the auspices of a south-wide School of Missions, in session here July 12-20, discussed "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," as adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948. The speaker commented that all discussion of human rights leads men to think and to become concerned in a serious way about human rights and how they may be maintained; about how to obtain recognition of these rights when they have been ignored and about how to exercise them for the good of all.

He pointed out that whatever is true and valid in such discussions roots in religious ideals, that the church itself has a responsibility for contributing to the achievement and maintenance of man's sacred personal rights; and said that the whole battle for man's dignity, man's freedom, and his rights, is worse than futile apart from the saving influence of sound religion. The Declaration, he asserted, is the first part of a two-fold endeavor on the part of the Assembly to establish and secure the basic right of human beings.

In his analysis, Dr. Sprinkle discussed the Declaration in three parts, namely, the Preamble, the Form of Declaration, and the Content of the Declaration. He drew, in part, the following conclusions: "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights reveals that it is not what any one person or nation might have produced alone. It is the work of representatives of 58 nations. It represents mutual agreement, and also mutual concession. On the whole, it may be the stronger for this composite nature, and we accept it, on the whole, as a worthy standard of achievement.

"As to its peculiar meaning and challenge for Christian men and women, I would suggest, first, that we thank God and take courage that this declaration proclaims another triumph for the doctrine of man which has been implicit in the Bible and explicit in the proclamation of the Christian gospel for these near 2000 years. It takes a long time for men to learn, but the Christian teaching of the Fatherhood of God and its implications about the dignity and worth of every human creature are beginning to bear fruit.

"In the second place, as thoughtful men and women and members of groups which have considerable influence upon private thinking and public opinion, we must recognize the responsibility which a document of this kind places upon us. One great purpose of this declaration is to help achieve the standards set forth by means of the thinking and teaching of people like ourselves. The rights of men will be achieved by people who have a sense of duty. Finally, we who profess faith in God and allegiance to Jesus Christ have something to offer without which clamor for human rights is vain and the quest for greater liberty is illusory. The world needs to see the rights and liberties of men in terms of a larger philosophy than materialism or selfishness. For us, the rights we seek to achieve are first of all duties to our brother. They ring with an inner sanction and authority that comes from our certainty of God."

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICA TOTALS 76,000,000

NEW YORK.—More Americans—better than one out of every two—are church members than at any time in history, declares Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, in a foreword to the 1949 issue of the Yearbook of American Churches, published today.

Pointing out that 150 years ago only one person in fifteen was a church member, Dr. Cavert observed that the annual rate of increase while behind earlier decades, is running slightly ahead of the country's population.

The most recent estimate of the nation's population is placed at 148,000,000. The Yearbook's compilation of church membership based on latest figures from all sources is approximately 76,000,000.

"On the surface at least, the United States appears to be a religious country," states Dr. Cavert. In round numbers there are 45,000,000 Protestants; 25,000,000 Roman Catholics; 5,000,000 Jews and 1,000,000 Eastern Orthodox.

He acknowledges that a wide discrepancy exists between church-membership and church-going in America. He points out that recent surveys of typical communities indicate that on any Sunday, except Easter, only 30 per cent of those on church rolls attend a service.

CRUSADE SCHOLARS FROM 14 NATIONS HOLD MEETING

Fourteen different nations contribute the more than fifty young people who met from June 24 to 28 on the campus of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., to discuss their experiences as foreign students in the United States during the past two years, and to counsel regarding the schooling and housing of the 300 or 400 more who will be arriving during the next three or four years for similar graduate studies.

Those young people, men and women—many of whom, on both sides of World War II, knew the hardships and tragedies of military life, prison and concentration camps, and near-starvation—have been given educational training as "Crusade Scholars" of the Methodist Church. The Church has already expended more than $1,000,000 in bringing some 300 young people from the fields in which it carries on missionary work to America under funds of its "Crusade for Christ" movement, and will provide another $1,000,000 in its current movement, "The Advance for Christ and His Church."

Not all the "Crusade Scholars" are Methodists, but all are Christian workers and recommended by Methodist leaders overseas. Many of them are taking post-graduate studies in theology, or in education, but there were half a dozen doctors in the group at Greencastle, a dentist, some agricultural specialists, several engineers, an atomic physicist, a chemical expert, and a journalist. They came from the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, China, the Malay Peninsula, India, Pakistan, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Poland, Cuba, Brazil, Argentina. All will soon be returning to posts of leadership in their nations, while others will be taking their places in American schools. The 300 students who are in America or who have been here during the past three years have been enrolled in more than forty different colleges and universities.

Directing the conference at Greencastle were Rev. James K. Mathews, chairman of the Crusade Scholarship Committee of the Methodist Church; and Miss Eva Deane Kemp, executive director of the committee. The scholarships are jointly administered by the Board of Missions and the General Board of Education of the church.

"This bringing of students from overseas missions to the United States for post-graduate studies is a new phase of the foreign missionary enterprise of the Methodist Church, and one that promises to be an increasingly important missionary undertaking," says Miss Kemp. "While it grew out of the situation caused by the war—schools in ruins overseas, and an increasing need for national leadership—it shows also that in some fields the Christian group is 'growing up' and its sons and daughters are ready to take important new posts in their own lands. In this way, too, we are making our contribution to well-being and the good neighbor policy across the world."

Among those who are taking part in the conference of Crusade Scholars were Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y.; President J. Earl Moreland of Randolph-Macon College; Dr. Heil Bollinger of the General Board of Education, Nashville; Rev. Caxton Doggett of the Board of Missions, New York; Miss Eleanor Neff of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Miss Alice Alsup of China; and Rev. J. J. Szczepkowski of Poland.



Crusade Scholars in Meeting at De Pauw University, June 24-28.

Conference for Superintendents of Church Schools And Age Group Divisions and Education Chairmen

LAKE JUNALUSKA, JULY 29-31

Edited by CARL H. KING

The five basic administrative persons in any church school are the general superintendent, superintendent of the children's division, superintendent of the youth division, superintendent of the adult division, and the chairman of the local church board of education. The three-day conference at Lake Junaluska, July 29-31, is designed to help these persons do a better job of Christian education in the local church. It is hoped that many of our churches will have from one to five of these people in attendance.

Cost Per Person

The minimum cost including room, meals from Friday night through Sunday noon, the grounds ticket, and registration fee is $8.00 for persons staying at the General Board dormitories and cafeteria. Reservations at other hotels and lodges may be a little more expensive.

When to Arrive

Advance registration is not necessary. A note to Carl H. King, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C., about your plans for coming and the number in your group would be helpful. Plan to arrive at the Education Building between two and five o'clock on Friday afternoon, July 29, if at all possible. Registration and room assignments will be handled at that time. The program will last from 7:30 Friday evening through the eleven o'clock preaching service on Sunday morning. There is reason to believe that rooming facilities will be available during this particular week-end for all who wish to attend.

Opening Message by Bishop Kern

The keynote address at 7:30 p. m. on Friday will be by Bishop Paul B. Kern of Lake Junaluska and Nashville. Bishop



Kern has given considerable time, thought and leadership to the work of the Church school superintendents in his area in recent years. Plan now to be present for this opening session on Friday night.

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Miss Virginia Henry, Nashville

will report on achievements in the Crusade for Christ, will discuss the Church School in the Advance, and will present some plans that are developing for the rural church.

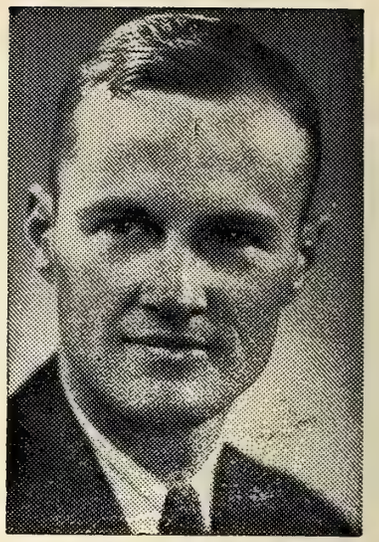


Mrs. W. R. Reed, Salisbury

Director of Children's Work, Western North Carolina Conference, will speak on "Children in the Church" and will be available for conferences on children's work as needed during the three-day period.

Glenn McCulley, Lenoir

Past President of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, will speak for "Youth and Christian Education." Glenn is now a senior at High Point College and will enter the Duke Divinity School in September.



Rev. Courtney B. Ross

Pastor at Spindale and director of adult work in the Marion District, will present "Adult Work in the Church" and will be available for conferences on adult work.



Dr. W. A. Smart, Emory University

will bring three addresses on the general subject, "The Message of the Bible for Our Day." The conference will close with the eleven o'clock sermon in the assembly auditorium on Sunday, July 31.

PLANNED BY W. N. C. CONFERENCE

Interested Persons from Southeastern Jurisdiction Invited

This conference has been planned definitely by the executive secretary of the W. N. C. Conference Board of Education in cooperation with Dr. F. S. Love, Superintendent of Lake Junaluska. Dr. Love has announced the program throughout the Jurisdiction. Administrative church school leaders from W. N. C. Conference or from any other conference in the Jurisdiction have a most cordial invitation to attend this three-day conference.

METHODIST YOUTH FUND contributions for the fiscal year ending May 31 totaled $388,599, according to the current issue of the Youth Fund Bulletin. This represents a net increase of $15,344 over 1948. This fund is distributed as follows: 67½% for missions; 15% goes back for use in the youth program of the annual conference; 12½% for the youth program in the General Board of Education; and 5% for the program of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

With Our Women in the North Carolina Conference

Wilmington District Plans School of Missions; New Bern, Rocky Mount, Raleigh District News

Edited by Mrs. A. H. Borland
2010 Pershing St., Durham, N. C.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The second annual Wilmington District School of Missions will be held at the Youth Center, Wrightsville Beach, July 31 to August 5. Mrs. C. D. Barclift of Wilmington is the dean; Mrs. L. L. Motte is business manager; Mrs. A. D. Byrd is registrar; and Mrs. W. E. Hobbs is librarian.

The faculty includes Mrs. N. P. Edens of Kittrell, conference secretary of missionary education and service, teaching "Cooperation for a Christian Nation;" Mrs. W. C. Davis of Wilmington, district secretary of spiritual life, teaching "Women of Scripture;" and Mrs. J. T. Doughtie of Clinton, district promotion secretary, who will be in charge of the clinics.

The evening speakers are Rev. C. D. Barclift, Rev. Linwood E. Blackburn, Rev. Cyrus B. Dawsey, Jr., Mrs. J. D. Stott, and Mrs. Cyrus B. Dawsey, Jr. The morning worship will be conducted by Mrs. S. E. Jones. Special music will be under the direction of Mrs. James C. Murdock.

The registration fee is $2.00 and must be sent to Mrs. A. D. Byrd, Box 270, Rt. 3, Wilmington, as soon as possible. Mrs. Doughtie says, "First come, first served." Registration will be Sunday afternoon, July 31, from 2:00 to 5:30, at which time room and board will be paid, the fee being $12.00.

Day pupils and those who can come for only a few days will be welcomed. Lunch may be brought and tables will be provided, and drinks will be on sale. Dinner will be served for 75c for those desiring it. Whenever possible, let Mrs. Byrd know ahead of time how many desire dinner.

NEW BERN DISTRICT NEWS

New Bern District's annual meeting was held in Greenville on April 20 with more than 200 in attendance. Mrs. Darden Eure of Morehead City, the president, presided. It was with deep regret that the district learned of Mrs. Eure's resignation. Mrs. R. L. Jerome, chairman of the research committee, presented the following names to take the places of the officers who had resigned: for President, Mrs. J. B. Chase of Eureka; for treasurer, Mrs. Charles Boyd, New Bern; secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. Joe Ipock of New Bern; secretary of youth, Mrs. Charles Davis of Eureka; children's work, Mrs. R. L. Bame of Pikeville; and secretary of missionary personnel, Mrs. Harold Willis of Morehead City.

The main address of the meeting was given by Miss Margaret Billingsly, executive secretary for the work in Korea, Japan, and the Philippines. The four points of the Advance program were presented by Mrs. R. L. Cox, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Mrs. W. P. Moore, and Mrs. W. C. Chadwick.

Soon after the district meeting, the four zone meetings were held.

Wayne Zone met in Bethel Church, Mt. Olive Circuit, with Mrs. Lloyd Sutton, leader, presiding. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Wilson, gave the opening devotional, and Mrs. H. I. Glass of Kinston conference vice-president, the noonday inspirational address. Presenting the four goals were Mrs. Stanley Mann of Newport, Mrs. M. R. Pipkin of Kinston, Mrs. J. B. Chase of Eureka and Mrs. R. L. Cox of Mt. Olive.

Tri-county Zone met in Oriental with Mrs. Donald Witherington, leader, presiding. Mrs. R. H. Lewis, of Dover, had the opening devotional, and Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of New Bern the noonday message. The four goals were presented by Mrs. J. B. Chase, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, and Mrs. R. L. Cox.

Carteret Zone met in Franklin Memorial Church in Morehead City with the pastor, Rev. W. D. Caveness, leading the opening devotional. Mrs. H. I. Glass was the noonday inspirational speaker. The goals were presented by Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Pipkin, and Mrs. Cox. A skit given by the young women from Beaufort presented goal No. 3. Mrs. J. L. Smith of North Harlowe, the new zone leader, presided.

Central zone met in Grifton with Mrs. D. Lester Latham, the new leader, presiding. The invocation was given by Rev. E. W. Downum, pastor of the church. Mrs. H. I. Glass gave the noonday message. The four goals were given by Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Pipkin, Mrs. W. P. Moore and Mrs. Cox. Attractive program booklets containing much useful informative material were given those in attendance at this meeting.

Sixteen women from the New Bern District attended the School of Missions at Pfeiffer College and thirteen women attended the spiritual life retreat.

One new society, Providence, on Grimesland Circuit, has been organized with Mrs. John Ecklin, Chocowinty, president, and Mrs. M. R. Buttry, vice-president.

Another new society at Havelock has combined with an old society at Havelock Church. Mrs. C. P. Hancock is president.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT NEWS

Severn Woman's Society of Christian Service is the second society to attain goal No. 1, of 100% membership, in the Rocky Mount District. The other is Kenly.

"In fact," says Mrs. Henry Maddrey, district promotion secretary, "they have gone two over the mark, for the pastor's wife, Mrs. J. E. Garlington, is a member of every society on the charge. Mrs. Clarke of Severn and Plymouth, has her membership in both societies. One new member, a shut-in, expressed her appreciation in being invited to join. The society will keep in touch with her and send her literature, and she will join them in her prayers and gifts. Mrs. M. L. Martin is president."

Mrs. Maddrey announces the election of Mrs. Alton Paschall of Norlina as zone leader for the Warren zone succeeding Miss Tempe Dameron who has resigned after eight years of service.

RALEIGH DISTRICT NEWS

Mrs. T. G. Stem of Oxford, Raleigh District president, has started a quarterly newspaper for her district which will keep the members of the group more closely tied together and will create more interest in the work of the W. S. C. S.

This little newspaper gives items of interest concerning the local societies, the zones and the district. It contains also suggestions and recommendations from the various officers and secretaries. It brings to the attention of the readers the important dates and deadlines for reporting and for meetings.

Pleasant Plains on the Lillington Charge and Corinth on the Four Oaks have every woman in the church membership a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Fourteen from the Raleigh District attended Pfeiffer College School of Missions. Among these was the newest recruit for the fulltime work of the Master, Miss Marie Wilson of Oxford.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NEWS

The Wesleyan Service Guild organized Salem Church in the Fayetteville District on June 21st. Realizing the impossibility of the gainfully employed women to attend the monthly afternoon meeting of the Woman's Society, Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Mooney invited a group of these women to the parsonage and there organized the W. S. G. Fifteen members' names are on the charter list. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. David Faircloth; vice-president, Mrs. W. D. McLaurin Jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. Harry Gilliam; promotion secretary, Miss Alma Culbreth; and treasurer, Mrs. Geneva Starling.

At the third annual Institute of Missions for the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference, 82 registered. Miss Lucy Steele taught "Women of the Scripture" and Dr. Margaret Applegarth taught "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church." Clinics were held on Saturday night, June 18th. Mrs. C. A. York led the one on missionary education and service; Mrs. J. C. Burwell, spiritual life; Mrs. Ira Shelley, supply work and Christian social relations; and Miss Pete Hill, promotion.

After the clinics the group assembled in the auditorium where Mrs. J. H. Cutchin led the evening meditation. Miss Elsie Parker, Mrs. C. A. York, Mrs. Leo Palmer, and Mrs. Shelia Howard presented the four goals of the Advance.

The Sunday morning service in the Chapel was lead by Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., vice-president of the Western N. C. Conference. Miss Lucy Steele brought the inspirational message. An offering was taken for the Seward General Hospital in Alaska which totaled $50.00. Mrs. J. C. Burwell climaxed the Institute by leading the group in a period of re-dedication.

Miss Sarah Godfrey is secretary of the Wesleyan Service in the N. C. Conference and Miss Lottie Duncan for the Western Conference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

In a called session at Pfeiffer College during the School of Missions the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Conference accepted Miss Mary Beth Joyner for service in Africa, and assumed the responsibility for her salary, giving Fayetteville District the privilege of paying this.

Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, conference promotion secretary, reported for the adjustment committee, recommending the date of June 20-22 for the 1950 annual conference of the W. S. C. S., pending Henderson's approval, as this city is the hostess for the conference. The following program committee was named: Mrs. H. I. Glass, chairman, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, Mrs. N. P. Edens, Mrs. H. A. Davis, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Mrs. E. G. Cothran, and Mrs. H. W. Passavant, president of the hostess society.

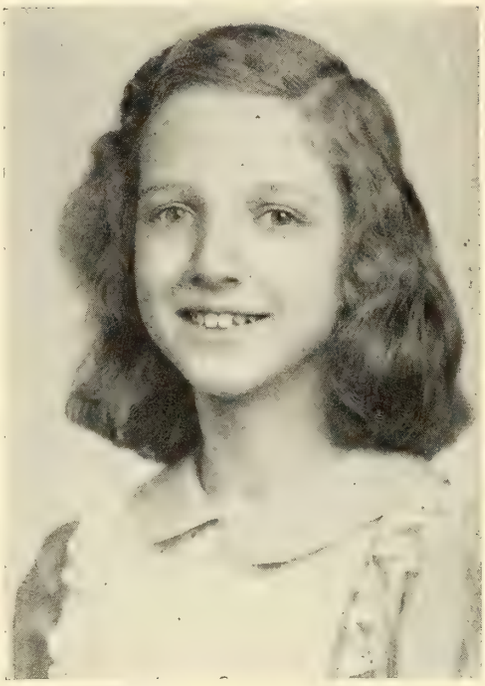
Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, president of the N. C. Conference, presided over this important session.

Vacations Beginning; Vacancies Being Filled; Plugs For Advocate; Erring Kin Present Problems

By O. V. Woosley

The Children's Home
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

A home for the homeless. Owned and maintained by the Western North Carolina Conference



Good Girl Well Sponsored

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

We have a lot of health. So many well children have brought on so much good health. Only those children who have some physical defect to correct are now spending much time in our infirmary or in the Baptist Hospital where our surgical operations are performed. It is remarkable how well the children can manage their health just before vacation time. We rejoice in the fact that we can guarantee our big family good physical growth and development.

CHILDREN'S DIRECTION

We continue to be mindful of the fact that those who direct our children have a great deal to do with their welfare. Poor directors make poor behavior reactors. Since youngsters in a family like ours come under the direction of a number of staff members, we are continually correlating efforts in such a way as to keep from getting crossed up in the direction of the youngsters. When two or more staff members get crossed up it usually follows that a number of children get crossed up. Good home mothers and other staff members when working together give mighty good direction to children who have a right to enjoy it.

CHILDREN'S SECURITY

Children come here from insecurity. It is remarkable how soon they can fall into the assurance of security. Children may come here who are afraid of the dark but are not here very long until it never occurs to them that darkness or anything else may cause fear. While the children are not aware of it, there are others here who are aware that the children's security must be based on how well our friends provide for the financial ongoing of our enterprise. At the present time we are about $3,000 short of receipts as compared with those received by this time last year. Our bank balance is the lowest it has registered in a long time.

CHILDREN'S PRIVILEGES

Having recently been in conference with a number of administrators of child caring institutions, many conversations were had with reference to what privileges children and youngsters living in the congregate way should have. It was noted that there was a wide range of regulation in this matter. We note from time to time that youngsters' privileges here with us are expanded or withdrawn in line with what behavior tendencies accrue from them. One thing is certain that no rigid rule applies for any great length of time. We continue to work in the trial and error fashion of determining what privileges our youngsters should have.

CHILDREN'S GOINGS

Thirty-six of our older youngsters are now away on three weeks' vacation. They will return on July 30th, when over 300 will go away for a three weeks' vacation. These youngsters will go to visit relatives. Very few will go with sponsors and acquaintances. This is one time in the year when our children can build up family ties and renew kinship loyalties. Sometimes we find that relatives who live erratically at other times will straighten up and provide good situations for their visiting children for the three weeks they are with them. In the run of the years we have learned a great deal about what to depend on in this matter.

CHILDREN'S COMING

The number of children placed in rehabilitated homes have been fewer so far this summer than the last several summers. However, we have a number of vacancies which are already being filled and will be completely filled before the opening of school the 29th of August. The determining of who should be enrolled here in our family is a matter that is not hastily done. We have learned that in some instances children whose cases were pressed on us very energetically have been well provided for elsewhere in the run of a few months. The children are coming and we are going to give them a good opportunity to have a good home here.

CHILDREN'S SPONSORS

As has previously been noted, practically all of our children are sponsored. In fact, so far as we know, less than a half dozen are not now claimed by some individual or group of individuals. We encourage these sponsors to forward cash for securing suitable clothing for their sponsored children. We do not encourage them to forward clothing, since so frequently it does not fit and does not suit well. The girl whose picture is herewith presented is Geraline Mize. She is sponsored by the church school at Avondale, Rev. O. L. Robinson being the correspondent. Individual contacts with sponsored children occur when gifts are forwarded at Christmas and remembrances come at birthdays. Oftentimes correspondence of a helpful nature is carried on between sponsors and their sponsored child. Geraline is well sponsored and is doing well here.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE

It was recounted at our recent meeting at Lake Junaluska that there are nine Advocates in the sixteen Conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and that these Advocates are serving a mighty good purpose for the interests of the Church in their various Conferences. It was further recounted that the Georgia church paper has a circulation of 36,000, that the Mississippi church paper has a circulation of about 30,000 and that other Advocates are increasing their circulation very decidedly. The North Carolina Christian Advocate's circulation falls far below that of the two mentioned. We have heard connectional brethren say from time immemorial that the North Carolina Christian Advocate is the best of them all. This is not proven by circulation figures. It is, of course, remembered that most of the readers of the Advocate are laymen and laywomen and that what appears in the church paper should be, in a large measure, of interest and help to them. The Board of Lay Activities has a good challenge here.

CHILDREN'S VISITORS

While we do not say much about it, we have a lot of visitors here on our grounds. Most of the current visitors come on Sunday afternoon from three to five o'clock, when our place is pretty well enveloped by cars and those who come in them. Some visitors come on Saturday afternoon when a longer time is offered for visiting. During the open season of the year many picnickers come. As soon as the new addition to the school building is completed we will have a recreation room for indoor conveniences of visitors. The Alspaugh field, located nearby, will provide ample outdoor privileges. We like to have our friends come to see us.

CHILDREN'S HABITS

We are not unmindful of the fact that some of our children will return to us in late August after a three weeks' vacation with some habits they have picked up which will need to be corrected. The few weeks following vacation are more trying on administrative directors than the few weeks of hurry and bustle prior to the children's going away. Sometimes we have found that a youngster needs to be privileged to act on his own account in order to learn whether or not his actions prove helpful. Habit, of course, plays a big part in life's unfolding, particularly in the unfolding of the lives of a lot of youngsters living so close together.

CHILDREN'S HANDICAPS

It is of course understood that children who come to live here come because they have had some annoying interruption in their normal lives. Either death, separation or some family breakdown has caused them to have to break away from former ties and come to live at a place where new loyalties may prevail. These children come with their own handicaps, many of which can be overcome. However, some of their relatives in many instances continue to offer handicaps to the children's development. We cannot advise the children of their relatives' handicaps, since such would be unwise and would not be believed if we attempted to do it. Our challenge is to encourage the children to see the best in their erring relatives and to encourage such relatives to be at their best when they visit with their children.

Prayers of Confession

Psalms 32; 51; 86:5; 130:1-5

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

To appreciate the Psalms of Penitence and Confession we must realize the jungle of superstition amid which these pure lilies of spiritual religion grew up. Only a man with an inspired vision of the holiness and love of God could have such a sense of the loathsomeness of sin as is expressed by the writer of the 51st Psalm. He knew that sin was more than a pollution; it broke down the moral tissues of the soul so that only a creative act of God could restore it. It was too serious to be atoned for by sacrifice. His only hope was to make a grand adventure on God's infinite mercy.

But while his condition is desperate he does not draw back from asking the most complete restoration. Some people think it shows humility to ask for small things, like the rich man in hell who begged Abraham to send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue. But that was the humility of hell. The Psalmist knows such humility is not pleasing to the Heavenly Father. So he asks that in his pollution he should be made whiter than snow, and that God would restore unto him the joy of his salvation so that he could teach transgressors God's way and sinners would be converted to Him.

What new light does Jesus throw upon this Psalm? As we behold Him on the cross dying for our sins in infinite love and compassion, our sense of sin is greatly increased; and as we hear Him say to the criminal who was crucified with Him, This day shalt thou be with me in paradise, our confidence that he will forgive our sins is also doubly increased.

Now we turn from the 51st to the 32nd Psalm. John Hutton says that a Psalm is apt to begin with an explosion. This Psalm certainly does. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered; blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. The Psalmist has an infinite sense of relief after he ceases to rationalize his sins and makes a full confession. He tells us how when he would not acknowledge that he was in the wrong his bones waxed old through his groaning all the day long. A mental fever wore him out and dried him up.

But then he confessed his transgressions unto Jehovah, and had a blessed consciousness that He had forgiven them. He is no longer afraid of any flood of calamity. Instead of trying to hide from God he now hides in God, like a naughty but repentant little boy who hides himself in the folds of his mother's apron. And he hears a voice from heaven saying, I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way that thou shouldst go. The decisions of life are no longer to be like the throwing of dice. The Spirit of God will lead him gently in the right path. And remembering his past experience when Providence had to pull sharply on the bit to restrain him from his stubborn courses, he says, Be not as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold them in.

A certain spiritual hilarity has come to him and he says, Be glad in the Lord, ye righteous, and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. Well may we also rejoice when we hear the promise, If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We hear in this Psalm an anticipation of Him who said, These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Beyond

Please lift the shade—I want to feel the open spaces;
My soul rebels against these prison walls of gloom.
I want to see the clouds like Oriental laces,
Their fringe of golden glow, and hear their thunders boom.

I want to look unbarred into those far blue ranges
And strive to see what secrets might to me unfold;
I want to know what comes to soul in earth's ongoing changes,
And know all truth that human lips have never told.

Ere long I'll go in search of all that's free and holy,
In far, far reaches where uncharted oceans lave;
And there with zeal I'll seek for all full freedom solely
And live unchained the life of peace my Master gave.

—W. L. HUTCHINS.

Boonville, N. C.

WHY I GAVE MY LIFE TO BRAZIL

(*Continued from page five*)

to the far places of the country. In the schools of the Methodist Church there are more than twelve thousand boys and girls and young men and women; many others have to be turned away because of lack of room. In addition to its present schools the Church is planning a Methodist university to be built in the Federal District, not far from the city of Rio. Other denominations are doing splendid work. Recently in Rio two Methodist schools put on campaigns to raise from appreciative Brazilian people much needed funds for new buildings, and both campaigns were successful. The two schools were Bennett College for girls and People's Central Institute.

Methodism is growing fast in Brazil. New preaching points are constantly being opened; new circuits organized. Then comes the problem of finding ministers who can go in and develop the new territory. The Brazilian church is not yet able to furnish all the workers that are needed; nor does it have the material resources required for the building of churches, religious education buildings, and parsonages. In the face of great financial needs, it is worthy of note that two years ago the Brazilians in the Central Council made this appeal: "We need more money and more missionaries. If you cannot send us both money and missionaries, then send us missionaries."

A missionary goes with the primary responsibility and purpose of announcing the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. He goes to help in the establishment of the Kingdom of God in these weary lands. This is primary and fundamental. But he realizes that as he does this many by-products result



A Church in Brazil

from his labors. Among these are: the elimination of illiteracy; the poor hear the gospel gladly, accept it, their condition begins to improve, they are taught the laws of sanitation and health; the infant mortality rate grows smaller; superstition is overcome and the suffering that results from it is cast aside; schools, colleges, universities are built; girls are taught domestic science and home-making; young men and women study social service work; medical schools train doctors and nurses; hospitals care for the sick; orphanages become a refuge for homeless children; sure foundations are laid for good will, brotherhood and the Kingdom of God.

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War of 1812

By VIRGINIA KENDALL

"And Tommy," said Mother, rising from the table, "you will please help me with the supper dishes. Thomas! Come right back here."

Eleven-year-old Tommy, anticipating just such an announcement, had already darted into the parlor and reached the front door. With his hands on the screen door, he wistfully looked out toward the empty lot where the gang already was starting a football scrimmage.

It was a perfect time for a game—a warm autumn evening, with a rosy sky and a sharp smell of burning leaves. There wouldn't be many more like it.

"Aw, Mom," cried Tommy, "I promised the boys I'd be out to practice. Can't I go?"

The job of drying dishes had been assigned to him several weeks ago. But hardly a day had gone by in the meantime without his trying to slip out of the hated chore. He knew now, however—as he had understood perfectly from the beginning—that there was no use in begging to be off.

"Why can't Sandy dry them—just once?" he grumbled, scuffing his feet on the rugs as he slowly started toward the kitchen. "It's a girl's job, anyhow."

But he knew that Sandra, though his twin, was not tall enough to reach the shelves. Besides, the Daleys next door already had asked her to be babysitter until eight o'clock this evening.

All Tommy could do was to mutter crossly about the unfairness of it and take as long as he dared in getting to the kitchen.

Daddy emerged from behind his newspaper and looked at Tommy thoughtfully. Then his eyes twinkled.

"There seems to be a daily conflict at our house," he remarked. "It looks as if the War of 1812 is still being fought."

Tommy looked up, puzzled.

"What do you mean, Daddy," asked Sandy, struggling into her sweater. "It sounds like our address—1812 Cedar Lane. Is that what you mean?"

"That's right. It's the war for freedom from the dish towel," he chuckled, helping her to straighten the bulgy sweater sleeves. Sandy giggled and looked at sullen Tommy.

"You'll study the real war in history some day," Daddy told her. "You'd better hurry now, Tom."

In spite of being teased and scolded, every night Tommy made it very clear to all that he hated to dry the dishes.

One morning Miss McGill, the children's teacher, began the history class by asking, "Who can tell me why the War of 1812 was fought?"

Sandy giggled and turned around to look at Tommy.

"Freedom from the dish towel," she whispered teasingly.

Several children laughed. And then Sandy's face turned pink and hot; the teacher was looking straight at her.

"What was that, Sandra?" asked Miss McGill. "You know when we talk in class we must speak loudly enough for everyone to hear us. Now, what did you say?"

"I said—well—oh, it's just a joke at our house," the little girl stammered. "Well, you see," she explained, "that's our address—1812 Cedar Lane. And 'most every night, when Tommy has to help with the dishes he has a fight about it. So Daddy says the War of 1812 is for freedom from the dish towel. That's what I just said."

The children laughed, and even Miss McGill smiled. Then she looked at Tommy. His face was red, and he looked most uncomfortable.

Everyone was quiet for a minute; then Miss McGill asked seriously, "Tommy, did you ever stop to think what it costs to fight? It takes ever so much money and machinery and man power that should be put to more useful purposes. And very often it isn't worth half the price that is paid, even if the war is won.

"That's true with us, too, Tommy, when we fight for what we should not have—or to get out of something we know we ought to do. Think how mean and ugly you feel inside when you're cross to Mother and Daddy. Don't you always wish afterward that you hadn't acted that way?"

Tommy nodded. He knew just what she meant.

"It costs you a lot to fight over something very small, doesn't it, Tom? What do you think about it?"

His brown eyes looked up thoughtfully.

"It isn't worth it," he admitted.

"No, it isn't," she agreed.

—The Burning Bush

"Did your teeth chatter when you felt the chill coming over you?" Mrs Jones asked.

"I don't know," replied the old lady sweetly. "My teeth were lying on the table."

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Skyland, Mt. Zion, Skyland, 5 24
East Flat Rock, East Flat Rock, 8 24
Abernethy, 8 25
French Broad, 8 28
Central, 11 31
Weaverville Ct., Salem, 2:30 31

August

Hendersonville, 8 1
Annual Picnic check-up Rhododendron Park, 10:30 2
Brevard, 8 3
Swannanoa Sta., 8 4
Haywood St., 11 7
Marshall, 3 7
Hot Springs, Hot Springs, 7:30 7
Candler, Mt. Morenci, 7:30 8
West Asheville, 8 9
Haywood St., 8 10
Leicester, School, 7:30 11
Weaverville Sta., 8 12
Burnsville, 11 14
Newdale, Martin's, 3 14
Bald Creek, Bald Creek, 7:30 14
Fairview, Nesbitt's Chap., 7:30 15
Swannanoa Ct., Tabernacle, 7:30 16
Piney Mtn., 7:30 17
Pisgah, Davis Chap., 7:30 18
Hillside-Merrimon, 7:30 26
Tryon, 11 28
Saluda, 3 28
Edneyville, 6 28

September

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Central, 7:30 7
Asbury, Memorial, 7:30 8

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July

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Belmont Park, 8 27
Big Spring, 7:30 28
Hickory Grove, 8 29
Weddington, 8 30
Peachland: Mount Moriah, 11 31
Lilesville: Forestville, 7:30 31

August

New Hope-Bethel: Bethel, 11 7
Indian Trail-Stallings: Grace, 2:30 7
Mouzon, 8 7
Hawthorne Lane, 8 8
Matthews, 8 9
St. James, 8 10
Trinity, 8 11
Commonwealth, 8:00 12
Mount Zion, 8 18
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Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting, 8 20
Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting, 11 21
Polkton: Poplar Hill, 3 21
Pleasant Grove, 8 21
Bethlehem, 8 22
Homestead, 8 23
Ansonville: Concord, 11:00 28
Morven: Sandy Plain, 3 28
Thrift, 8 28
Spencer Memorial, 8 29
St. Johns, 8 30
St. Paul, 8 31

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July

Cherryville Circuit, Bethlehem, 6 29
Asbury, Iron Station, 11 31
Concord: Bethel, Penley's, 3 31
Dallas, Dallas, 7:30 31

August

Crouse, Pleasant Grove, 11 7
South Fork, Crowell Memorial, 3 7
Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 7:30 7
Rock Springs, Camp Ground, 11 14
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 3 14
Mt. Holly, 7:30 14
Maylo-Smyre, Maylo, 7:30 17
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Polkville, Clover Hill, 3 21
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J. M. Odell Memorial, 7:30 31

September

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McAdenville, 7:30 2
Gastonia, East End, 11 4
Boger City, 5 4
Lincolnton, First, 7:30 4
Shelby, Central, 7:30 5
Belmont, Ebenezer, 7:30 6
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30 7
Cherryville, 7:30 8
Gastonia, Myrtle, 7:30 10
Lowell, Lowell, 11 11
King Mountain, Grace, 7:30 11
Gastonia, Trinity, 7:30 12
Main Street, 7:30 13
West End, 7:30 14

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July

Pleasant Grove, 11 24
Broad River, Wesley, 3 24
Rutherfordton, night 24
Morganton, First Church, 11 31
Rutherford College, Shady Grove ,3 31
Connelley Springs, Connelley Springs, Night 31

August

Todd, Stephen Memorial, 11-2 6
Boone, 11 7
Watauga, Henson, 3 7
Linville Falls, Altamont, Night 7
Boone Ct., Friendship, 11-2 13
Creston and Green Valley Green Valley ,11 14
Avery, Fairview, 3 14
East Marion, Night 14
Avondale-Alexander, Night 16
Drexel, Zion, Night 17
Kona, 11 21
Bakersville, Bakersville, 3 21
Red Hill, Devton Bend, Night 21
Old Fort Station, Night 22
Sprue Pine, Night 23
Spindale, Night 24
Elk Park, Elk Park, Night 25
Forest City, 11 28
Mill Springs, Lebanon, 3 28
Henrietta, Henrietta, night 28
Table Rock, Oak Hill, Night 29
Old Fort Ct., Ebenezer, Night 30
Valdese, Night 31

September

Bostic, Salem, Night 1
Glen Alpine, 11 4
McDowell, Pinnacle, 3 4
Nebo-Clinchfield, Nebo, Night 4

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July

Mount Mitchell, 11 24
Concord, Central, 3 (Organize Cabarrus Co. Mis. Soc.) 24
Mount Olivet, 8 24
Roberta, 11 31
Harmony, 8 31

August

Albemarle Circuit: Stony Hill, 11 7
Salem, 5 7
Albemarle: Main Street 7
Gold Hill: Bethlehem, 11 14
Rowan-Rock Grove, Rock Grove, 3 14
Westford, 8 14
Salisbury: First Church, 11 21
Epworth, 8 21
Woodleaf: South River, 11 28
Memorial, 5 28
Midway, 8 28

September

Rocky Ridge, 11 4
Kerr Street, 5 4
Forest Hill, 8 4
Albemarle: First Street, 8 5
China Grove, 8 6
Salisbury: First Church, 8 7
Long Street-Yadkin: Long Street, 8 8
Coburn Memorial, 11 11
Park Avenue, 8 11
Salisbury: Main Street, 8 12
Concord: Central, 8 13
Kannapolis: Trinity, 8 14
Spencer, 8 15

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July

Millers Creek: Charity, 11 24
Jefferson: Orion, 3 24
Troutman: Troutman, 7:30 24
Statesville, Boulevard, 7:30 27
Lenoir Circuit: Littlejohns, 11 31
Dudley Shoals: Ebenezer, 3 31
Wilkesboro: Union, 7:30 31

August

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Grace-Rhodhiss: Grace, 11 7
Taylorsville: Carsons Chapel, 3 7
Shepherds: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 7
Statesville, Race Street, 7:30 8
Mooresville, Jones Memorial, 7:30 9
Mooresville, Central, 7:30 10
Newton, First, 7:30 11
Balls Creek: Center, 11 14
Moravian Falls: Beulah, 3 14
Union Grove-Zion: Friendship, 7:30 14
Elmwood: Ebenezer, 11 21
Cool Springs: Cool Springs, 3 21
McKendree: Williamsons Chapel, 7:30 21
Hickory, First, 7:30 24
Hiddenite: Center, 11 28
Statesville Circuit: Chapel Hill, 3 28
Maiden: Mays Chapel, 7:30 28
Hickory, Westview, 7:30 29
Monticello-Rose Chapel: Monticello, 7:30 31

September

Statesville, Broad Street, 7:30 7

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July

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Liberty, First, 3 24
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August

Davie: Concord, 11 7
Unity-Fair Grove: Fair Grove, 7:30 7
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Asheboro, Central, 7:30 9
Ramseur-Franklinville, Ramseur, 7:30 10
Shiloh, Yadkin College, 7:30 11
Asheboro, West Bend, 7:30 12
Randleman Circuit: Worthville, 3 13
Cid, Fairview, 11 14
Thomasville Circuit: Fairview, 7 14
Lexington, First, 7:30 16
Thomasville, First, 7:30 17
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South Randolph: Flag Springs, 7:30 19
Davidson: Mt. Olivet, 11 21
Midway: Midway, 3 21
North Davidson: Canaan, 7:30 21
Linwood: Bethany, 7:30 23
Archdale, 7:30 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 25
Greer-Carmel: Greer, 7:30 26
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South Davidson: Chapel Hill, 2:30 28
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Pleasant Grove, 7:30 31

September

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Seagrove: Seagrove, 7:30 2
Asheboro Circuit: Cedar Falls, 11 4
Coleridge: Concord, 3 4
Randolph-Gray's: Bethel, 7:30 4
Randleman, First, 7:30 6
Thomasville, Memorial, 7:30 7
Trinity: Hopewell, 7:30 8
Farmer: Farmer, 7:30 9
Farmington, Smith Grove, 11 11
Mocksville Circuit: Bethel, 3 11
Advance: Mocks, 7:30 11

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July

Central Terrace, 11 24
Hanes Ct., Hanes, 3 24
Marvin, 7:30 24
Walnut Cove Ct., Pine Hall, 11 31
Pinnacle Ct., Pinnacle, 3 31
Rural Hall Ct., Antioch, 7:30 31

August

Elkin—First, 11 7
Jonesville, 3 7
Yadkinville Ct., Booneville, 7:30 7
Trinity, 7:30 8
Mt. Pleasant Ct., Mt. Pleasant, 7:30 9
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Oak Grove Ct., Mt. Herman, 11 14
Surry Ct., Maple Grove, 3 14
Rockford Street, 5 14
Pilot Mountain, 7:30 14
Franklin Ct., Zion, 11 21
Shoals Ct., Pilot, 3 21
West Forsyth Ct., Pleasant Hill, 7:30 21
Lewisville Ct., Brookstown, 7:30 22
Union Ridge, 7:30 24
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Concord—Sharon Ct., Concord , 3 28
Crews—Sedge Garden Ct., Crews, 7:30 28
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Sept.

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July

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Bahama, Mt. Bethel Dedication Services, 11 31

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July

Perquimans, New Hope, 11 and 1 23
Moyock, Moyock, 11:15 24
Edenton, 8 24
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July

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August

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August

South Robeson: Bethesda, 11 7

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CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND EVANGELISM

M. R. Chambers*

Limited space in the Conference Minutes does not permit the reporting of average Sunday school attendance by age groups. Total figures, however, show that the average attendance in all schools in the North Carolina Conference in 1948 exclusive of the Home Department was 55.4% of the enrollment. Average attendance in rural Sunday schools was 57.3% and in urban schools exactly 50.0% of the enrollment.

Attendance at additional meetings of the church school in proportion to Sunday school enrollment was higher in urban than in rural churches in all age groups. The number who attended both meetings is not ascertainable; it is probable that most of those attending additional meetings also attend the Sunday morning session.

Additional meetings for children had average attendance equal to 7.4% of the enrollment of children in Sunday school in rural churches; that in urban churches was 12.8% of the Sunday school enrollment. Average attendance of Youth Fellowship meetings showed only a slight difference in town and country churches in comparison with Sunday school enrollment comprising 36.6% of that enrollment in rural and 37.1% in urban churches. On the basis of adult enrollment in Sunday school, average attendance of additional meetings for adults was more than twice as great in urban as in rural churches, this being 12.3% in urban as compared with 5.9% in rural churches.

The number of rural charges having additional meetings both for children and for adults was found to be in inverse ratio to the number of churches per charge. The number of churches in each charge which had such meetings is not reported in the minutes, but the number of persons in attendance indicates that they were not held in more than one or two churches. The percentage of charges of one or two churches which held additional meetings for children was more than twice as high as for charges of five or more churches. The differences in percentages of charges holding additional meetings for adults was not so great in relation to the number of churches per charge, but is still significant.

Attendance of daily vacation church schools cannot be correlated precisely with Sunday school enrollment because of the wide and varied age range. Almost three times as many children attended vacation schools in the country as in the urban churches, although vacation leisure time does not constitute the problem for rural children as for those in the city. This activity in rural churches is doubtless due to the very splendid work being done by divinity students under the direction of the Duke Endowment.

While no base can be taken which would be altogether valid for relating this item to Sunday school enrollment, an arbitrary figure was reached by combining the enrollment in the children's division with one-third of that in the youth division. On this basis, it was found that 64.3% of the children in rural Sunday schools attended vacation church schools, as compared with 59.8% of those in urban Sunday schools. It must be remembered, too, that an undetermined number of children attend vacation church school who are not regularly in Sunday school.

One is disappointed to learn that there is no apparent correlation between attendance of vacation church schools and the number of pupils joining the church on profession of faith. In 1948, 21 charges having vacation church schools reported no pupils joining the church. Seventeen of these were rural and four were urban. Seven of the number—six rural and one urban—had 100 or more enrolled in vacation church school. On the other hand a great many pupils joined the church in charges which did not have a vacation school at all.

In rural charges, the rate of pupils joining the church per 100 in vacation school was highest in those which had less than 50 each in vacation school. This rate decreases as the enrollment increases, indicating that the two factors are altogether coincidental and that attendance in vacation school has no immediate bearing upon one's acceptance of the Christian life. The highest rate in urban charges is in those having from 50 to 99 in vacation school, but there is no evidence or correlation between the two factors. The total rate is somewhat higher in urban than in rural charges.

It is not within the purpose of this study to draw conclusions not disclosed in a study of the conference statistics. Yet a few observations seem valid from the figures themselves. Perhaps the general attitude of the church is found in the reaction of a certain Sunday school teacher when requested by the pastor to secure a list of all pupils who were not members of the church. The teacher exclaimed, "But I'm afraid they will think we are trying to get them into the church!" All too often we overlook the fundamental purpose of the entire church program, of which the church school is a part, to lead persons to a decision for Christ and His church and to nurture them in Christian living.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Belle Parker

Ellerbe.—Our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, removed from our association the gentle spirit of one of our loyal members, Mrs. Mary Belle Parker. In her going our society has lost a faithful member. Therefore, be it resolved,

First, That we deeply mourn the departure of our beloved member of the Woman's Society.

Second, That we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to her family, and that they be furnished a copy of these resolutions, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and be recorded in the minutes.—Mrs. Ray Rummage, Mrs. H. P. Rummage, Mrs. J. W. Rankin.

Mrs. Dora J. Gooch

Creedmoor.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Banks-Grove Hill churches, Granville County, wish to pay loving tribute to our beloved member, Mrs. Dora J. Gooch, who passed away May 7, 1949. She was a loyal and consecrated worker of our society. In her character and daily life were exemplified the attributes of the Spirit: gentleness, goodness, and love. "Mrs. Dora" was a faithful and loyal attendant at all church services, always ready and willing to give of her time and means for the promotion of God's work. Hers was truly an exemplary life, which will ever prove to be an inspiration to her family and many friends, helping them find joy and peace beyond all understanding in service of our Lord and Master.

This tribute is recorded in the minutes of our society and copies are being sent to the family and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. E. T. Husketh, Jr.

Mrs. Minnie Moore

Bynum.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bynum Methodist Church pay tribute to the memory of our beloved member, Mrs. Minnie Moore, wife of G. E. Moore, who passed away on Saturday, June 4, 1949. In her going our society has lost a faithful and consecrated member. Her loyal devotion to church, friends and home will ever stand as a living memorial to her beautiful Christian life. In appreciation of her consecrated life and Christian service we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and extend sympathy to the family.

Resolved: That this tribute be entered in the records of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a copy be sent to her family, a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy sent to the Chatham Record.—Mrs. William Howard, Mrs. Thomas Snipes, Mrs. C. E. Durham.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE will conduct a nation-wide good used clothing drive during October, 1949. The need for clothing, both in Europe and Asia, continues to be acute. This is particularly true in relation to the millions of refugees in Germany, Greece, Palestine, and the Far East. Church World Service asks cooperation at two specific points:

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(2) The development of concerted clothing drives by youth groups (state, county and local), communities, and Councils of Churches.

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Readers Discuss Conference Change, Humility; Ormond Writes on Minister's Calling; Notices

FAVORS SUMMER CONFERENCE

Dear Editor,

In the discussion of moving the date of the meeting of the North Carolina Annual Conference, I believe we are having much of our discussion on "fringe" matters and issues. It seems to me that the point for consideration is not gardens, schools, moving in pleasant in lieu of winter weather, and the like, but only one thing—will such a change provide a helpful impetus in the work of the church?

There seems to be no one who doubts that a change of the type proposed will facilitate the work of the church. Let us then be realistic, put first things first, and seek to adjust the other points in view of this main consideration.

We are serving a country circuit and it seems that a large part of the discussion concerning the proposed change has come from men on work of the some type as ours. However, in discussion with laymen over our charge and with fellow rural pastors, there has arisen no disagreement as to the worth of the change from the viewpoint of the year-round church program.

It seems to me that either of the proposed seasons for our conference session will be vastly superior to the present meeting time. And, so far as we are concerned, a date in late summer will answer just about every objection which we have heard raised to the moving of the date of Conference. The chief gardening interests of that season will revolve around turnips and collards—and in some places it is then not too late to plant! More seriously, I doubt that any of us are not inwardly convinced that our arguments have been too largely concerned with matters of some importance—but matters far less important than what must be our supreme concern, service to Christ and His Kingdom, service channeled through His Body, the Church. Let us then make not only this change, but every other, not overlooking those which the Holy Spirit must make in us, that we may rightly fulfill our ministry.

Cordially yours,
EDWARD F. SMITH

Leasburg

TIME FOR HUMILITY, SOUND THINKING

Dear Editor:

One of the sessions at the Washington Seminar, held annually by the Board of Ministerial Training of The Methodist Church, was devoted to a discussion of the United Nations and The Atlantic Pact. Speaking for The United Nations was an eminent member of the Secretariat; and for the Atlantic Pact, an outstanding foreign correspondent. Some ninety Methodist ministers were there and to an embarrassing degree they "took sides." The discussions of the two men revealed unusual understanding of world affairs. The one felt that the United Nations was capable of maintaining world peace; the other that the Atlantic Pact was a temporary necessity for putting "teeth" into the International Body. Our purpose is not to evaluate from that standpoint; rather it is to make an observation about the thinking of the ministers who were present. Mild anger, sarcasm, and cries of "power politics" were all to prevalent. There was an absence of humble desire to learn about great issues from men well informed about them. It presented the ludicrous picture of men who "with minds made up" had gone to learn!

It is said that a person who has suffered from a cataract, and who has been fortunate enough to have it removed, has a very restricted frontal line of vision. If that be true, it means that they can see neither to right nor left. This is hardly a time for the ministry with its obligation of imparting sound information and leadership to have restricted frontal comprehension only. There are mighty issues to the right and left that must be seen and understood.

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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

Though "Every Man's Life (is) A Plan of God": Bushnell, the minister's call includes something different. "That every good man's work is a divine vocation is what he (the minister) ought to believe": Gladden. "The ministry isn't the only career in which a man may acceptably serve his Master. Sometimes I think that for some men it is probably the only career in which he can't': Douglas. "The young lawyer when he is admitted to the bar does not promise to keep the Ten Commandments. The young physician when he receives his diploma does not agree to live according to the principles of the sermon on the mount. The merchants and manufacturers do not profess to stand ready to give their lives for the ransom of others. But the minister who undertakes to stand in his pulpit as an ambassador of Christ undertakes all this": Brown, C. R. "The ministry is distinguished from all these in that its aim is confessedly spiritual. However noble may be the service to the physical, the intellectual, and the aesthetic needs of human life, religious work is more fundamental in that it deals with intangible values which give life its real meaning": Beebe. "It is a great, awful, holy trust. We are called to be guides and guardians of the souls of men, leading them into 'the way of peace'": Jowett. "You are called to a high calling; match it with a high character! Leard by the grace of God to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called! You, more than any other set of men on earth, are under bonds to live nobly": Brown, C. R.

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Editorial Comment . . .

The Coming Showdown Between the Church and the Totalitarian State

The most implacable foe of the church today is the totalitarian state.

By the totalitarian state we mean the state that seeks total control over the lives of its citizens. Some refer to it benignantly as the welfare state which, in some instances, promises cradle to grave security. Paul Hutchinson, in a provocative volume, "The New Leviathan," more accurately calls it the new Leviathan or the mortal God. In our day this gigantic force is a spreading conflagration, sometimes taking the form of fascism and sometimes taking the form of communism. But it supersedes any political system. It is a phenomenon all its own.

Now, the totalitarian state is actually nothing new in human affairs. The psychological and physical weapons under its control today, however, make it more formidable, a greater threat to free institutions, than ever before.

Between the church and the totalitarian state there can be no real reconciliation. The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, meeting earlier this month at Chichester, England, made this quite clear in its resolution on religious liberty. "The totalitarian doctrine," the Committee declared, "is a false doctrine. It teaches that in order to gain a social or political end everything is permitted. It maintains the self-sufficiency of man. It sets political power in the place of God. It denies the existence of absolute moral standards. It moulds the minds of the young in a pattern opposed to the message of the gospel. It sanctions the use of all manner of means to overthrow all other views and ways of life."

There has scarcely been a day during this century in which the church and this new Leviathan have not been in open conflict. During the past few years tension between the two has been mounting, with occasional sporadic outbursts of open hostility. But, on the whole, it has been in the nature of a cold war. The turn of events this year in communist-dominated countries causes one to wonder if the cold war is not about over, if the conflict is not to take a more violent form. The showdown no doubt has been hastened by the Vatican's recent edict which threatened Roman Catholics who support communism with excommunication, and with the communist threat to bring treason charges against those who abide by the Vatican order.

Canst thou draw out Leviathan with a fish-hook? Canst thou put a rope through his nose? Or pierce his jaw through with a hook? Upon the earth there is not his like. Everything that is high fears him. He is king over all the sons of pride.—Job 41:1 ff.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.—Ephesians 6:10-12.

Lest some Protestants take refuge in the idea that this conflict is largely a Roman Catholic-Communist affair, let them remember that the communists have consistantly warned that their avowed purpose is to liquidate all branches of the church. They are realistic enough to know their final barrier to world domination is the Christian church. Moreover, it is obvious that this mortal God is too strong and too drunk with power and success to stop now. It will probably decide in every country it takes over at what hour the battle will be joined.

What can the church do in the face of the totalitarian state? There are only two courses open—acquiescence or resistance.

Some church members, in the countries where the battle is now being waged, are surrendering. Others, however, are showing increased resistance. Realizing that while time lasts there can be no truce with any mortal God, both Roman Catholics and Protestants are facing the enemy with firmness and determination.

Of course, the church cannot meet the totalitarian state with physical weapons. It has no such weapons; and even if it did, they would be wholly inadequate. The church has weapons of the spirit. And with these weapons it must wage battle.

Fortunately, the Central Committee at Chichester has pointed the way. "We declare," it challenges, "the duty and the right of the church to preach the Word of God and to proclaim the will of God. We appeal to the churches to interpret and apply God's will to all realms of life. We warn the churches in all lands against the danger of being exploited for worldly ends. In the countries where the state is antagonistic to the Christian religion or indeed wherever full religious freedom is denied, we ask all Christians to remember that the liberty which they received from their Lord cannot be taken away by the violence or threat of any worldly power, or destroyed by suffering. Therefore, we urge the churches to bear clear corporate witness to the truth in Christ and their ministers to continue to preach the whole gospel. We urge all Christians to stand firm in their faith, to uphold Christian principles in practical life and to secure Christian teachings for their children. All who bear the Christian name must be true to the living God. God calls us all to pray earnestly for one another and to be faithful at all seasons in personal witness. In loyalty to the Word that sounded forth from Amsterdam we shall stay together, in the certain knowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Christians in America, far from the present scene of battle, have a peculiar responsibility in this critical hour. They must pray for and support in every way possible their persecuted fellow-Christians. They should declare as never before the full gospel of the immortal God. They should take the initiative in leading an apostate and divided church back to the true faith and an all-inclusive Christian fellowship. They should resist with their very lives the spread of the doctrine of this mortal God to our shores.

The immediate years ahead for multitudes of Christians may be filled with trials and tribulations that rival New Testament days. The church will need every spiritual resource at its command to resist this mortal God.

Parrot or Prophet?

By W. R. Cullom*

I have never owned a parrot. My association with them has been very limited. I must confess, therefore, that I know very little about parrots. But what I do know of them does not tend to increase my respect and admiration for these birds. Some of them learn to talk a little after a fashion. Their vocabulary is very limited and their circle of ideas is thoroughly blank. My acquaintance with the parrot leaves me with the impression that he possesses four characteristics: (1) He is imitative. He can say only what he picks up from those about him. He has no power of originating ideas; he has no sense of purpose; he has no plan of life. (2) He is meddlesome. He passes out to others what you would not have passed out. He is utterly void of any sense of responsibility or of propriety. If you have any confidences keep them to yourself. Don't give them to your parrot. (3) He is deceptive. He will call the dog, have him come running to him in a state of glad expectancy, only to find nothing either in the form of a bone or a blessing. (4) He is thoroughly selfish. The most distinct and the most oft-repeated message that I have heard from the parrot is this: "Polly wants a cracker."

But there are parrots of another kind. With many of whom I am well acquainted. If I am to be candid and perfectly honest at this point, I guess I shall have to confess that I have not always been thoroughly innocent myself. I hope that the good Lord will forgive me and that my friends who know me and love me will pray God to help me to leave the parrot behind me altogether and to step out into our troubled, disturbed, bewildered and well-nigh perishing world as a a prophet of the Most High. Surely this is no time for parrots in the pulpit, in the home, in the school room, in the halls of legislation, in the editor's chair, or in any place where leadership is called for. In all such places our situation in all the world today calls for men and women possessed of a strong personality. This kind of personality comes from personal and direct fellowship with God.

What then is a prophet and what is his function in the world? The prophet is, first, a seer. (I Samuel 9:9). For a long time I allowed this word to pass under my eyes without appreciating its real significance. Of course, a "seer" is one who sees. But do not all people see? No! Too many of us, far too many, never see beneath the surface. It is said that Martin Luther would always raise his hat when he came into the presence of a child. His imagination saw what possibilities were locked up in that child. In our daily routine as we mingle with the plain men and women about us, how we need to pray God to open our eyes that we may see! We walk daily and hourly in the midst of opportunities that an archangel might well covet. What sorrows, what sufferings, what heartaches, what temptations, what perplexities, what secret sins, what hunger and thirst for God, for the living God are ever about us and we pass along seeing only what is on the surface! The parrot will never see any of these things: it takes the prophet of God to see them. The deeper experiences of life call for a man who is in vital touch with Christ. The prophet has eyes to see, the parrot does not.

The real function of the prophet, secondly, is to speak for or on behalf of God. His message as a prophet may deal with the past, the present or the future and be truly a prophetic message in any one of these tenses. The essential thing is that he shall be speaking a message from God. Nor is this message necessarily confined to dealing with the individual:

There are many parrots today and few prophets. To which of these do you belong? You alone can decide.

it may deal with the nation, with the group, with the class, but always and primarily in their relationship to God.

The Prophet, thirdly, is to interpret life for those to whom he speaks in their relationship to one another. But here again he speaks for God and must limit himself strictly to his primary and peculiar function as a prophet. The Lord's commission to Ezekiel will illustrate what I am here saying: "But thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear." (Ezek. 2:7.)

The prophet, fourthly, is a man of great humility. He does not rely upon independent authority. He is necessarily humble when he thinks of the origin and source of his messages He will be modest. Any suggestion of driving men or of coercion in any form or to any degree is far removed from the work of the true prophet. His responsibility ceases when he is sure that he has spoken God's will in such a way as to cause people to know that God has spoken, and also to know what God is saying to them. When this has been done faithfully, tenderly, lovingly, people are to understand that they must make their own choice. "The competency of the soul under God" is fundamental.

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And now I close with three simple observations: (1) I doubt if there has ever before been a time that needed the guidance and help of the real prophet as our age does. Were men, nations and peoples ever before so confused, so bewildered, so perplexed, so disturbed, so fearful as to what is ahead of them as they are today? What a call for the prophet of God! (2) Was there ever a time when so many, such attractive, such alluring inducements were held before the prophet of God to lead him astray? Some publishing houses are providing so much for the parrots; it is much easier to be a parrot; many congregations much prefer a parrot to a prophet; much of the religious life about us is pitched and conducted for the parrot rather than for the prophet. It requires great courage, hard toil, constant and diligent application. The parrot can swim with the current; the prophet has to swim against the current. (3) If one then is seeking the way of ease, the way of the crowd, the way of comfort, the way of least resistance, let him set out to be a parrot. If a man wants to make a contribution through his life to what God is doing in the world, to what will abide and go on through eternity, let him choose the way of the prophet. The man who chooses the way of the prophet will be choosing the way of persecution (Matt. 5:10-12). He may take comfort, however, in the assurance that this is the way of his Master and hear that Master saying to him "The servant is not greater than his Lord; neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him (John 13:16). If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. It is enough that the servant be as his Lord."

Parrot or Prophet! Which will I be? Which will you be? The door to each is wide open. The need of the world for the prophet of God, was never so great.

Faith and Prayer

If the day was lonely
And the shadows have been long
Keep with your heart
The tender memory of a song;
A song you heard long years ago
Some sweeter, brighter day.
And walking out beneath the stars,
Look up to them and pray.
For God hath said in spite of wars,
And all their force and might,
That when a sparrow falls to earth
'Tis precious in his sight.
And we are worth much more than they,
He said in Galilee,
When he was sad and lonely,
And walked beside the sea.
So let him take your hand in His
And lead you all the way,
For everything in life comes right
If we have FAITH AND PRAY.

—Mrs. Roberta Abernethy Goode
Rutherford College, N. C.

Of More Value Than a Sheep

By T. R. JENKINS*

Of how much value is man? Totalitarian systems claim that he is merely a creature of the state. Jesus says he is of inestimable worth, created in the image of God.

During the War between the States Senator Charles Sumner, absorbed in his great plans for the abolition of slavery, was asked by Julia Howe to come and meet some friends. He declined. "Really, Julia," he said in his lofty way, "I have lost all interest in individuals." "Why, Charles!" she answered, "God hasn't got as far as that yet." No, he has not. At least Jesus felt that way about it. One day he was asked a question to which he gave this answer: "How much then is a man of more value than a sheep?"

What do you think? How much is a person worth? Well, it is a certain fact that we cannot get a true estimate of a man if we think only in terms of the physical. Sometime ago some scientists made an analysis of the human anatomy. Estimating in terms of then prevailing prices, they stated that a human being was worth 98 cents. With the present inflationary prices, that estimate may be increased to $1.96.

Last July I carried my little daughter and her friend swimming. While I sat in the summer house reading, they were having a wonderful time out there, until suddenly I looked up and she was over a deep hole. Immediately I sensed the situation. Disregarding the fact that I was fully dressed, and forgetting that I was a poor swimmer, I went after her. When I reached her, and about the time that she took my hand, I stepped in the hole, too. She grabbed me around the neck and both of us went under. How long we were in that extreme danger, I do not know. How we got out will always be a mystery. But we did. This experience still haunts me. But do you ask me why I, who could not swim, and with my clothes on, too—watch, glasses, and all—should have attempted to save a little eleven-year-old-piece of human flesh? There is but one simple answer to that question: that was my little girl out there.

This, I believe, is the way God feels about all of us. "What man, having lost one sheep," said Jesus, "would not go into the wilderness to find him, leaving the other 99 behind knowing that they were safe?" So, that is the value your heavenly Father has placed upon you, His children! "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered." You are of infinitely more value than many sparrows.

If, then, individuals are of such intrinsic value, we have no right to treat even one of them with indifference. Human beings are not machines. The Africans have a proverb that "any fool can tell how many apples there are on a tree, but that it takes a wise man to tell how many trees there are in an apple." So! Who of us does not have reason to thank God for people who in ordinary, daily relationships guessed what might be grown out of us, of the value and worth we are in the sight of the Infinite Father? If liberating personality is one of the major problems of the world, then he who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. We must—each of us must—seek to bring out of ourselves and all with whom we have any association all that is noble and good.

We cannot think so much of color or of financial standing or of social prestige. As one has said, "We must see faces." We must feel the pain, know the anguish, sense the hopes, appreciate the longings and understand the innate greatness of each other if life is to have meaning for all concerned, and if the Father is to realize His purpose in us. When Marian Anderson sang in Washington, a blind girl present insisted on shaking the hand of the Negro contralto. Her companion arranged for the meeting. Thereupon the sightless girl said: "Oh, that God had opened my eyes for that instant that I might have seen her face!"

"She was only black," her companion said, thoughtlessly.

"No," said the blind girl. "She could never have been only anything. I know her face was as beautiful as her trembling fingers."

The blind girl saw more surely than her companion who had eyes with which to see. How many times the adverb "only" blinds us to the real things in life! A beggar in the street is only a beggar; the troubled woman at the vestry door only an annoyance; the troublesome boy only an ill-mannered brat.

The Christian sees more in people than meets the eye. He sees people not only for what they are now, but for what they may become. He knows they are of inestimable worth, of more value than anything else in the world. And because he sees such intrinsic worth in all humanity he treats every man he meets with respect and sympathy and love.

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You Are Doing Things You'll Never Know

The superintendent of a Methodist hospital had just concluded his address about the work of the hospital at a Sunday evening service. Just as the pastor rose to announce the concluding hymn a man in the congregation stood up. He said, "Six weeks ago I caught my hand in a corn husker. Three fingers on my right hand were badly mutilated. I was rushed to my doctor who said that he could do very little to save the fingers. He said I might go to White Cross (Golden Cross) hospital and maybe they could help me. I needed that hand and those fingers in earning a living for my wife and children. I went to the hospital." As he held his right hand high in the air he continued, "That hand is my testimony to White Cross hospital. May God bless that great institution." Whenever you give money to support a Methodist hospital you are doing things you'll never know. You are helping people you may never meet.

The head of one of our Children's Homes received the following letter: Dear Mr. ———: Last week was the first anniversary of the adoption of our baby boy. I sat down to write you a letter telling how happy we are and I couldn't write. The words wouldn't come. Every time I took my pen a lump came in my throat and I couldn't even start writing. Now I must write.

"You will never know the happiness this baby has brought into our lives. For years we felt we were doomed to be childless. That craving for parenthood would never down. After our first attempt at adoption we were so disappointed that we felt hopeless. Then you gave us this darling baby. If God ever sent a little piece of heaven to earth He did in Jackie . . . and if we were to live to be a thousand years old we would always be grateful for the Methodist Children's Home." Whenever you give money to carry on the work of a Methodist child-caring agency you are doing things you'll never know. You are helping babies, children, and adults of whom you may never hear a word.

A Methodist pastor rang the bell of a convalescent home by mistake. As he turned to walk away an elderly lady stopped him and in an animated, hushed tone told him her story. "My father was a merchant, a devout Christian. I was brought up in refinement and culture

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Methodist Home Family Growing; Laymen in Annual Meet Plan for Advance; Mrs. W. F. Elliott Dies

MANY NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED INTO METHODIST HOME

With the completion of the left wing unit early in June, many new members have been received into the Methodist Home family, according to Rev. Reid Wall, superintendent and minister. The population of the Home now totals 77, with several others expected within the next few days that will bring the number to capacity. All sections of the Conference are represented in this growing family.

Built at a cost of approximately $262,000, the new unit is being used almost exclusively for housing members of the Home. A large room downstairs is used for worship and fellowship purposes.

Contributions thus far this year total $138,000, the largest amount received so far during any year since the project was begun. About $100,000 is needed to finish paying for the completed unit.

The Home now has two completed units, the administration-hospital building completed last year, and the left wing. The entire building program thus far represents an investment of around $550,000. All money received from the churches has been used exclusively in the building program. Members of the Home contribute enough to pay operating costs.

Of the 77 members, 39 are receiving Old Age assistance. It is revealed that the average age of the entire group is slightly over eighty years.

The memory of Mrs. J. Luther Snyder has been perpetuated in the Methodist Home of Charlotte, North Carolina, by gifts from the members, the staff, and friends of the Home. Mr. J. Luther Snyder is Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Home.

During the past few months the staff has been strengthened considerably. Newest member of the staff is Mrs. G. G. Adams, Sr., who is director of human relations. Mrs. Adams, widow of Rev. G. G. Adams, comes from Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, where she was director of Christian Education. Previously she had served as counselor and teacher with the General Board of Education and with the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Education. Her duties include counseling, housekeeping supervision, and the development of a broader and more vital program for the Home. She will also develop a craft program under the direction of Miss Ann Hargett, an occupational therapist. Mrs. Mary Buchanan is chairman of the hospitality committee.

Rev. Reid Wall is completing his first year as superintendent and minister, and Dr. C. M. Pickens, who has been active in the project from its beginning, is counselor.

Many improvements in landscaping and hard surfacing of roads have been completed this spring.

Located six miles from Charlotte in the Hickory Grove section, the Home was begun in 1947.

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES CALLS FOR "AN AROUSED LAITY UNDER CHRIST"

Surrounded by charts and maps denoting progress already made and confronted by slogans calling them and their fellow laymen to greater achievement, the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church met in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, July 12-14.



Mrs. G. G. Adams, Sr.
Member, the Methodist Home Staff

Chilton G. Bennett, who gave a good account of his first year as executive secretary, was re-elected for the remainder of the quadrennium by unanimous vote. Upon his recommendation, the associate secretaries were also re-elected as follows: W. Rolfe Brown, James H. Touchstone, Rev. Dr. E. Lamont Geissinger, and Shelby E. Southard.

In his annual report, Mr. Bennett said, "Today the sidewalks to men's hearts and world peace are blocked by passiveness, indifference, and selfishness. The peoples of the world cry out today as never before for something good. If our church is to meet this cry, it must move on toward a greater achievement of the ideals it professes."

This keynote message was driven home in similar expressions by other speakers throughout the three-day program as the board members grappled with their task of keeping Methodism's laymen active and effective in the Advance for Christ and His Church.

Ever before the group was the motto emblazoned in huge letters above the speaker's stand, "An Aroused Laity Under Christ Can Change the Trend of Our Civilization."

Taking up that theme with a searching survey of the world's acute needs, Bishop Dana Dawson of the Kansas-Nebraska demonstrate what Christianity really is, humanity will follow Christ." Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, N. C., spoke on the Advance program.

Among the specific goals set by the Board are the chartering of 4,000 new Methodist Men's groups by 1952, winning 40,000 new readers for **The Methodist Layman,** and setting up a series of regional or area stewardship training conferences. Plans were also set in motion looking toward the holding of a great nation-wide meeting of Methodist laymen.

President Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Texas, presided, and Dr. Charles A. Robbins of Tacoma, Wash., served as recording secretary.

Executive secretary emeritus Dr. George L. Morelock delighted the group with his address following the luncheon on the opening day. In addition to staff members and those already mentioned, the speakers included: Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.; Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse; Dr. Ralph Stoody of New York City, executive director of Methodist Information; Rev. Ogmund Ulvedal of Stavanger, Norway; Rev. J. E. Brower, Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. Harry C. Spencer, representing the Methodist Radio and Film Commission; Dr. D. Stewart Patterson, Washington, D. C., who spoke on the Week of Dedication; and Robert G. Mayfield of Lebanon, Mo., who discussed the Preaching and Teaching Mission.

MRS. W. F. ELIOTT PASSES

Mrs. W. F. Elliott, wife of Rev. W. F. Elliott, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died of a cerebral hemorrhage July 9 at the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, where she had been a patient only a few days. In declining health for more than six months, Mrs. Elliott, along with Mr. Elliott, took up residence at the Methodist Home for the Aged near Charlotte on June 21. She suffered a stroke three days later. A second stroke occurred five days later.

Funeral services were conducted from Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, on July 11, with Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., in charge, assisted by Dr. J. D. Williams and Rev. D. D. Broome of High Point and Rev. W. J. Miller of Charlotte. The body was laid to rest in Floral Garden Park Cemetery, High Point.

Surviving, in addition to Mr. Elliott, are five children, including Mrs. R. M. Shannon, Charlotte; Mrs. H. R. Ashmore, Yanceyville; Mrs. W. R. Peters, High Point; Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Roanoke Rapids; and W. B. Elliott, Laurinburg. One sister, Mrs. Ida Brawley, Mooresville, and 8 grandchildren also survive.

Rev. and Mrs. Elliott, following retirement in 1945, had lived in High Point until their recent transfer to the Methodist Home. They had been married almost fifty years. Prior to her marriage she was Miss Agnes Bradley.

YOU ARE DOING THINGS YOU'LL NEVER KNOW

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but not luxury. I taught school in Pennsylvania forty years. During much of that time I was organist in a Methodist Church and for literally years at a time I did not miss a Sunday service. I have been on the official board of three Methodist churches. I have always been a tither.

"Now I am old. I have no relatives and few friends. I am in this home (it was an unlicensed home operated for profit) because there is no other place to be, but this is awful. I sleep in one big room with twenty other women. Many are senile, others live like beasts. We are browbeaten, quarrelsome, backbiting, and in constant fear of being put out. I never lived so close to hell in my life. I have a little money and these people want it. I cannot live alone. If you know of any place where I can go it will be better than this."

Some months afterwards the pastor was able to complete arrangements for this cultured, Christian woman to spend the rest of her days in a Methodist home for the aged. There she found an environment of Christian concern. She is paying her own way. Whenever you give money to make possible the establishment or program of a Methodist home for the aged you are doing things you'll never know.

News in Brief -- Personalities

GAY'S CHAPEL CHURCH, Woodleaf, Charge, will observe homecoming Sunday, July 31. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited.

COKESBURY CHURCH at Stedman is observing Homecoming Day Sunday, July 31, with worship, fellowship, and dinner on the grounds. All former pastors, members and friends are invited. The offering will go for the church building fund.

REV. PAUL HARDIN of High Point was the speaker last Sunday morning at the worship service at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island and sponsored by the Lost Colony Season. During the summer ministers of various denominations are guest speakers.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH on the Duplin Circuit, cooperating with Unity church on the same charge, has just closed a successful vacation church school. Enrolling 46 pupils, the average attendance totaled 36. Rev. Murrell K. Glover, pastor, was the director.

R. C. HENSLEY, father of Mrs. W. R. Stevens of Roanoke Rapids, died July 12 in the hospital at Greenville, Tenn. He was a retired postmaster of Tusculum, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted July 14 from the Tusculum College chapel, and burial was in the Shiloh Presbyterian Church cemetery.

REV. HERMAN S. WINBERRY of Henderson was the guest preacher in revival services which have just closed at Mt. Herman Church, Pasquotank Charge. Excellent preaching, splendid interest and attendance characterized the services throughout the series, with 21 new members received at the close of the revival. Rev. Z. V. Cowan is pastor.

ST. PAUL CHURCH on the old Roberdell Circuit will observe homecoming Sunday, July 31. A worship service will be held at 11:00 A.M., dinner will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 o'clock, and during the afternoon former pastors will bring greetings. The annual revival will also begin Sunday, with Rev. M. W. Warren of Scotland Neck the visiting preacher.

OLIN METHODIST CHURCH, Iredell County, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, August 7. Services will begin at eleven o'clock with an address by Dr. J. S. Hiatt, of Elkin, who is a former superintendent of the Statesville district. Lunch will be served at noon. Mr. John Wesley Clay, of Winston-Salem, will speak in the afternoon. Special music has been planned. Rev. D. T. Huss is pastor. All former residents and pastors are invited.

BISHOP W. W. PEELE, chairman of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has released the following statement on the Christian Rural Overseas Program: "The Christian Rural Overseas Program, better known as CROP, was set up so that American farmers might efficiently share out of their abundance with those who have so little. This agency seeks contributions of whole grains, soy beans, dried fruits, raw wool and cotton. Such gifts are shipped overseas where they are distributed carefully by reliable Christian representatives. Methodists can feel free to support this organization which deals primarily in contributions in kind. It cooperates closely with our own Methodist Committee on Overseas relief and already has a worthy record of efficient and reliable service."

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MISS RAMONA ROUSE, above, assumed her duties July 1 as director of Christian Education at Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville. A native of nearby Walstonburg, Miss Rouse graduated this spring from Greensboro College with a major in religious education. She has been a counselor for young people in the Louisburg youth assemblies and at Fishers Landing. At Greensboro College, she assisted in the department of Religious Education and for three years was editor of the YWCA publication, The Gleam.

SALEM CHURCH, Lowesville Charge, is observing homecoming Sunday, July 31, and extends a cordial invitation to all former pastors and friends to attend.

REV. E. H. NEASE, JR., was the speaker at the Lexington Sub-district on July 14, preached at Central Church, Asheville, on July 17, and helped last week with Youth Activities Week at First Church, China Grove.

MRS. G. C. GRAHAM, wife of the pastor of Coleridge Charge in the Thomasville District, was honored at a joint meeting of the Concord, Mount Olivet, and Rehobeth societies of that charge. The meeting was held July 21 in Florence Hall, the social building of Concord church.

REV. CURTIS GATLIN will give full time for the next five weeks to the young people of the Northgate section of Durham under the sponsorship of the St. Paul Church. This week he is conducting a survey to contact the youth of the community and holding training classes each evening in visitation evangelism. Beginning August 1st a Community recreation Institute will be held during the afternoons and evenings to last for one week. It is hoped that a permanent Afternoon Club can be started at this time to care for the after school hours during the next scholastic year. A series of cottage prayer services in the homes of the young people is slated to begin August 8th to last for a week, leading up to Youth Religious Emphasis Week, August 15-21, in which Mr. Gatlin will preach each evening on the general subject: "Our Christian Faith." The young people of all denominations are invited to St. Paul Church for these services.

REV. H. E. BOLICK of High Point and Rev. C. M. Boggs of Jonesville attended the Lions international meeting held recently in New York City as representatives of their local Lions club.

DR. W. A. LAMBETH, superintendent of the Greensboro District, who has been in the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. R. Reynolds of Chestertown, Md., during the past few weeks where he has been recovering from a recent illness, is expecting to return to his home in Greensboro the latter part of this week.

THE MARION DISTRICT has a new sub-district. Though unnamed yet, it includes the churches on the following charges: Blowing Rock, Boone, Boone Circuit, Creston-Green Valley, Todd, and Watauga. The following officers were elected Sunday, July 17th, at a meeting at Henson's Chapel: President, Lawrence Barden, Boone; Vice-President, Martha Jean Henson, Henson's Chapel; Corresponding Secretary, Martha Councill, Boone; Recording Secretary, Christine Vannoy, Calvary; Treasurer, Howard Tugman, Hopewell; Adult Counselor, Miss Cynthia Stiles, Boone. The next meeting will be August 14th at Pleasant Valley.

THE HIGHLAND-FAIRGROVE Charge Hickory, has been making considerable progress this year. Fairgrove Church has purchased four acres of land adjoining the present church property, has concluded an interior redecoration program, and is building a social hut. The Woman's Society of Highlands Church is paying one-half of the tuition of a ministerial student who is in college, helped to secure uniforms for a colored high school band, and is providing a nursery during the morning worship service. Finances are ahead of schedule, and a large group has been received into the churches this year. A joint Brotherhood meets twice a month. Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., is pastor.

ROCK GROVE CHURCH in the Salisbury District which was begun last March 15, is now completely under roof and the building committee considers that the building program is approximately half finished. More than half of the 49 art-glass memorial windows have been paid for. The "pay-as-you-go" method is being used and construction has been temporarily discontinued until sufficient funds are collected for advancement. The Colonial styled building is constructed of super blocks and is to be veneered with granite rock. The partitions in the basement are of super blocks and plaster. The interior of the sanctuary will be plastered. In addition to the sanctuary, balcony, vestibule and study, there is an educational department with 15 class rooms and a large auditorium, and all modern conveniences, including an oil-fired heating system. This church is replacing the one-room frame structure which was erected in 1888. The annual homecoming day will be observed August 7. There will be no morning service. At 1 o'clock lunch will be served in the basement. At 2 o'clock A. B. Saleeby, a Christian layman, will speak to the Sunday School. At 3 o'clock Rev. D. E. Bailey will deliver the message. At 7:30 Mr. Bailey will deliver the first in a series of revival messages which will be continued each evening during the week. The closing service will be held on Saturday evening, August 13, at 7:30. Former pastors and friends of the congregation are cordially invited to attend these services. Rev. H. L. Blackwelder is pastor.

Mohn Reports on Week of Dedication; Gibsonville Methodists Build; CROP Receives First 1949 Gift

MORE THAN $800,000 IN WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERINGS BEING DISTRIBUTED

E. Harold Mohn, Executive Director

The Week of Dedication in 1949 was truely an offering of self, service, and substance. Its success may be measured by all three.

Essentially the annual observance of this third week in Lent is designed to be a spiritual experience for the whole church. To the nearly 60% of our Methodist charges which observed it last March, it was just that—a week of dedication services, a renewal of Christ's claims upon the lives of millions, an opportunity for leading laymen to join hands with their pastors calling the people to a complete consecration of their talents and to express their love for Christ in a dedication offering in behalf of His neediest children.

From every point of view Methodism's return to a special period of dedication has become a high hour of victory in the first year of The Advance for Christ and His Church.

We have no statistical record of conversions, new members received, communion service attendance, weekday meetings held, nor of the number of laymen who occupied pulpits and other church platforms. Such figures were not contemplated but the results achieved in these areas of dedication are more significant than all else. Stories and testimonies about them are both impressive and thrilling.

It is easy to measure success in terms of stubstance and this first year's observance has outstripped the guessers whose estimates of money returns were too low. The total offering received in cash at The Advance Office, as of July 15, 1949, is $863,279.50. We have been informed by several Annual Conference treasurers that they have additional cash on hand which will increase this sum to more than $900,000. Recently a request was sent to all Annual Conference treasurers to remit all Week of Dedication funds, now held by them, before August first.

We are ready to begin promotion of next year's observance, which is scheduled for the week of March 5 to 12, 1950.

What has been done with Methodism's offering of $863,279.50? Really this is the purpose of this report. We had estimated that the cost of promotion in this first year would reach $70,700. But the actual expenses have been only $63,942 to July 15, 1949. At the moment of this writing the Week of Dedication offering account stands as follows:

Receipts from Local Church Offerings	$863,279.50
Expense of Promotion	63,942.00
Balance on hand for distribution	$799,337.50

Disbursed to:

1. The Division of Foreign Missions, The Board of Missions, $407,000, as follows: To the Crusade Scholarship Fund, $250.000; Lambuth Memorial Hospital (Africa), $120,000; University Church (Havana) (incomplete), $37,000.

2. The Division of Home Missions, and Church Extension, The Board of Missions, $185,000, as follows: To Puerto Nueva (Puerto Rico), $12,000; Austin Texas, Mexican, Church, $35,000; Anchorage, Alaska, Church, $15,000; Naalehu, Hawaii, Church, $5,000; Indian Mission, Western Dist., Parsonage, $2,200; Indian Mission, Central Dist., Parsonage, 6,300; To Indian Mission, Eastern Dist., Parsonage, $6,000; New Orleans, Peoples Comm. Cent., $25,000; Gatlinburg, Tennessee, Church, $17,500; Puerto Rico, Agricultural Station, $15,000; Oakland, Calif., Chinese Church, $35,000; Rio Grande Conf., Mobile Unit, $9,000; El Paso, Mexican Church (incomplete), $2,000; Total, $185,000.

3. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief $148,000; To: Emergency relief in China, India, Pakistan, Europe, Philippines, Japan, Korea, Displaced Persons.

Total disbursements to the three agencies in the ratio of 50, 25, 20 (as agreed) $740,000; Balance on hand for distribution, $59,337.50; Grand Total, $799,337.50.

As additional money is received from Annual Conference treasurers the augmented balance will be divided in behalf of the projects listed in the illustrated folder that was sent out last February to every pastor and to the churches. These projects are listed on the basis of priority needs by the three Participating Agencies with the approval of the Week of Dedication Committee.

The only exception to the above statement is The Crusade Scholarship Fund. This is a recurring item each year and annually reviewed by the Committee. The fund cares for about 300 foreign postgraduate students who have been brought to America and are completing their preparation to return as missionaries to their native countries. In fact this fund cares for the finished preparation of foreign missionary students who are sent to schools of higher learning in the United States where both Christian instruction and environment are provided. A portion of this fund is allocated to the Central Jurisdiction for students in preparation for special service within the United States.

If readers of this report have questions about projects supported by the Week of Dedication Offering, or about other matters in connection with the observance of this important annual red letter date in our Methodist calendar, please write to The Advance Office, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

We are now planning for the observance in 1950. Earnestly do we plead, and devoutly do we pray that pastors and lay leaders in our 21,000 charges, urged by their bishops and district superintendents, will make the second year of The Advance for Christ and His Church even more rewarding than the first.

It is not the function of religion to solve perplexities. Its function is rather to give a man courage to face perplexities.

STATE CROP PROGRAM GETS UNDER WAY

The first gift to the 1949 North Carolina CROP campaign was received this week at the state CROP office in Durham, it was announced today by the Rev. H. W. Baucom, director. Contributors were the members of the Vacation Church School at Moriah Methodist Church, Greensboro. The check, to be used in the purchase of foods for the North Carolina CROP Friendship Food train, was sent to the Rev. Wayne McLain, CROP Field Representative for the southeastern states and former minister of the church.

Like other CROP gifts, this donation from the young people of Moriah Church will send supplies of food to young people, school children, refugees or some similar groups of needy people in Europe or Asia, Mr. McLain stated.

"In our office," the CROP Field Representative said, "We have letters from people overseas who have received CROP foods or have helped distribute them. One of the most appealing letters in the file came from the children of a rest home in the American Zone of Germany. Decorated with pictures drawn by the children, the letter describes their surroundings and activities: '. . . Comes dinner call, we can now hurry, looking gladly forward to our full plate. . . . once more from the bottom of our hearts, we thank all of you for the lovely gifts.' These children were sent from their homes in various bombed out areas to the rest home to recover from illness and malnutrition. CROP food gifts helped restore them to health."

The 1949 North Carolina CROP Friendship Food Train will be an appeal for gifts of foods and farm commodities from the rural people of the state.

GIBSONVILLE METHODISTS TO BEGIN EDUCATIONAL UNIT SOON

Gibsonville Methodists are expecting to start soon the construction of the educational unit of their new church, according to the pastor, Rev. Julian Lindsey. With about $25,000 in hand, the building is to cost $40,000. To consist of two floors and a basement, the new unit will take care of the educational and social needs of the congregation.

Members of the building committee consist of W. G. Boon, J. W. Burke, Neville Cook and D. M. Davidson. The finance committee includes Edward Burke, Mrs. Sallie J. Cheek, A. B. Owen, Willie Rascoe and R. B. Walters.

The sanctuary, to be built at a later date, will be joined to the educational unit. Officials of the church have secured an additional lot to take care of an expanding program.



Proposed Gibsonville Methodist Church

Mercer Gives Views on Extended Pastorate; Henry Koestline Assumes Editorial Position in Nashville

OBSERVATIONS BASED ON A THIRTEEN YEAR PASTORATE

By S. E. MERCER*

The length of a good successful pastorate in the Methodist Church is one of continuing interest both to pastors and laymen. We recall the fact that in pioneer days pastorates were exceedingly brief. Then, we had the absolute four year rule, the modified four year rule, and now the law simply states that we shall be appointed annually. Having had the privilege of a thirteen year pastorate, which is the longest continuous station pastorate ever held in the North Carolina Conference, I wish to make some observations based on my experience.

There are many distinct advantages in an extended pastorate. The pastoral work becomes more effective with the passing of time. We all have had the experience of being called in time of death when we had just arrived at a new charge. No bond of love and pastoral understanding had been established, and we were unable to minister effectively. This minimized with longer pastorates.

The minister's influence in a community greatly increases in a successful extended pastorate. If moral issues arise and a minister has the courage of his convictions, he becomes the natural leader. When there are calls for the services of a minister by people who have only loose connections with the church, the better known minister is usually called for. This extends the influence of the minister and his church where it is really needed.

A long pastorate enables a minister to accomplish things which would never be accomplished by a series of short pastorates, especially with conservative congregations. I believe that we have a number of charges in Eastern North Carolina that would become stronger and better for the forseeable future under the impetus of one extended, successful pastorate. This is true both in matters financial and of church property and also in the greater matter of winning people to Christ and his church. I have already received three grown married men this year who had never made profession of faith and probably never would have under pastors who had not encouraged them over a considerable period of time.

There are also disadvantages in extended pastorates. I find that it is not as long between Sundays as it was thirteen years ago. The preaching is harder. Also, the very fact that people feel free to come to their pastor with all their experiences and problems makes heavy demands on his time. And, there are times when either because of the expected sorrows that come to beloved and faithful members or because of the sins of those of whom the minister expected better things, he himself knows the sorrows of a broken heart. So, the pastor who is looking for the easy way should never try an extended pastorate.

The rewards of a long pastorate are very great. Rich friendships become sweeter as the years go by. To have the young couples return with the light of love still upon them is a rewarding experience. To baptize the little ones when the minister has married the parents is fine. To conduct a vacation church school and to observe that every member who assisted has been received by the pastor either by certificate or by baptism is very encouraging. To visit in a lowly home that otherwise seems largely to have been ignored, to pray and to depart with a pleasant word makes one feel that he has indeed "been with Jesus." One sees more of the fruits of his labors in an extended pastorate.

I do not think that many pastorates should be as long as mine has been. I do not think that long pastorates will ever interfere with the itineracy in the North Carolina Conference. With the present restlessness on the part of ministers and laymen and the dependence on change instead of patient solution of problems, our system is not likely to be greatly retarded. Moreover, ministers need not feel that they will be deprived of good appointments because other ministers have remained long at one place. For, with the exception of the very largest appointments, most ministers who choose to serve extended pastorates could and would serve larger churches elsewhere if they moved. What I would like to see would be an increasing number of pastorates from six to eight years. Real short pastorates waste both money, time and man power.

*Pastor, Franklinton.

KOESTLINE JOINS STAFF OF BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Nashville, Tenn., July 18.—Appointment of Rev. Henry Koestline of the Western North Carolina Conference to the position of editorial assistant on the General Board of Evangelism here has been made by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. Mr. Koestline assumed his new duties July 15.

Koestline will assist in writing, editing, and make-up of Shepherds magazine and various evangelistic leaflets and booklets published by the Tidings department of the board. He will also assist in promoting the "See You in Church Sunday" movement and the visitation evangelism movement editorially.

The son of Rev. Karl H. Koestline, pastor of the First Street Church, Albemarle, Koestline has formerly served pastorates in Welcome and Davidson. He is a graduate of Emory University School of Journalism and Garrett Biblical Institute. Recently he has been doing graduate work at Northwestern University and doing part-time work in the Chicago office of Methodist Information. He is married to the former Miss Frances Glaze of Charlotte who at present is secretary to Dr. E. H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte district. She and their four-year-old daughter will join him here in the fall.

TEN CONFERENCES ELECT NEW EDUCATION EXECUTIVES

Ten conference boards of education have elected new executive secretaries since January 1. They are: New York—Rev. Howard D. McGrath, Poughkeepsie; Florida (SEJ)—Rev. Wm. V. Meredith, Lakeland; Savannah—I. Emerson Bryan, Sylvania, Ga.; Rock River—Rev. R. Merrill Powers, Chicago; Indiana—Rev. Harold W. Hewitt, Franklin; Wisconsin—Rev. John White, Oshkosh; Kansas—Rev. J. Joyce Wilson, Baldwin; Colorado—Dr. Kenneth H. Sausaman, Denver; Montana—Dr. Walter B. Spaulding, Great Falls; California-Nevada—Rev. Norman Conard, San Francisco.



Group leaving Junaluska Memorial Chapel following an early communion service on opening day, Sunday, July 3.



Officiating at Holy Communion services which opened the Junaluska Memorial Chapel to the public in July were (front row) Dr. Elmer T. Clark, New York City; Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte; (second row) Admiral W. N. Thomas, Chief Chaplain of United States Navy; and Dr. F. S. Love, Superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly.

Youth Assemblies Attract 750; Howard Presents Communion Service; Officers and Council Elected

Edited by Troy J. Barrett

Some 750 youth and workers with youth composed the three Senior-Older Youth Assemblies held at Louisburg College, June 13-July 2.

United under the theme: "Jesus' Way—Our Way," and with a special emphasis on "Our Faith," the group participated in worship, discussion, forum, recreation, study, singing, fellowship, training and personal enrichment. An over-all emphasis was given to help the individual visualize his part in the local church, subdistrict, district, and conference and grow personally and spiritually.

Discussion Groups Introduced This Year

A new, potential and very meaningful part of this year's assemblies were the fellowship discussion groups held each evening after the vesper hour. At that time about 10 to 12 young people and an adult participant came together and discussed any topic that was of vital concern to them: The platform speaker's message, problems in understanding and finding Christian faith, or guidance in choosing a vocation. In these small discussion groups, each delegate contributed his best thinking and experience, received rich spiritual and educational benefit, and felt a sense of belonging as he made his contribution to the entire group. Small cell groups like these can revitalize a local youth fellowship.

Speakers and Deans

Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church in Winston-Salem was platform speaker for the Older Youth Assembly. Speakers for the two Senior-Older Youth Assemblies were Dr. Raymond M. Veh of Harrisburg, Pa., and Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor at Bethel. The deans for the three weeks were: Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr., pastor, Jonesboro Heights, Sanford; Rev. Kermit Wheeler, pastor, Roseboro; and Rev. C. S. Hubbard, pastor, Hillsboro.

The speakers for the three weeks held the forum each morning, giving all youth an opportunity to voice their opinion, share ideas, and develop new thoughts. These men spoke at vespers each evening on challenging and timely topics of interest to all, carrying out the special emphasis on "Our Faith."

Bible Study and Seminars

Preceding each class was a 15-minute period of Bible reading—Learning Jesus' Way.

The seminars and their teachers were:

(1) Our Faith: Rev. C. P. Womack, Roxboro; Rev. F. R. Dail, Kipling; Rev. J. D. Young, Snow Hill; and Rev. R. L. Jerome, New Bern.

(2) Our Church: Rev. W. A. Tew, Lillington; Rev. D. L. Fouts, Hertford; and Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Aberdeen.

(3) Our Ministry: Mrs. B. F. Boone, St. Pauls.

(4) Our Missions: Rev. J. D. Stott, Maysville; Miss Ethelynde Ballance, Columbia; Miss Anne Herbert, Sumter, S. C.

(5) Our Bible (Old Testament Prophets): Miss Frances Haywood, Mt. Gilead.

(6) Our Belief: Rev. V. E. Queen, Fayetteville; Rev. W. M. Howard, Bethel; Rev. O. K. Ingram, Erwin.

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Youth Council

We are particularly proud of the leadership role played by the youth. During the year the Conference Youth Council and their adult advisors met to plan and carry out conference projects and activities and to implement the entire youth program of the conference. These youth take the larger part in carrying out their plans and leading the assembly program. Every effort is made by the young people to develop new leadership and get other youth before the group. Among other things, the Conference Youth Council is in charge of the afternoon workshops.

Workshops

Miss Dixie Lee Fisher, conference president; Miss Jo Anne Snead, secretary; and Bob McKenzie, publicity superintendent, led the workshop, "MYF Officers." The workshop on Worship and Evangelism was conducted by Miss Pat Floyd. Miss Joyce Rouse, Owen Fitzgerald, Mrs. H. R. Odum, and Miss Anne Herbert led the workshop on Missions and World Friendship. Clint Harris, Rev. Bill Wells, and Rick McAdams led the Community Service workshop. The Recreation and Leisure group was conducted by Curt Gatlin. District and subdistrict officers was led by Al Fisher in the absence of Robin Scroggs. The workshop on Youth Activities Week was led by Miss Marion Sockwell, Miss Robbie Williams, Miss Sue Waller, Mrs. Helen Bame, and Miss Mary Marr.

Interest Groups

Practical suggestions and over-all participation were stressed at the interest groups which included: Arts and Crafts with Mrs. J. D. Stott, Miss Marion Burton, Mrs. Rosie Baugh, Bob Regan, Fletcher Proctor, and Mrs. Charlotte Brown; Choral Speaking, Miss Hazel Cousins; Banquet, Miss Annette Broome, Miss Sarah Hall Goodwin, Miss Hazel Neville; China Today, Miss Anne Herbert and Eu-Yn Hsu of China; Party Games, Rev. Troy Barrett and Miss Mary Griffin; Folk Games, Bob McKenzie; Books and Poetry, Miss Mary Marr; Informal Drama, Miss Robbie Williams; Choir, Curt Gatlin and Miss Sue Thigpen.

Nationals and Others

Miss Anne Herbert of Sumter, S. C., missionary from China, was not only one of our nationals, but acted as Assembly nurse. Eu-Yn Hsu from China shared his talents with us for one week.

Other staff and faculty members not listed elsewhere were: Miss Bessie Harding, Washington; Miss Susan Thigpen, Edenton; Miss Marion Burton, Bethel; Miss Norma Cox, Sanford; Miss Sarah Hall Goodwin, Lumberton; Miss Hazel Neville, Lumberton; Miss Olive Bobbitt, Aberdeen; Miss Olivia Anne Smith, Rowland; Mrs. E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh; Miss Virginia Hatch, Wilmington; Miss Vivian Proctor, Rocky Mount; Miss Dot Steedman, Asheville; Mrs. Charles Davis, Eureka; Mrs. Tom House, Henderson; Miss Doris Matthews, Kipling; and Miss Mary Griffin, Edenton.

Communion Service Given

Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., who has been dean of the Assembly for some years and was platform speaker for the third assembly this year, presented the Assembly with a beautiful Communion service. It was first used by this assembly. The gift is one which shows the love which Rev. Howard has for the youth of our Conference. The youth say, "Thank you, Dean Bill."

Other Highlights

The business session that was anything but business-like and yet many things were emphasized, the afternoon and evening recreation that found the large majority participating, the Thursday night interest group demonstrations, the special emphasis given to Don-Lee—Queen and all, the fellowship of corny jokes and "Sing It Again," the Friday night Commitment and Rededication Service, the Saturday morning Communion and each group going home with a new and a deeper determination to live Jesus' Way every day—24 hours—these were some of the highlights. Many others are in the hearts and minds of each delegate. What happens at Louisburg assemblies cannot be told adequately in words. It can be seen in the lives of its participants—the growing Christian Youth over our Conference. Every pastor and layman should be challenged anew to counsel and work with these leaders of today and tomorrow.

New Youth Council

The electoral college, composed of 21 youth (one for each assembly from each district), met and elected the five Conference officers: Al Fisher, Fairmont, president; Jim Matheson, Mount Gilead, vice-president; Dot Smith Smithfield, secretary; Charles Caudill, Leland, treasurer; Al Wells, Wilson, publicity superintendent. These five youth officers met and selected the other Council members: Worship and Evangelism chairman, Faye Lee of Smithfield; Community Service chairman, Nancy Lee Smith of Washington; Missions and World Friendship chairman, Owen Fitzgerald of Kinston; Recreation chairman, Barbara Wilson of Rose Hill; Hazel Armstrong, editor "Youth in Action," Conference newspaper. These Council members elected Gray Mattox of Smithfield as representative on the United Christian Youth Movement council.

Women Send 30,200 Coupons; 200 Attend Greensboro District Meet; Jane Stentz Among 46 Going to India

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ATTENTION, LOCAL TREASURERS!

Particular attention is called to the time for sending in local treasurer's reports as follows: Treasurer's reports must be sent in by August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1, in order to make the adjustments in the change of the conference year. All other reports will go in at the last of each quarter. It is urged by the Conference treasurer, Mrs. David D. Smiley, and the president, Mrs. J. W. Payne, that these rules be adhered to strictly in order that the local societies get the proper credit.

LETTER FROM CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

In addition to including the above information regarding quarterly treasurers' reports, Mrs. Payne has sent a letter to all the local presidents giving other important information and reiterating the importance of checking on the four points of the goal for the Advance program, as follows:

1. Is each member of my society really trying to win another member? (Our goal is for every Methodist woman to be a member of the WSCS or WSG.)
2. Are my women doing MORE studying, building and giving?
3. Is there a young person in my church going into full time Christian service? If not, isn't there some girl or boy to whom I could speak about this?
4. Has my society made its 33⅓ per cent increase? If not, couldn't I lead the women so that this will be done by June 1, 1950?

Mrs. Payne is also urging that contributions be sent to Mrs. Smiley immediately for the support of Jane Stentz, who goes to India in August. It is necessary that this contribution be marked for Jane in order that it have the proper credit.

Another goal Mrs. Payne is working toward is to be the first Conference having every society using the program material. This is available at 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the price for the Program Packet is 60 cents. The new program material will begin in September, and it is necessary that orders be sent in early. The theme for the year is "Christ Jesus Himself the Cornerstone."

"COUPON" CAMPAIGN

The Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem, shipped last Saturday, July 16, 30,200 coupons for the fence around the Center, which has already been installed. These coupons have been given by societies all over the Conference. Ogburn Memorial, Winston-Salem, still heads the list with 2,159, and Centenary, Winston-Salem, has sent in 1,518. Other societies sending in more than 600 are: Mt. Pleasant, Thomasville district, 978; Rehobeth, Greensboro, 954; Black Mountain, 734; Rockford Street, Mount Airy, 732½; Jamestown, 713½; Trinity, Winston-Salem, 712; Sandy Ridge, 629½; Wesley Memorial, 629; Ronda and Maple Springs, 614½. Societies are urged to keep collecting them and to send them in as soon as possible in order to get the increased value now being offered.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT MEETING

More than 200 delegates and visitors attended the meeting of the Greensboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service when it met at Pleasant Garden June 29. This number represented 47 churches. The devotional service was led by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Hunter. Mrs. Guy Ross gave the welcome, and Mrs. F. R. Owen, vice-president, responded and presided over the business session.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Hal Fields, president; recording secretary, Mrs. Grady E. Kirkman; promotion secretary, Mrs. Robert Chrismon; secretary of student work, Mrs. J. T. Covington.

Mrs. J. W. Payne, Conference president, delivered an address in which she stressed the importance of the four-point program and made a plea for more whole-time Christian workers for work at home and abroad. Miss Stella Ward, dean of women at Greensboro College, led the noon devotions, and lunch was served by the hostess church.

In the afternoon a memorial service for 43 members who have died during the year was conducted by Mrs. Lynn Hunt, and reports were made by several district officers. Special music for the day was furnished by Mrs. Robert Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. William Hunt.

COLLEGE PLACE PAYS TRIBUTE TO MEMBER

Miss Carrie Holden, long time member of College Place church, Greensboro, was honored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service July 5 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, when she was showered with furnishings for her room at the Methodist Home in Charlotte, to which she will go soon. A social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served. This social hour and shower followed the monthly business session of the Society, when Mr. McNeill Smith, an attorney of Greensboro, spoke to the women on a world federal government. Mr. Smith explained a resolution which was signed by presiding officers of both houses of the General Assembly that the Congress of the United States make constitutional amendments authorizing the United States to negotiate with other nations relating to a world federal government, with limited powers adequate to assure peace. A large crowd heard Mr. Smith with eagerness.

46 YOUNG METHODISTS GOING TO INDIA, PAKISTAN

Forty-six young people of the Methodist Church, who sail for India and Pakistan in September to spend three years as missionaries under the denomination's Board of Missions and Church Extension, are now on the campus of Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., in an extensive six-weeks preparation for their work. Most of them have just completed college studies or are leaving busy pastorates or teaching posts in America, but they will be at Hartford Seminary every day until August 15, studying the languages of India and Pakistan, the culture of these two nations, how to teach the Bible and Christianity, and the opposing ideologies of Christianity and communism.

The forty-six students are from all parts of the United States, all are college graduates, all are unmarried, and all are entering this new job with the idea of serving the peeple of these two nations as a contribution to international friendship and good will. Most of them will teach, or preach, or engage in social work in India and Pakistan. The Board of Missions hopes that from the group there will come at the end of the three years a number who will then become life-time missionaries of the Methodist Church.

Among the young women who are entering the service under the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions are our own Jane Stentz of Concord. Others from the Southeastern Jurisdiction are Ellen Barnette of Atlanta, Ga.; Colleen Gilmore of Hattiesburg, Miss.; and Elizabeth Strom of Quincy, Fla.

There are also three young men from the Southeastern Jurisdiction who will serve in the same places. They are John R. Allison, Jr., of Chapel Hill, Tenn.; Rev. Homer L. Morgan, Doraville, Ga.; and Joseph E. Hastings, Tuskegee, Ala.

CHANDAG HEIGHTS LEPER COLONY

The world-famed Chandag Heights Leper Colony, which was organized more than fifty years ago high in the Himalaya Mountains of India by the late and sainted Mary Reed, a Methodist missionary, is now in charge of Dr. Katherine Young, of the Scottish Church Mission. The American Mission to Lepers, and its associated mission in London, are erecting a Mary Reed Memorial Hospital at Chandag Heights in honor of the founder who died there at the age of 88 in 1943. It is one of three mission-supported leper colonies in India under the auspices of the Methodist Church.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Children of the Methodist Church who have been studying China and Puerto Rico during the summer have an opportunity to share with the children of these two places through the Supply Work. Gifts of $3.00, $5.00 or more may be sent to purchase supplies for work with children in China in rural and city areas. The gifts may be sent as "Cash for Supply Work" by the treasurer of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service. One of the children may like to write a letter about the gift to the missionary to whom it is sent. The following missionaries will be glad to receive gifts for their activities: Miss Mabel Nowlin, 26 Dai Chia Hung, Chungking, China; Miss Mathilde Killingsworth, Moore Memorial Church, Shanghai, China; Miss Susie Mayes, Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow, China; Miss Blanche Apple, Hamilton Girls' School, Putien, Fukien, China.

Gifts of $3.00 or $5.00 will also be most acceptable to buy supplies for kindergarten children in Puerto Rico; to Miss Bernice Huff, George O. Robinson School, Santurce 34, Puerto Rico. These gifts may be sent as "Cash for Supply Work" through the treasurer of the local Woman's Society.

There is still an opportunity to give clothing, school supplies, or cash for playground equipment for the Cherokee Indians. All of these are excellent projects for Vacation Bible Schools, many of which are being held in August.

An Unknown Teacher Prayed Thus:

What can I do
To make a better world tomorrow?
I cannot lead great armies, write great
books, nor bridge the seas.
But this I can do:
Plant in the hearts of little children seeds
Of Christian love, of courage and truth,
Nurture their growth with labor and with
prayer.
This is my task.
God grant I do it well.

—World Friendship Bulletin.

Vacations Ending; New Children Being Admitted; Six Charges Meet Quotas; Mann Gives 12 Rockers

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

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CHILDREN RETURN FROM VACATIONS

A few hours can make a great difference in a home. A place of joyous activity may be transformed into a place of lonely solitude.

When the children left on July the 2nd, this campus became a "deserted village." The few boys and girls in the kitchen and at the dairy were too busy to create a homelike atmosphere on the campus. One could walk all over the place and not see, or hear, one child.

The mail that came in each day made our hearts rejoice. One letter began this way: "I will be glad when the 17th of July rolls around. Your large family of children is lonesome a little."

The 17th was the home coming day. The place of painful silence became a campus of happy voices. A child would race across the lawn to throw her arms about the neck of some other child she had not seen in two long weeks.

The writer had never been here on an occasion like this and he was impressed with the spirit that was expressed by the children. They were happy to get off for a visit, but most of them were equally as glad to get back to the home and to their friends here on the campus.

The following letters were written by three of our young people:

Our Vacation

On July 2, our vacation started at the Methodist Orphanage. We get a vacation of about two weeks each summer. Most of us visit relatives or friends, and a few of us go to camp. It is always an exciting and happy time here, when vacation time comes.

I spent my vacation with relatives in Bunn, N. C. During my visit they took me to Buggs Island Dam in Virginia. We carried a picnic lunch and enjoyed the trip very much. I also enjoyed swimming and fishing during my vacation. The vacation was a very restful and happy one for me.

While we enjoy a visit of this kind it is always good to get back to the Orphanage. We look forward to the year ahead with time for good work and play with the other children.

James Pace.

A Wonderful Vacation

This year I went to see my mother for two weeks. She lives on a farm, and we had fresh vegetables each day. We had a Sunday school picnic that was enjoyed by all.

It was good to be with my mother, but when the vacation was over I was glad to get back home and see all of my friends. We love this campus and all the things planned for our pleasure.

Several of us leave for a camping trip this week. We are thankful for our friends and a nice home.

Frances Ellis.

Dearest Aunt Vivian:

We got back to Raleigh about eleven o'clock Sunday night. We missed the four o'clock bus and we waited for the 8:15. The bus broke down and left us stranded a long way from home. Mr. Larkin told all the children if they had any trouble to call a Methodist preacher. We called Mr. Dawson, pastor of Steele St. Church in Sanford. He called our superintendent at the Orphanage. When a late bus finally reached Raleigh, Mr. Larkin was there to meet us.

I was really glad to get back, because I missed the lovely campus and all of my friends.

Love from your niece,
Juanita Goins.

CHARGES PAY IN FULL

Our list of churches that have sent in their entire apportionment is growing each month.

We are so happy to add the following charges to the ones reported last month:

Fayetteville, Haymount, Virgil Queen, pastor.

Fayetteville, Hay Street, A. S. Parker, pastor.

Sanford, Steele Street, R. G. Dawson pastor.

West Rockingham, B. F. Meacham, pastor.

Henderson, City Road-White Memorial, T. H. House, pastor.

Burlington, Fountain Place, J. C. Loy, pastor.

To all those having a part in this great work we are deeply grateful.

NEW CHILDREN RECEIVED

Most of the seniors who graduated in June have moved out and will be in college this fall. One home was re-established and two small boys were released. This provides room for 20 new children. Eight girls and 12 boys have been received. These come from all over our Conference —some have been on the waiting list since last summer.

Sunday night a mother came in with two boys and a girl. The older child was 11. He was trying to be brave, but the tears would come. He walked down through the trees all alone to fight it out. I sent two boys from our family to get acquainted and help this new boy feel at home. They put their arms about him and carried him to their cottage. The next morning I saw Gary, the new boy, and his face was radiant. He shouted to me, "I am feeling fine now."

This adjustment is usually harder on the older boys and girls. That is one reason we do not take them over 12 years of age.

CONTRIBUTION OF CHAIRS

Our smaller children are having a happy time trying out a shipment of lovely rocking chairs. Z. G. Mann of Whitakers, a devoted friend of our children, has sent us 12 nice chairs. These chairs are just the right size for the little people in our baby cottage. When it is too wet to play outside, the children enjoy sitting in the playroom and listening to the fascinating stories told or read to them by the older girls.

WEDDING BELLS RING OUT

Friday, July 15, Miss Sudie Gray Williamson was married to A. Wade Pridgen, Jr. The wedding took place at the Pridgen home on Glenwood Avenue. Sudie Grey graduated from our high school in June. She was May Queen in our May Day program. Mr. Pridgen has been a student at Appalachian College, Boone, and is now employed with Hudson-Belk, here in Raleigh. Our hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes go out to this young couple.



GIRLS AND FLOWERS
In most of our girls' cottages will be found some beautiful potted plants. Here are Louise Faulkner, Alice Mason, and Joyce Long working with their flowers in the McGee Cottage. Miss Lizzie Sanders is the Cottage Matron.

Sunday School Lesson for JULY 31

Psalms of Trust

Psalms 34:3-8; 37:3-6; 46:1-3; 138:3-7; 143:8

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The Psalms of Courage and Confidence are not fair weather psalms. They do not come from times of outward prosperity. They are chrysanthemums blooming in the frost. That is why we hold them so dear.

A brave young student, now a distinguished missionary in Korea, said that during the World War when the shells began to scream like demons over his head, he always quoted the 91st Psalm, beginning, He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. The promise of this Psalm, A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee, could not be taken as a divine assurance that he would not meet death in battle, as he well understood, but he believed that if a shell should blow off his head it would blow him into glory.

Jesus warned his disciples of coming persecution. Some of you, said he, they will put to death; but in the same paragraph we read, There shall not a hair of your head perish (Luke 21:18). Paul said essentially the same thing. And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good (Romans 8:28).

Years ago the writer was talking to a distinguished physician about a patient of his whom he knew far better than the physician did; and he said to the doctor, "What that woman needs is a religious faith." "Ah," said he, "a lot of people go crazy on religion." But I looked him in the eye and said, "Have you the statistics of the number of people who have been kept from going crazy by rehearsing the psalm which begins, The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want?" He stared at me for a moment, and then his eyes fell and he said, "I guess you've got me." But the leading physicians today are far from sneering at the thought that the psalms might be an aid to health. They would be profoundly sympathetic with a student of the writer's who had taken a course in Bible that required the memorizing of some of the great psalms, and who, after graduation, being a trained nurse, entered a hospital for a time to get money to pay her college debts. She said, "You have no idea how helpful I have found the psalms for quieting nervous patients. I take them by the hand and begin to say those great soothing words, and they are often asleep in no time."

We Christians have a great and added source of confidence in the assurance of the Good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep but rose again from the dead, and who promises that those who take refuge in him shall never perish, neither shall any one pluck them out of his hand.

In this age with its fear of an economic earthquake we tremendously need psalms like that which says, The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble; therefore will we not fear though the earth do change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the sea.

We also need the Psalmist's confident faith that God will certainly punish cruel oppressors, and that any world power that deliberately defies the moral law is certainly headed for the ditch. A knowledge of history shows that although we have just discovered the atomic bomb God has always had in his hands moral atomic bombs that in due time demolish structures that are erected in contempt for the Ten Commandments and in blatant defiance of truth and righteousness. It was a moral atomic bomb that swept Hitler and Mussolini out of power, and that will certainly destroy the power of Stalin and his atheistic associates unless they repent.

Book Reviews

The Pastor's Pocket Manual for Hospital and Sickroom, Babbitt, 1949, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 160 pp, $1.75.

This little pocket manual for the minister's use in the sickroom should prove very useful. It has an introductory chapter of "Suggestions for the Minister" in his calling upon the sick. These suggestions are elementary but important. Far too long we have neglected vitally important points in our pastoral ministry because we have thought that "common sense" would indicate what to do, especially in the sickroom. The most uncommon gift among ministers, especially in their work in the sickroom, is common sense. This chapter is filled with common sense. It does not deal with the actual "art of ministering to the sick." That still must be learned from the study of actual calls: with the study of wrong questions asked at the wrong time, with right questions asked at the right time, and with right questions which turn the wrong time into the right time. This can be learned only from the study of material such as is published each month in The Pastor.

The heart of the book is made up of chapters containing Selected Scripture, Prayers, Hymns, Poetry, and several communion services. The author makes the mistakes I made in my **Comfort Ye My People** in this connection: he does not have a service that is brief enough to use with an extremely sick person.

This is a tool book for the minister's use in a vitally important phase, perhaps the most vital, of his pastoral ministry. It is published in a black imitation-leather binding with good readable print. The minister will need to study it and mark favorite passages of scripture, prayers and poems for his use. It does not and does not pretend to make an original contribution but as a tool it is well conceived.

—Russell L. Dicks

Before You Marry, 101 Questions to ask yourself. Sylvinus M. Duval, Association Press, $2.50, 171 pp.

This is a much needed book for young people, and for the teachers and friends of young people, and for the parents of young people, so that the latter may serve effectively in helping young people make sound choices of life partners. The book is made up of good sense. Its outstanding characteristic is that it is broad-gauge and presents its material in balance. If we can get our young people of high school and early college level to read this book, the typical blind, empty-headed, hearts-and-flowers, moonlight-and-roses, "isn't-he-wonderful," heart-palpitation, type of courtship and marriage which is so widespread today might be slowed up so that sanity might play its proper role in this most important of all decisions, choosing a life mate.

The author deals with 101 questions a person should ask himself before marriage. In addition to the questions, which are numbered, the material is presented under chapter headings such as **Love, and Successful Marriage; Your Readiness for Marriage; Family and Family Relationships; Previewing Money Matters; About This Matter of Sex; Mental Health;** and others. The book is readable, interesting and understandable. At points one could wish for more specific information but on the whole the material is excellent. It suffers from lack of a bibliography of other books where more information might be obtained.

Dr. Duval, the author, is an experienced teacher and preacher, and at present is Professor of Social Science and Religion at George Williams College in Chicago. He is the husband of Evelyn Duval, co-author of the popular book, **When You Marry.**

—Russell L. Dicks.

Resources for Worship, by A. C. Reid. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1949. 154 pages, $2.00.

This slender volume by a professor of Philosophy at Wake Forest College is the second to appear recently from his pen—a former volume being entitled "Invitation to Worship." In this latest book, as in the former, the material consists of chapel talks delivered at the summer school of Harvard University and at Wake Forest College.

From the title of the book one would expect it to consist of prayers, worship services, poems. etc. However this is not the case. There are fifty divisions, each representing a brief treatment of some Biblical passage, usually three to six verses. The discussions of these passages reveal a mind at home with the Bible and with modern knowledge. They are models of condensation, the author having been allowed no more than five minutes to develop his theme in the spoken version of the talks. In reading the talks one sometimes feels he would like to hear the author when he had more time to elaborate the clear points he makes. The talks are suggestive for sermon preparation.

—Raymond A. Smith.

If the universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning: just as if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark. Dark would be a world without meaning. Atheism is too simple.—C. S. Lewis.

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Children's Storytime

A Circus Indoors

Mary Frances was crying. It was raining hard outside and as she and her little sister, Elizabeth, were just over the measles, mother said it would never do for them to go out in the rain to Eleanor's party, no, not even if they went in a taxi.

"Come on, Mary Frances," said Elizabeth, who had not cried at all, although she wanted to go to the party too, "let's play store. You cut out the ladies and the little girls from these old magazines and I will cut out the dresses and hats. Then I will be store-keeper, and you can have your ladies and their children buy them."

"We have played that lots of times," sobbed Mary Frances, "and I don't want to play cut things. I want to go to Eleanor's party," and the tears started afresh.

Just then mother called. Elizabeth ran to see what she wanted, but Mary Frances sat still and sulked. "If I can't go to the party," she said stubbornly, "I shan't do anything else.'

In a few minutes Elizabeth came running back with her arms full of things and her eyes shining with excitement.

"Oh, Oh! Look! Mary Frances," she cried. "Here is something lovely to make. Mother read about it in a magazine and has been saving it for a rainy day. It's a circus parade. There are elephants and horses and everything." She put the things she was carrying on the table and slapped her hands and danced with joy. Mother came in with a spool of wire, a bottle of paste, two or three dozen boxes of Christmas and Valentine seals, and a lot of pieces of bright-colored tissue paper. Elizabeth opened her boxes. In one were two pairs of blunt scissors for paper cutting, and some grey mounting paper; in the other, all kinds of animal crackers, elephants, horses, tigers, lions, pigs, dogs, camels, and many other kinds.

"Hurry, Mary Frances," said Elizabeth, "so we can get them all dressed for the circus parade," but Mary Frances only wiped her eyes and sat pouting in her chair.

First, mother and Elizabeth chose an elephant from the crackers. Then they made him a blanket out of red crepe paper, and stuck a Christmas seal on each side of it. Where they met at the top they put a frill of green paper. Then mother laid him carefully on the gray mounting paper to lead the parade.

Next they took a pig and made him a gay blanket, too. Elizabeth made him a long tail out of string and mother put a wire ring in his nose, and laid him down behind the elephant.

They held him for Mary Frances to see, but it was not until mother had made a red-heart saddle and a tall head dress for a horse and Elizabeth a high-pointed tissue paper hat for the clown dog, that Mary Frances began to sidle up to the table. When mother made a weird tissue paper tail for the dog which curled right up over his back, she got so interested that she began to make whiskers for a tiger.

After that they all worked together busily until they had used up all the animals and all their paper.

Then mother took a bottle of glue, and, beginning with Jumbo, who headed the procession, she carefully stuck him on the mounting paper, so that he stood up in all his finery.

One by one she fastened the others, ending with Fierco, the lion, with his bushy, yellow paper mane.

Elizabeth clapped her hands, "Let's have the people, too," she cried as mother finished arranging the strips of gray mounting paper on which the animals were pasted. "All those we cut from the magazines."

They gathered them up and arranged them along the line of the parade, but there were not nearly enough, so they hurriedly cut out a lot more. Mother found some with pictures of men and boys.

The hours of the afternoon went flying by, and just as the last of the on-lookers was fastened into place, they heard daddy's key in the door.

Mary Frances and Elizabeth flew to meet him, and led him to the play room to see the parade which stretched 'way across the table.

"Elizabeth made more than I did because I cried," said Mary Frances honestly.

"Well," laughed daddy, "I thought you both would cry, and so I brought home some ice cream and some angel cake so we could have a little party of our own. Hurry and get ready for dinner, so the ice cream will not melt before we eat it."

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August

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Annual Picnic check-up Rhododendron Park, 10:30 2
Brevard, 8 3
Swannanoa Sta., 8 4
Haywood St., 11 7
Marshall, 3 7
Hot Springs, Hot Springs, 7:30 7
Candler, Mt. Morenci, 7:30 8
West Asheville, 8 9
Haywood St., 8 10
Leicester, School, 7:30 11
Weaverville Sta., 8 12
Burnsville, 11 14
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Bald Creek, Bald Creek, 7:30 14
Fairview, Nesbitt's Chap., 7:30 15
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Pisgah, Davis Chap., 7:30 18
Hillside-Merrimon, 7:30 26
Tryon, 11 28
Saluda, 3 28
Edneyville, 6 28

September

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July

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August

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July

Cherryville Circuit, Bethlehem, 6 29
Asbury, Iron Station, 11 31
Concord-Tl Bethel, Penley's, 3 31
Dallas, Dallas, 7:30 31

August

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South Fork, Crowell Memorial, 3 7
Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 7:30 7
Rock Springs, Camp Ground, 11 14
Lowesville, Snow Hill, 3 14
Mt. Holly, 7:30 14
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Boger City, 5 4
Lincolnton, First, 7:30 4
Shelby, Central, 7:30 5
Belmont, Ebenezer, 7:30 6
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30 7
Cherryville, 7:30 8
Gastonia, Myrtle, 7:30 10
Lowell, Lowell, 11 11
King Mountain, Grace, 7:30 11
Gastonia, Trinity, 7:30 12
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West End, 7:30 14

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July

Morganton, First Church, 11 31
Rutherford College, Shady Grove ,3 31
Connelley Springs, Connelley Springs, Night 31

August

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Boone, 11 7
Watauga, Henson, 3 7
Linville Falls, Altamont, Night 7
Boone Ct., Friendship, 11-2 13
Creston and Green Valley Green Valley ,11 14
Avery, Fairview, 3 14
East Marion, Night 14
Avondale-Alexander, Night 16
Drexel, Zion, Night 17
Kona, 11 21
Bakersville, Bakersville, 3 21
Red Hill, Deyton Bend, Night 21
Old Fort Station, Night 22
Sprue Pine, Night 23
Spindale, Night 24
Elk Park, Elk Park, Night 25
Forest City, 11 28
Mill Springs, Lebanon, 3 28
Henrietta, Henrietta, night 28
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Old Fort Ct., Ebenezer, Night 30
Valdese, Night 31

September

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Glen Alpine, 11 4
McDowell, Pinnacle, 3 4
Nebo-Clinchfield, Nebo, Night 4

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July

Roberta, 11 31
Harmony, 8 31

August

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Salem, 5 7
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Gold Hill: Bethlehem, 11 14
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Westford, 8 14
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Midway, 8 28

September

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Coburn Memorial, 11 11
Park Avenue, 8 11
Salisbury: Main Street, 8 12
Concord: Central, 8 13
Kannapolis: Trinity, 8 14
Spencer, 8 15

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July

Lenoir Circuit: Littlejohns, 11 31
Dudley Shoals: Ebenezer, 3 31
Wilkesboro: Union, 7:30 31

August

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Grace-Rhodhiss: Grace, 11 7
Taylorsville: Carsons Chapel, 3 7
Shepherds: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 7
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Mooresville, Jones Memorial, 7:30 9
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Newton, First, 7:30 11
Balls Creek: Center, 11 14
Moravian Falls: Beulah, 3 14
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September

Statesville, Broad Street, 7:30 7

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August

Davie: Concord, 11 7
Unity-Fair Grove: Fair Grove, 7:30 7
Asheboro, First, 7:30 8
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Thomasville, First, 7:30 17
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Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 25
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Denton, Central, 11 28
South Davidson: Chapel Hill, 2:30 28
Eldorado, Macedonia, 7:30 28
Denton Circuit: First, 7:30 30
Pleasant Grove, 7:30 31

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July

Andrews, 11 31
Murphy Ct., Tomotla, 2:30 31

August

Hayesville Ct., Oak Forest, 11 7
Shooting Creek, 2:30 7
Clyde, 7:30 10
Webster Ct., Loves, 7:30 11
Franklin Ct., Snow Hill, 11 14
West Macon Ct., 2:30 14
Shady Grove, 7:30 17
Crabtree, 7:30 18
Murphy, 11 21
Cherokee, 7:30 21
Junaluska, Longs Chapel, 7:30 22
Bethel, 7:30 24
Macon Ct., Union, 11 28
Franklin, 5 28
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Dellwood, 7:30 29
Morning Star, 7:30 30
Rockwood, 7:30 31

Sept.

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Robbinsville, 11 4
Bryson City, 3 4
Whittier, 5 5
Whittier, 5 4
Waynesville, 7:30 6
Canton Central, 7:30 7
Highlands at Cashiers, 11 11
Cullowhee, 7:30 11

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July

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Pinnacle Ct., Pinnacle, 3 31
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August

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Yadkinville Ct., Booneville, 7:30 7
Trinity, 7:30 8
Mt. Pleasant Ct., Mt. Pleasant, 7:30 9
Maple Springs, 7:30 10
Oak Grove Ct., Mt. Herman, 11 14
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Concord—Sharon Ct., Concord , 3 28
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Burkhead, 7:30 31

Sept.

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Mt. Airy—Central, 7 13

In Memoriam

Mrs. Bessie Warren Aman

Faison.—Friday, June 24, 1949, death came to Mrs. Bessie Warren Aman after an illness of several months. She will be missed by the entire community. Her life was a long record of public service, including an active part in all worthwhile community activities. In her church she taught a Sunday School class for a number of years, and an active member of the W. S. C. S. She was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her. The fruit of God's spirit was evident in her life—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Her beautiful Christian way of living will be remembered by all who knew her.

We, the members of the W. S. C. S., offer in love the following resolution:

That we express to her entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of a wife, mother and sister.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, a copy be put on our records and a copy sent to the husband of the deceased member.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Faison Methodist Church.

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ON A WIDE CIRCUIT by W. W. Reid

SHE TAUGHT BOYS AND GIRLS

What one might consider the "by-products" of a life are often the greatest contributions made to society, to mankind, to the future. And it is by these influences upon the future that one is really to be measured and judged. The great missionary leader remembered chiefly for his inspired "Where cross the crowded ways of life," the humble stepmother who inspired the boy who was to draft the Emancipation Proclamation, are cases in point.

In our community, some of us have been marking the 88th birthday of a beloved teacher of history: Miss Frances E. Chapman, retired from the staff of Flushing (L. I.) High School ("oldest free high school in the State of New York"). Hundreds of F. H. S. grads have through the years voted Miss Chapman "my favorite teacher." True, she taught history—Greek, and Roman, and English, and American—but, far more important, she taught boys and girls, now men and women. And in them lives and from them passes on something of her spirit of understanding and sympathy, something of her faith in the possibilities of those whose work seemed most unpromising. Indeed, knowing her influence, I am quite ready to debate Shakespeare and affirm that good does live on through the generations.

I don't believe many of us grads would want to take one of Miss Chapman's exams in Roman or English history today; but who of us will ever forget what it meant when she observed us in some misbehavior, and without raising her voice said: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish thing." That quiet rebuke was always more effective than a visit to the principal's office!

A few of us, for a year or two, "edited and published" a little typewritten noontime daily "paper"—school gossip and alleged humor. I can laugh at it now as silly, and childish, and sophomoric. But Miss Chapman sought out a copy each noontime, commented upon it, encouraged us to express ourselves in writing, commended it to other teachers. So near as I know, it was never seen by a member of the English faculty! I'm not so sure that our little sheet was not the grandfather of "On a Wide Circuit." At least, Miss Chapman encouraged us boys to put on paper what was in our minds and hearts. If anything I say in print today is helping anyone to think of the hundreds of boys and girls who were in her classes, and into whose lives something of her spirit has gone, I am awed at the vast amount of good that is in the world because of one person: one person who believed in the worth of those whose paths paralleled hers for a few brief months.

Each of us—minister or layman, day school teacher or church school teacher, neighbor or parent—is contributing something to the future as we touch the lives of boys and girls, as they observe us in little things, or sense our understanding or lack of it. May they be better men and women from having known us!

A LETTER OF THANKS TO OUR CHURCH

The World Service Agencies of The Methodist Church desire to congratulate fellow church members everywhere, and express their gratitude and thanks for the commendable achievement in World Service giving accomplished during the fiscal year just closed.

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In view of this worthy and significant increase in World Service apportionments, it is with appreciation that the World Service Agencies of The Methodist Church hereby express their thanks to all members of our Methodist Churches everywhere.

While the increase called for by our General Conference was a minimum of 33⅓%, and the result achieved was 29.43% —a difference of 3.9%—we are sure that the coming fiscal year will not only meet the minimum of 33⅓% (which is a "floor" not a "ceiling") but go beyond it in magnificent manner.

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9. Underlying the above objectives is the emphasis on healthy attitudes, both mental and physical, which are acquired through the program of classes, sports, and recreational activities, with personal counseling when needed.

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Our Readers Write; Bishop Harrell on CROP; Dr. Ormond on Prayer; Announcements

COMMENDS EDITORIAL ON SPANISH SITUATION

Dear Editor:

I take this occasion to extend you my sincere congratulations upon your forceful editorial appearing in the Advocate Thursday, July 21, 1949, under the title, "The Significance of the Religious Struggle in Spain." You did a superb job in presenting the deplorable situation in Spain and in pointing out where the blame actually lies.

EUGENE C. FEW

Greensboro

FAVORS JUNE CONFERENCE

Dear Editor:

Every year is bounded by 12 months or 365 days. Which of these is the most important? That depends solely on how it is used and for what purpose.

The economy in the area of the North Carolina Conference has a large range. There are more money crops on the market in the spring and summer months in eastern North Carolina than at any other time of the year, such as strawberries, potatoes, tobacco and general produce.

The churches which I have served for the past several years have raised more money at Easter than any month of the year. In any event, the economy runs the same cycle each year of twelve months.

The overall program of the church could in nowise be jeopardized or the twelve months rural economy, disrupted by the Conference meeting the first or second week of June.

By meeting in June, the children could begin school on an equal basis with all others. The preacher could get better acquainted with the Saints of the church, while those who usually deride the former pastor are renewing their youth at the beaches.

Let us move in June and take the month of July for a vacation. Nothing could be more beneficial to the minister and his family than to have time off after each Annual Conference.

DAVID A. CLARKE

Whiteville

CATCHING THE SPIRIT OF ADVANCE

Dear Editor:

If we would advance for Christ and His Church we must catch the spirit of advance. In human life all about us we see evidences that the tension between the practical and the ideal has been relaxed, that involvement with the material has submerged the spiritual. This tension must be restored. We must keep ever before us the difference between where we are and where we are going, what we are and what we can be. Objectifying the spiritual, meditating upon it, and striving toward it is a prerequisite for advance.

Thus, if we would advance, we must live by the highest and best we know—get from where we are to where we ought to be if we did live by the highest we know. Advance at this point means overcoming inertia to change, self-sufficiency, and self-satisfaction. Any program of religious or cultural advance must come to grips with human life at this point. But with victory at this point we insure advance only up to the level of the spirit of our times.

The real Waterloo or the Tours of the advance will be fought on the plains of the human spirit at the point where effort is made to determine where our concept of being a Christian falls short of what Christ expects of his followers. This is the supreme challenge of the advance for Christ.

Our success in increasing our benevolent giving can be taken for granted. We expect others to measure the success or failure of our enterprise by this standard. We expect to use it ourselves when, and if, compensations are in order. Therefore, we will succeed in our own eyes; we will not let ourselves down. But if we settle on our lees otherwise, remain wedded to our idols—set in our ways, steeped in tradition, content in our prejudices, satisfied with past attainments, convinced that life holds no new horizons—we cannot advance for Christ and His Church.

FRED H. SHINN

Cooleemee

TO ALL METHODISTS

During the summer months the Christian Rural Overseas Program, sometimes called CROP, will be giving opportunity to our people to make contributions in kind for the relief of suffering across the sea. The purpose of this appeal and its method are already well known to us, and especially to those of us who are engaged in agricultural pursuits. The agency is calling upon our people to make contributions of whole grains, soybeans, dried fruit, raw wool, and cotton. The State and District Directors will give full and detailed information to all persons desiring it.

I most heartily commend the Christian Rural Overseas Program. It is being led and administered by Christian persons of character and efficiency. Material contributed to CROP will be distributed among the needy overseas—will feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

I sincerely hope that our people will be moved to contribute generously to this worthy effort, and find abiding joy in so doing.

COSTEN J. HARRELL
Bishop Charlotte Area

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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

How to pray. "To learn to pray is the most important part of the minister's task:" Beebe. It is rather easy to acquire certain prayer forms and terms, and to utter them with euphonic smoothness. To speak to God with words that accurately and passionately represent our real needs is different. Often prayers in public worship are more like lectures to the persons present than appeals to a personal God. In such prayers God is referred to in the third person rather than addressed directly. Some ministers may pray little in private because God is not an undimmed reality. It would be more accurate to say that God is less real to them because they pray so little. Thomas A. Kempis' classic lines are apropos here: "This it is which chiefly hindereth heavenly consolation, that thou too slowly betakest thyself unto prayer—."

Only those constant in private prayer experiences can preach the gospel with redeeming power. "The blows which Luther struck were not those of his hammer as he nailed his thesis on the church door at Wittenberg but those he struck in prayer in his closet where the reformation was born." Buttrick.

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What greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship.—Emerson.

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Editorial Comment . . .

The Growing Threat to Our Traditional Church-State Relations

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, eminent religious journalist, in an address recently at Lake Junaluska cited four ways in which the church and the state may be related. First, the church may be above the state, a kind of supernational church dominating the state. This is the Roman Catholic theory. Second, the church may be below the state, subordinate to and serving the state, accomodating its teachings to the ideology of the state and sanctifying the authority and acts of the state. This is the totalitarian theory. Third, the church may be organically related to the state, receiving its chief support from the state through taxation and other means. This is the established or state church theory. Fourth, the church and the state may exist side by side, both completely separate, free and independent. This is the traditional American theory clearly set forth in the Constitution of the United States.

An overwhelming majority of our citizens, representing all religious faiths, believe wholeheartedly in this principle. They believe it is in thorough accord with our democratic ideals and that both church and state have benefitted immeasurably by this concept.

Increasing pressure from the Roman Catholic hierarchy, however, is a serious threat to this basic American principle. For example, pressure from Rome has resulted in the virtual establishment of diplomatic relations between our government and the Vatican. President Roosevelt's appointment of Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative at the Vatican was a flagrant violation of the American theory of separation of church and state. Now after ten years, in spite of vigorous protests from non-Roman groups in this country, Mr. Taylor remains at the Vatican. Even though Mr. Truman has promised to terminate this relationship as soon as the peace treaty is signed, it is doubtful that he or any president will be courageous enough to face the hostility of a church that would not hesitate to use the political ax on any person who would disturb this present relationship. The Roman Catholic hierarchy does not believe in the separation of church and state. In this respect its ideas are as foreign to American democratic concepts as many other ideas that have had their birth in southern and eastern Europe. In a pamphlet entitled "The Christian in Action," distributed last fall, and signed by four cardinals, five archbishops and five bishops which constitute the supreme authority in the American hierarchy, this age-old democratic principle was ridiculed as "a mere shibboleth of doctrinaire secularism."

There is no Catholic plan for America distinct from the Catholic plan for the world. The hierarchy's techniques of promotion vary from country to country, but the master plan is only one plan and the world-wide strategy is directed from Rome. In a Catholic world every national government would establish the Roman Catholic Church in a unique position of privilege, and support its teachers and priests out of public revenue. That is what the Holy See has always demanded in every country where it has had the power to support the demand with reasonable strength.

—Paul Blanshard, American Freedom and Catholic Power, Pages 269-270.

The Barden bill now before Congress is a clear indication of how brazen Rome has become in its efforts to undermine our traditional church-state relations. For years this group has sought federal aid to its parochial schools. For thirty years it has successfully blocked Federal aid to public schools. It is now doing everything in its power to block passage of the Barden bill that would appropriate up to $300,000,000 a year to public schools on the grounds that the bill discriminates against Catholic children. Cardinal Spellman, spokesman for Rome, openly called Mr. Barden "an apostle of bigotry" simply because the North Carolina Congressman happens to be trying to uphold the Constitution of the United States in church-state affairs. The cardinal's attack on Mrs. Roosevelt, who also happens to believe in that principle, must set a record for vitriol and and villification from any responsible American churchman. Congressman Lesinski, who heads the Committee and is a Roman Catholic, has made this bold assertion: "As long as I have breath to prevent it, the Barden bill will never come out of the Committee."

It is hard to believe, as much as the Roman Catholics need money for their schools, that this is the real reason for their attitude on the federal aid to education bill. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is out to destroy our concept of church-state relations. True to its nature, Rome is seeking a preferred position for itself in American affairs. It does not believe in democracy. It believes in domination. It is ruthlessly totalitarian. Its aspirations are political. It wants to control America.

The Roman hierarchy has become incredibly aggressive in recent years. In some sections of the country it has already managed to get control of the secular press, with the result that many newspapers and magazines are afraid not to follow a pro-Roman line. Its favorite weapon is the boycott. Dr. Morrison, in a most timely volume, "Can Protestantism Win America?," relates the case of a San Francisco newspaper which reported the arrest and fine of a priest, who, with a woman companion, pleaded guilty to drunken driving. Because it published this story, the newspaper was threafened with boycott led by the archbishop himself. Movie producers and radio program makers stand in equal dread of Rome.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate does not want to be unfair to the Roman Catholic Church. It has no quarrel with individual members of that faith. It has no desire to fan a smouldering religious controversy. This is a time when all Christians should be standing side by side in the mighty conflict against secularism and totalitarianism. This periodical believes in tolerance and cooperation among all religious groups. But it does not believe in them at the expense of our democratic Christian principles. It believes uncompromisingly in the American principle of complete separation of church and state, living side by side, neither controlled by the other. Under this system, though Americans could not boast perfection, they have set a standard for the entire world. The North Carolina Christian Advocate, true to its long history, will defend with all its strength this principle.

This is no time for exploding tempers or name-calling. Nor is it a time for ostrich-like complacency and unthinking hesitancy posing as broad-mindedness and liberalism. A vital issue is at stake. It is time for all who believe in our traditional church-state relations to take a stand. Recent events make it apparent that we shall need our full strength to preserve this basic American principle.

Prayer During the Pastoral Call

By H. H. Smith, Sr.*

When should a pastor making a pastoral call offer to have prayer with a family? This subject is being discussed in some of our church papers. Here are two criticisms from the laity. One man complained that his pastor, during a four-year tenure, never offered prayer in his home, though he visited there many times. Another asks, somewhat critically, "Why does my pastor think he has to pray every time he visits our home?" In the first case the brother did not think it was his place to ask the pastor to pray before leaving the home and blamed the pastor for remissness of duty. What should be the rule for pastors in regard to this matter? Perhaps the correct answer would be: there should be no rule; circumstances alter cases. Some pastors think this should be the rule: Unless there is sickness, death, or some deep sorrow in the home, a pastor should not offer to pray with the family unless he is requested to do so. Is this a good rule to follow? In the case mentioned above the family desired a devotional service, but did not think it proper to suggest it to the pastor.

Some have suggested that a pastor should not undertake to pray in home after home when making a number of calls, lest his prayers become formal and meaningless. Now comes a circuit rider who gives his views about this: "Many years ago, as a country preacher, I sometimes visited as many as seven homes in succession, and offered prayer in each home, because I knew it was desired and would be appreciated. Especially is prayer needed by the mother who is often kept from the services of the sanctuary because there are small children in the home. Through prayer we may bring people nearer to God and help them realize that He is their never-failing Friend, ready and able to help in all the experiences of life. With this conviction as to the efficacy of prayer, and an earnest desire to be helpful to those committed to our care, we should have no fear of becoming stale or formal by praying frequently in the homes of our people."

The pastor who cultivates a prayerful frame of mind at all times, and uses discretion and tact, will not find it difficult to decide whether or not he should pray as he makes his calls. Perhaps there is no better example of "how to do it" than that afforded by an experience of William Taylor, missionary-evangelist to California during the days of the "gold rush." In his "Story of My Life" he relates that he got lost in his travels one night and came to a roughly-built hotel, where he decided to spend the night. He found a number of miners engaged in drinking and gambling. This is Taylor's account of what followed:

"By the time I got thawed out and refreshed by a good supper they got through with their game and gathered around the fire, which was kept blazing in an old-time chimney place. I took a seat in their midst and led in a conversation about the varieties of life in San Francisco, which led on to a description of the sick men in the hospitals there and of their varied experiences, living and dying. None of my bar-room associates knew me, but listened with close attention to my facts illustrative of the real life of California adventurers. Finally, one said, "Come, boys, let us go to bed." Another replied, "Yes, but we must have another 'nip' before we turn in." I said, "Gentlemen, if you have no objections, I propose we have a word of prayer together before we retire." They looked at each other and at me in manifest surprise, and I looked at the barkeeper, who was ready to sell a 'nip' of brandy to each one at 25c apiece. After a little pause the barkeeper replied, "I suppose there's no objection, sir." "Thank you, sir. Come, boys, let us all kneel down as we used to do with the old folks at home, and ask the God of our fathers and mothers to have mercy on us."

To pray or not pray is a question that confronts many ministers in their pastoral calling. Here is some sound advice on that important subject.

"They all knelt down as humbly as children," says Taylor, "and I prayed for them and for their kindred and loved ones at home, but now so far away, with dreadful possibilities of never meeting again in the flesh. I prayed earnestly that these adventurous young men and their fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers far away, might all surrender wholly to God and receive Jesus Christ and be saved and be prepared for happy reunions on earth or in heaven."

How was that prayer received? "They took no more 'nips' that night," says the preacher, "but slipped off to bed without a word. I said nothing to them directly about their gambling and drinking, but took the inside track of them. I met one of them next day in San Jose, and he seemed as glad to see me as if I had been his old kinsman."

These rough miners were American pioneers, who had left their families in the east and were surrounded by terrible temptations. Though they led irreligious lives, they were far from being agnostics or atheists, which was shown by their humbly kneeling during prayer. Many a preacher would have missed this opportunity of witnessing for his Master, but not William Taylor, with whom prayer was as natural as breathing.

Whether it be a question of praying with rough miners, who are perfect strangers, sitting around a fire in a bar-room, or with cultured members of the church, in an elaborately-furnished living room, there is no better guide than that exemplified by William Taylor, who cultivated a prayerful frame of mind, and never failed to use discretion and tact.

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The Road of Life

We travel only once the road of life,
Nor can we any step of it retrace;
We, therefore, must attempt to scatter light
And leave all whom we meet with smiling face.

So many friends have fainted 'neath the load
Of cares and worries as they traveled on—
Shall we then let them die beside the road
Before they see the breaking of the dawn?

Then in our Journey may we never pass
A brother who has fallen by our side,
But lend a healing shadow ere, alas,
We face our God at gracious eventide.

Russell H. Caudill

Leland, N. C.

Your Methodist Home

By Reid Wall*

In any extensive project in which thousands of people are interested it is inevitable that many questions will arise and that some erroneous reports be passed on. The Superintendent of the Methodist home here gives vital information that every Methodist in the Western North Carolina Conference should know.

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DO YOU HAVE TO BE RICH?

"I have heard you can't get in the Home for the Aged unless you're rich." "Yeah, they raised money from the churches and now they won't let poor church members come." At the recent Young Adult Assembly I asked my class members if they had heard rumors like the above. They had.

Of the first 77 members received, 39 are on relief. They are among our finest folks, but they came to the end of life without resources. The figure is quoted here, but the identity of the welfare clients is kept in confidence. They draw their Old Age Assistance grants or their Aid to the Blind grants and help pay their way.

No person has been rejected for lack of funds. The Admissions Committee is composed of professional and business people of the highest integrity. They have been scrupulously careful to care for Methodism's people of limited means. The next time you hear a person say the poor are denied a place tell him quickly not to help spread a malicious and damaging falsehood.

DO THEY TAKE ALL YOU HAVE?

"The Methodist Home takes all you have." This is also untrue. The Admissions Committee studies carefully the resources of people who apply. They seek to help the applicant work out a fair financial plan. *The Home takes nothing.* The Committee helps the member with resources set up a trust fund for his care. These funds are carried as reserves and are credited to the individual members. Such reserves are managed by skillful business men. Such arrangements must be agreeable to the member. However the finest motives are subject to misinterpretation by selfish and hysterical people.

Persons who bring cash or other resources into the Home work out a fair distribution between their trust funds for care and their funds for personal expenses. The Methodist Home is a service agency of the church. Every churchman and every resident of the Home should be interested in seeing it grow stronger and more able to serve.

BUILDING FUND GIFTS

All contributions from churches have gone into *building* the Home. In 1947 the Building Fund was $178,306.00. In 1948 $110,316.00 was contributed. To date in 1949 the gifts are $138,000.00. About $100,000.00 more is needed to finish paying for the building. The people of Western North Carolina Methodism will give to this tender and holy ministry as they understand it properly. Many churches have given generously. From others only token offerings have come. And some have done nothing. A thousand people or churches can give a hundred dollars apiece and finish this phase of the building. The care of the aged is an excellent index of the civilization of a people. Surely the Methodist people will rate high.

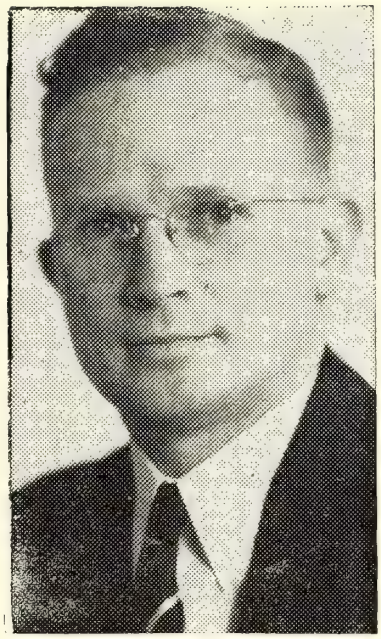
THE GOLDEN CROSS SOCIETY

The Golden Cross Society has contributed to equip and operate the hospital in the Home. This supplement has been vital and necessary. No other operating supplement has been available. The members in the Home have provided the operating funds. They pay a modest amount, much less than private nursing homes charge. Yet the operating fund is in sound condition. One person commented, "A church Home shouldn't charge people; it should be endowed." I asked him to start the endowment. He was strangely silent.

NEED FOR ENDOWMENTS

Our friend was both wrong and right. The Methodist Home should not take people free. This would impoverish them. The poorest person has a potential income through Social Security. It is wholesome for them to draw their pension or grant and have the satisfaction of paying their way. However, the small pensions and Old Age Assistance grants are not sufficient to cover the cost of service that is rendered by the Home. Generous endowments are needed to supplement the low income members. No one has been denied admission for lack of funds. The Home has been fair in caring for Methodist folk. Now the Methodist people must be fair to their home. You can make no finer gift or bequest than to this ministry of appreciation. Wills should be worded "I give, devise and bequeath to the Methodist Home for the Aged, Incorporated, Charlotte, North Carolina, the sum of ————————.

*Superintendent and minister.



REV. REID WALL

A group of wise, consecrated men of high ethics, loyalty and generosity serve on the Methodist Home Board of Managers. The support and loyalty of the Conference will see the finest Home for the Aged in all the land a glorious reality here in Western North Carolina.

How to Prepare for Old Age

Start early. You have been getting older ever since you were born.

Keep alive the sense of wonder. Don't act as if you know it all even if you know you do.

Diversify your interests. A one-track person with a one-track mind will encounter troubles at the end of the line.

Develop a hobby early in life and ride it into old age.

Keep abreast of scientific discoveries and advancements. The age of miracles is not past yet.

Emotional tension and the strain of daily living cause so much wear and tear on some persons that they never arrive at old age. Learn to live without tension.

Remember that the Golden Age is yet to come—it has not gone. The good old days were never as good as what is yet to be. The future holds more than the past.

"He kept himself on the line of discovery," was said of William E. Gladstone. Can it be said of you?

Avoid petty thoughts. "As a man thinketh, so is he." There is no great living without great thinking.

Allow the sustaining power of vital religion to do its work. God, your Creator, can help you grow old gracefully.

At any point in life you are probably as old as you think you are. Old age is not so much a matter of the calendar as of the spirit.

Wells to Head Junaluska Expansion Program; Many Laymen Attend Conference; Youth Study at Lake

JUNALUSKA TO RAISE $600,000 IN EXPANSION PROGRAM

LAKE JUNALUSKA, August 5.—The Lake Junaluska Assembly today publicly launched a campaign to raise $600,000 for the development of the institution, which is owned and controlled by the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church.

Luther W. Wells, prominent layman, insurance executive and lay leader of the Virginia Conference, was named executive director of the campaign. His headquarters will be in Richmond, Virginia.

Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, chairman of the 46-member Board of Trustees of the Junaluska Assembly, presided over



LUTHER WELLS
Executive Director, Lake Junaluska Expansion Program

the meeting which projected the campaign.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, and Mr. Jones will serve as joint chairmen of the campaign.

In addition to the trustees, there were present at the meeting, Dr. F. S. Love, Superintendent of the Assembly, all of the Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the District Superintendents, and especially invited ministers and laymen.

The funds sought will be used to provide additional hotel facilities, cottages, grounds and street improvements, and the completion of the Memorial Chapel being erected here by the churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction as a memorial to the service men and women of World War II.

NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH STUDY AT JUNALUSKA

LAKE JUNALUSKA.—Forty-three N. C. youth are among the 300 young people between the ages of 15 and 23 from nine Southern states who attended the Southeastern Jurisdictional Youth Leadership Training Conference here July 19-29.

The North Carolinians, all officers in annual conference, district or subdistrict units of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in North Carolina are: Elizabeth Bell, Beaufort; Billy Downum, Beaufort; Dixie Lee Fisher, Fairmont; Albert Fisher, Fairmont; Jo Ann Snead, Wilmington; Andrew Harper, Jr., Asheville; Richard Hanner, Jr., Asheville; Jeremiah Frank Johnson, Winston-Salem; Willis Overby, Lawsonville; Claude Barrett, Jr., Kinston; Varion Herndon, Kinston; Faye Lee, Smithfield; Gray Mattox, Smithfield; Carolyn Russell, Albemarle; Joyce Wellborn, Spruce Pine; Pat Webb, Beaufort; Mary Belle Stott, Mayesville; Anna Kath-



EDWIN L. JONES
Chairman, Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees

arine Dobson, Elkin; Charles Caudill, Leland; Beth Paschall, Laurinburg; Elizabeth Adams, Henderson; Hazel Yates, Rockingham; Pat Reinhardt, Lincolnton; Kathryn Oliver, Fairmont; Betty Ruth Corzine, Concord; Laurence Poteat, Jr., Spencer; Barbara Wilson, Rose Hill; Nancy Woodruff, Nashville; Bobby Hoyle, Belwood; Athelene Payne, Thomasville; Nancy Lee Smith, Washington; Toddy Smith, Bethel; Jean Gentry, Roxboro; Mack Monroe Armstrong, Bessemer City; Margaret Self, Siler City; Jimmy Matheson, Mount Gilead; Clara Wooten, Whiteville; Polly Sanders, Smithfield; John Mitchell, Jr., La Grange; Becky Freeman, Star; Martha Buie, Biscoe; Vernon Tyson, Carrboro; Bill Wells, Graham.

During the ten-day conference the young Methodist leaders were instructed in the administration of their respective offices in the MYF and are studying the major emphases of the MYF's program, namely, Worship and Evangelism, Missions and World Friendship, Community Service, and Recreation. The conference program also included platform addresses, worship services, and meetings of prayer groups each day.

LAYMEN ADOPT GOALS FOR CHURCHES

LAKE JUNALUSKA, — Strengthening the youth program, increased publicity, establishment of a men's club in every church, and sponsorship by each church of a service project, are outstanding among recommendations adopted by laymen of the Southeastern Jurisdiction meeting at Lake Junaluska, July 20-22.

These recommendations resulted from discussion in three forums in which every



DR. F. S. LOVE
Superintendent, Lake Junaluska Assembly

laymen present took part. Also recommended were the establishment of fisherman clubs or their equivalent in every church, greater emphasis upon lay speaking including the training of youth in speaking, study of foreign and home missions by laymen, greater emphasis upon spiritual life, and the establishing of specific objectives of possible accomplishment in every local church.

Included in the recommendations concerning publicity was the suggestion that each local church appoint someone as its official public relations representative and that it avail itself of all legitimate methods of modern communication in presenting its program to the general public. Laymen suggested that in addition to such publicity churches give consideration to the use of newspaper and radio advertising.

Assembled at the summer capital of Methodism in the Southeast for three days of inspiration, instruction, fellowship, and recreation, the laymen concentrated upon gaining further information on their place in the Advance for Christ and His Church.

Top ranking Advance officials, Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas Area, and Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago addressed them in this regard.

Speaking at the opening session the evening of July 20, Bishop Martin stressed three places where a Christian may take hold upon a complex and confused world order. First ,he may take hold within the circle of his own individual being, Bishop Martin said, "Until the individual, by the grace of God, has made his own life as a part of the remedy than a part of the disease he cannot be a positive force for righteousness."

In the second place the Christian can take hold in the realm of family life, Bishop Martin said, and third, in the area of citizenship.

Dr. Mohn in two platform addresses presented past accomplishments in the Advance program and enthusiastically expressed confidence in its continuing success.

A challenging remedy for current world chaos was given the Southeastern laymen by Dr. J. N. Hillman of Richmond, Virginia, in the closing platform address. He called upon all laymen to first, be good stewards of the gospel of Christ, second, to support those institutions, particularly the church, whose business it is to build a better world, and third, to follow the spiritual philosophy of the living, risen Christ.

News in Brief -- Personalities

ST. PAUL Church, Durham, will observe homecoming Sunday, August 7th. This date marks the anniversary of the first sermon preached under the trees at the corner of Lavender and Farthing Streets.

REV. LEON COUCH, pastor of St. Paul Church, Durham, has been selected as one of the evening preachers and will give the meditations at morning worship during The School of Missions being held at Florida-Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, August 1-5.

DR. M. B. STOKES, missionary to Korea for 33 years, and a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, at present pastor of our church at Crescent Beach, S. C., held a week's revival at Rehobeth Church near Greensboro, July 10-17. The church as a whole was greatly benefitted by the deeply spiritual message of this man of God.

BETHEL CHURCH on the Hanes Circuit observed homecoming last Sunday, with Rev. Cecil Heckard, pastor of Maples Springs Church, the visiting preacher. Dinner was served on the church lawn. The afternoon program consisted of music and brief talks by former members and friends. C. W. Snyder, church school superintendent, was in charge of the afternoon program. Rev. G. L. Wilkinson is pastor.

THE WEST BURLINGTON congregation, following ground-breaking ceremonies recently, is proceeding with the construction of a new educational building. To consist of three floors, the building will cost about $40,000. The building committee consists of D. E. Meadows, chairman; Hugh Holt, secretary-treasurer; Charles Durham, Jr., Millard Sharpe, James E. Shaw, Lewis Campbell and J. A. Clarke.

REHOBETH CHURCH near Greensboro will observe the annual homecoming day Sunday, August 7. At eleven a.m. the pastor, Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, Jr., will bring the message. Picnic lunch on church grounds at noon. At the afternoon service, 2 o'clock, Rev. R. E. Bell, pastor of the Methodist Church, Kernersville, will address the congregation. Special music will be featured. All friends and former pastors of the church are invited to attend.

THE OLD CLYDE METHODIST CHURCH is being torn down to make way for a new parsonage, which will be situated on the site of the old church. The Clyde congregation moved into the new church in early March. The parsonage, to be brick-veneered, will have six rooms, with full basement. J. C. Haynes, Frank Chambers, and Edward Green compose the Building Committee. Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr. is pastor of the Church. It is expected that the parsonage will be ready for occupancy by November 1.

AT LAKE JUNALUSKA last week the 1,500 members of the audience, following the address of Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, president of the Hiroshima Girls' School, sent a message to the mayor and the citizens of Hiroshima, Japan expressing sympathy for the suffering and death and destruction caused by the dropping of the atom bomb on that city during World War II. In the bombing of the city, 350 girls at Hiroshima Girls' School, a Methodist institution, lost their lives.



REV. B. A. YORK, above, 91 years young August 10, 1949. He is the only living son of Dr. Brantley York, founder of Union Institute which later became Trinity College, and Trinity College became Duke University. Licensed to preach 71 years ago, he has been a member of the Western North Carolina Conference for 65 years. But even more to his credit than either his ancestry or his length of years is the personality and spirit of the man today. He stands with a twinkle in his eyes a smile on his countenance, and the love of God in his heart. He is enthusiastic and alert, and an avid reader, and physically unimpaired by age. Brother York makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Faris of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., but spends the summer months in Hendersonville. He is known widely both in Florida and Hendersonville for the geniality of his spirit and the warmth of his religious experience an illustrious example of radiant Christianity.

THE METHODIST YOUTH CENTER at Wrightsville Beach was the scene of a gathering of ministers, their families, and a few lay women and children July 17-23 for a week of fellowship and fun. The manager and host of the Youth Center, Rev. O. L. Hardwick, asked the group to plan what they wanted to do. It was decided that there would be no planned program, and that each one would come and go as he liked. The activities included fishing, surf bathing, boatriding, group singing, and on Friday night a talent show. A similar experience is planned for next year.—Sidney Boone.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK of the Methodist Church is holding its first Conference on the Town Church September 7-9 at Randolph-Macon Women's College, Lynchburg, Va. Registration is limited to 400, and representatives from all Conferences are invited. Speakers include Bishop W. W. Peele, Richmond Area; Dr. Carl Taylor, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit Area; and Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Home Mission Council. Rev. J. D. A. Autry of La Grange is arranging group transportation for those interested in going from the North Carolina Conference. There is no registration fee, and room and board cost only $3.00 a day.

THE MAMERS CHARGE had more than 300 pupils enrolled in Vacation Church Schools this summer, and has received 32 persons on profession of faith.

DR. WILEY RAYLE, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Rayle, is setting up a clinic at Maiden, and expects to be ready for service early in August. He has recently returned from St. Louis, Mo., where he took a year of internship in City Memorial Hospital.

MOUNT ZION CHURCH on the Sandy Ridge charge is beginning revival services this week, with Rev. W. E. Barber of Patrick Springs, Va., the visiting preacher. A most successful meeting has just closed at Sandy Ridge, with Mr. Barber assisting the pastor, Rev. J. C. Gentry.

CALVARY CHURCH, Greensboro, has just closed a very successful revival, with Rev. J. T. Shackford, pastor, and Rev. R. G. Tuttle of Elkin the preachers. More than 100 persons reconsecrated their lives, and 30 young people promised to choose their life work in the light of a Christian calling.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE is offering scholarships to talented students who wish to become members of the band. The college for years has had a strong band, but plans being made by Dr. P. E. Lindley, dean of students, call for a 45 member band. Membership in the band carries academic credit.

SOUTH FORK CHARGE, Marion District, has had 231 pupils to complete work in Vacation Church Schools this summer, with 32 teachers in charge of instruction. Rev. Orion Hutchinson of Charlotte, a Duke Divinity School student, assisted the pastor, Rev. W. Grady Burgin during June and July in a varied church program.

DR. J. S. HIATT, JR., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Sr., of Elkin, has been certified recently by the American Board of Internal Medicine as a specialist in Interal Medicine. He has also been appointed as visiting instructor in medicine at the Duke University School of Medicine. Since 1946 he has been associate superintendent and associate medical director of the North Carolina State Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE is providing $1,000 annual scholarship to a student in the Medical College of Virginia who will serve at least four years in a rural area following graduation. With funds provided by the Golden Cross, the first recipient is A. McKinley Reynolds, Jr., son of a Methodist minister. He will enter the Medical College this fall. Rural areas are defined as all territory other than incorporated cities or towns within the Conference.

CALVARY CHURCH, High Point, has purchased the house at 1203 East Green Street, beside the church, for a parsonage. This house has been completely renovated inside, and the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. Leonard Rayle, have already occupied it. The former parsonage, located just back of the church, will be used as a Young People's center and for Church School class rooms. Just after conference, of this year, the congregation spent $700 on the interior of this house, and have spent more than $1200 on improvements inside the church. Calvary church, with a loyal and cooperative membership, is making real progress.

Thomasville District Building Grows; Burlington Methodists Build; High Point College Trustees Meet

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT CONTINUES EXTENSIVE BUILDING PROGRAM

By J. E. PRITCHARD

The building of new churches and the remodeling of old ones as well as many other improvements continue in the Thomasville district.

At Archdale, Rev. F. L. Setzer, pastor, a new Hammond organ with chimes has been installed, the church grounds have been improved, the church building has been painted, running water has been placed in the church and an oil furnace has been installed, all at a cost of approximately $6,000.

At Mt. Lebanon church on the Randleman circuit, Rev. G. B. Ferree, pastor, a hut has been built at a cost of about $4,000. This new building has been equipped for social purposes as well as class rooms. At New Salem church on the same charge a new auditorium is to be built and the original one will be used for class rooms.

Macedonia church on the Linwood circuit, Rev. W. B. Thompson, pastor, has a new church building erected at a cost of $25,000. Opening services were held recently with the District Superintendent preaching the sermon.

A new brick church is being built by the congregation at Wesley Chapel on the Farmington charge, Rev. John S. Oakley, pastor. In addition to the sanctuary, the structure will contain several class rooms. The total cost will be about $20,000.

Cornerstone laying service will be held Sunday, August 7, at Concord church on the Davie charge, Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, pastor, in connection with the building of a new church to replace the old one. The new church is practically complete and will be ready for dedication soon.

A magnificent new educational annex, costing $18,000 at Canaan church on the North Davidson charge, Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor, will be dedicated Sunday, September 4 by Rev. George Clemmer, superintendent.

Two new parsonages are nearing completion in Thomasville. One is for the West End church and the other is for First Church. Each will contain 8 rooms. The cost will be $12,000 and $14,000, respectively. The pastors are: West End, Rev. William B. Bobbitt, Jr., and First Church, Rev. A. P. Ratledge.

The new $40,000 educational building at the Midway church is nearing completion and parts of the building are already being used by the Sunday school which has been overflowing the limited facilities of the present building. Rev. H. R. Jordan is the pastor.

The new building for the Good Hope church in the Davidson charge, Rev. O. C. Loy, pastor, is now under roof. The cost of the building is to be about $50,000.

Randolph County, which already has more Methodist churches than any other county in the state may soon have its 60th church as preliminary steps have already been taken to establish a new church in North Asheboro. This community of something like two thousand people has no Methodist church.

The contract is being signed for a specially built organ for the new $500,000 church in Thomasville. The contract for the new church building is to be let within the next few weeks. Rev. Wilson O. Weldon is the pastor of this church, known as Memorial church, formed by the merging of two churches two years ago.

First Church, Randleman, Rev. A. J. Clemmer, Jr., pastor, celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the beautiful new building on July 17. The pastor preached an appropriate sermon. Following the morning service a bountiful picnic dinner was served under the shade of the trees on the lawn. Following the dinner the congregation returned to the auditorium for a musical program consisting of organ music, vocal solos and two numbers by the Randleman Girls' Trio. This beautiful church building was made possible by the merging of two churches, St. Paul and Naomi. Rev. S. M. Needham who retired last year on account of his health was the pastor when the churches were merged and during the building of the new building.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE TRUSTEES ELECT OFFICERS

In a meeting of the Board of Trustees of High Point College July 20, W. L. Ross of Asheboro was elected chairman of the Board, replacing H. A. Millis who resigned. F. Logan Porter of High Point was re-elected vice-chairman and Dr. C. L. Gray of High Point was elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. Millis was elected chairman-emeritus.

All members whose four year terms expired were re-elected, including Mrs. Katie Rankin, Mount Gilead; F. Logan Porter, High Point; Joshua Horne, Rocky Mount; J. D. Williams, High Point; C. L. Amos; J. A. Koonce, High Point.

Harry B. Finch of Thomasville was appointed to serve as trustee in place of his mother, Mrs. C. F. Finch of Thomasville, who resigned.

The Board following acceptance of the audit for the year just closed, approved the budget for the new year presented by President Dennis H. Cooke, and the finance committee.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, also a member of the Board, was present for the meeting.

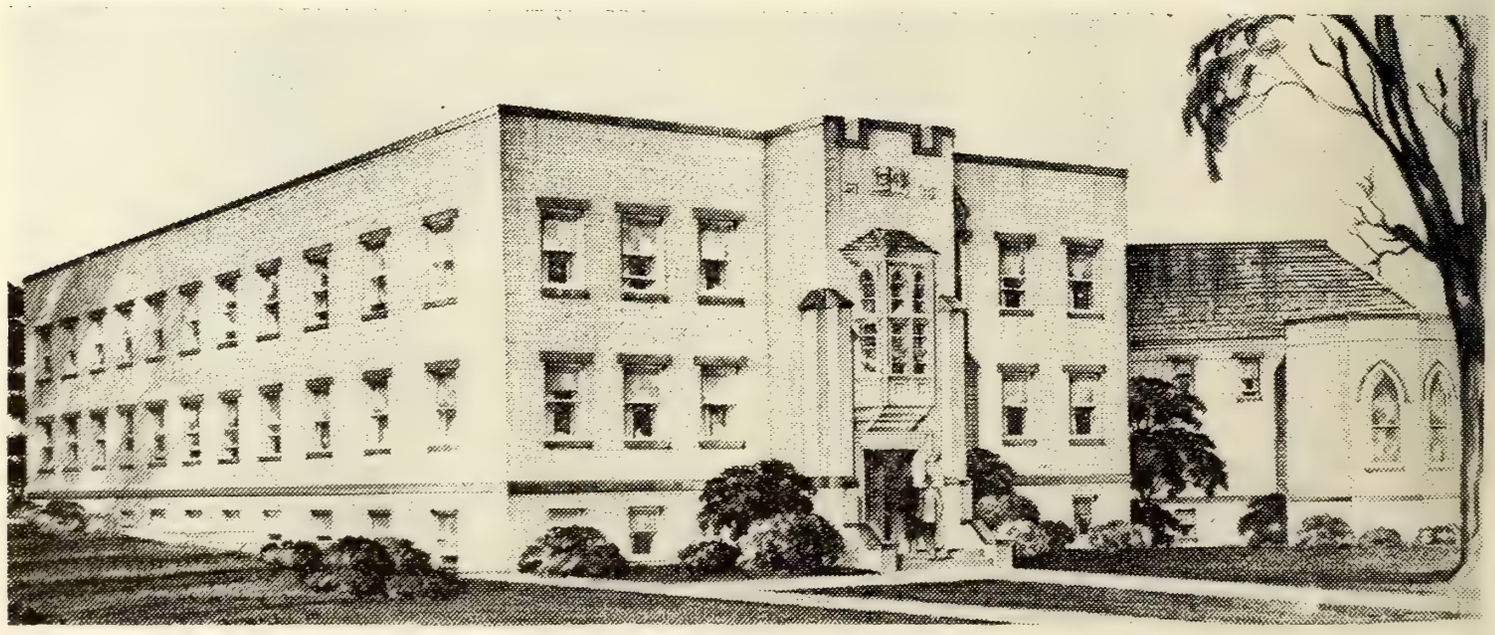
BURLINGTON CONGREGATION BEGIN EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Construction on the new educational building at Front Street Church, Burlington, began last week, according to Rev. W. L. Clegg, pastor. The structure, to be built of brick which match the present church building, will provide facilities for worship, study, recreation, social affairs and other activities. To consist of three floors, the building will cost $172,000.

The main floor will consist of offices, a nursery department and facilities for the week-day kindergarten. The third floor will provide departments for junior, intermediate, senior and young people's classes. The ground floor will include a social hall, kitchen, recreation hall, stage and dressing rooms.

Each floor of the new building will be connected to the present structure by a corridor. Present educational facilities will be used by adult classes, girl and boy scouts and other groups.

Members of the building committee include R. A. Maynard, chairman; R. H. Spence, Sr., R. D. Anthony, M. B. Smith, C. G. Somers, and Rev. W. L. Clegg.



New Educational Building, Front Street Church, Burlington

McDowell Church to Be Dedicated; Educators Study Church Colleges; Successful Rural School at Emory

GLENWOOD CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED AUGUST 14

Climaxing 79 years of service, the new Glenwood Methodist Church on the Marion Circuit will be dedicated Sunday morning, August 14, at eleven o'clock. Dr. A. J. Walton, of the Duke Divinity School will deliver the sermon. Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor, will preside at the impressive service.

Located in the southern part of McDowell county, the new brick structure replaces the wooden buildng completed in 1891. This is the third house for the congregation, the first having been built of hewn logs and dating back to slave days.

The movement to erect a new church began in July of 1945 under the leadership of Rev. H. W. Bell, being urged by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. By the year 1946 the Society had purchased a new lot at the cost of $500 and presented it to the church. During this time architects plans were submitted and accepted by the building committee, and an initial $5,000 had been pledged. The following October Rev. Mr. Bell was transferred and the Rev. George H. Needham became the pastor. Under his guidance the work progressed rapidly and within two years the actual construction was begun and completed at a cost of $26,000. By the time the building was completed $24,000 had been pledged and paid. The remaining $2,000 was paid this year under the leadership of Rev. H. M. Wellman.

The church is equipped with a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 180 and a choir of 12, 6 large Sunday School rooms, recreation hall, kitchen, boiler room, and rest rooms. The entire church is heated with the most modern gas system.

Many memorial gifts are included in the building, including the lighting system, memorial windows, pulpit furniture, choir chairs, pews and assembly room furniture.

Aiding the pastors in this huge undertaking was a building committee of seven members, L. A. Ammon, chairman; Mrs. O. L. Silver, vice-chairman; Miss Elizabeth Poteat, secretary; A. F. Hunt, treasurer Mrs. J. L. Haney, J. W. McCall, W. E. Morgan and Norris Lewis.

Cooperating with this committee were the 100 members of the church and scores of friends who not only supported the building of the church by their sentiments but by their contributions as well.

All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to join the congregation for this unusual occasion.

LEADERS STUDY CHURCH COLLEGE NEEDS

Nashville, Tenn.—One hundred and fifty college presidents, deans, directors of religion, administrators of business and finance met July 26-28 on the campus of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., for the sixth annual Institute of Higher Education. Sponsored by the Division of Educational Institutions of The Methodist Church and by Scarritt College, this year's institute included the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as a cooperating agency.

Intensive study of administrative methods in the church college was the purpose of the sessions. Each day's program began with two hours of lectures and closed with an evening address. Workshop sections which met throughout the remainder of the day presented panel discussions on subjects confronting public relations officers, deans and guidance officers, business officers, finance officers, and leaders of religious life on the campus.

Dr. John Dale Russell, director of the Division of Higher Education, United States Office of Education, outlined current problems and opportunities facing the church college in an address, "Will the Church College Become a Minority Institution in Higher Education?" John Crosby Brown, of Tamblyn and Brown, a fund-raising organization of New York City, emphasized the need for special study to obtain financial support for church schools. He named "belief in the cause" as the first requirement in any method of obtaining satisfactory financial support. Two types of fund-raising were described—the intensive campaign conducted over a short period of time and the long-range nonintensive campaign.

Dr. Ronald Preston, lecturer in Christian Ethics, University of Manchester, England, and former secretary, British Student Christian Movement, brought the evening addresses. His subjects: "The Church and the Student Mind," "Christianity's Need for a Free University," "Higher Education and World Peace."

Presiding at the sessions were Dr. John O. Gross of the Division of Educational Institutions, The Methodist Church; Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, president, Scarritt College; Dr. Charles D. Johnson of Baylor University, Waco Texas, chairman, Education Commission, Southern Baptist Commission; Dr. Boyd M. McKeown of the Division of Educational Institutions, The Methodist Church; Dr. E. Fay Campbell, Board of Christian Education, The Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

In a session devoted to public relations, Dr. Lincoln B. Hale, president of Evansville College, Evansville, Indiana, spoke on "Publicity a Vital Factor in Public Relations"; and Averell Broughton of New York, N. Y., president of the Public Relations Society of America, "Lessons From Industry." "Looking Ahead in College Public Relations" was the subject of Dr. Paul F. Douglass, president of American University, Washington, D. C.

During the Institute of Higher Education meetings were scheduled for the National Protestant Council on Higher Education and for the Methodist Student Movement which comprises Wesley Foundation directors and other leaders of religious life on the college campus.

EIGHT NORTH CAROLINA MINISTERS ATTEND RURAL SCHOOL AT EMORY

Eight ministers of rural churches in the two North Carolina Conferences attended the School for Town and Country Religious Workers held at Emory University, July 5-22.

The ministers attending from the North Carolina Conference were: C. B. Long, Stedman; W. R. Crowder, Vanceboro; and H. L. Harrell, Straits.

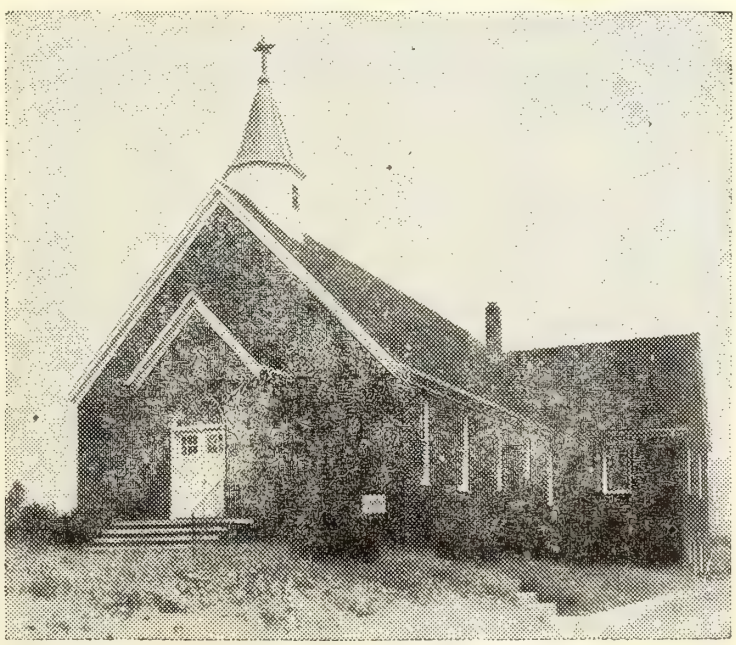
Those attending from the Western North Carloina Conference were: J. Max Brandon, Jr., Hiddenite; W. C. Crummett, Union Grove; D. J. Huss, Olin; E. A. Lamb, Lawndale; and J. M. Taylor, Cleveland.

Among the professors in the school were Rev. E. D. C. Brewer, well known to North Carolina Methodism, and now professor in the Candler School of Theology at Emory; and Rev. James W. Sells, Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church, and religious editor of The Progressive Farmer.

An outstanding feature of the school was the presentation of the "Rural Minister of the Year" from each of thirteen southern states. These honored ministers were from several denominations and were chosen through a campaign conducted recently by The Progressive Farmer.

The ministers spent one day on the campus of Reinhardt Methodist College, Waleska, Ga., where tours were made throughout the entire college farm and property. Special interest was manifest in the extensive program of soil conservation practiced on the farm.

The climax to the school was the dedication service on Thursday evening, when the entire group gathered around the altar and silently prayed through to renewed dedication.



Glenwood Church, Marion Circuit

Summer Camping Program Attracting 500 Intermediates; Churches Report Successful Vacation Schools

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CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE CAMPING

On Thursday night, July 28, an impressive campfire service brought to a close the sixth general session of the conference camping program for Intermediate boys and girls. Interest and attendance during the period of six weeks has been excellent. The program has consisted of study quests, interest groups, hiking, canoeing, swimming, games, vespers, morning meditation, sharing periods between counselors and campers, and other experiences that make a week of camping a wholesome, religious experience for Intermediate boys and girls and their leaders. Both campers and counselors have lived, shared, worked, played, and grown together.

CAMP MAINTAINS GRADE A RATING

An important event of the week was a visit by W. F. Hartt, Official Sanitary Inspector for the State Board of Health. After carefully inspecting the kitchen and dining room, the dispensary, cabins, water supply and bathhouse, Mr. Hartt was most complimentary about health and sanitary conditions in the camp. To use one of his own expressions, he said: "Your staff is certainly on the beam. I have not found a cleaner or better managed kitchen this summer." As a testimony to this sentiment, our camp maintained its Grade A rating. The Grade was upped from 93 to 95½ which is tops for camps in this area. Only one other camp in this section has received a similar grade to date this year.

EXCELLENT STAFF

The secret of success in any group activity is to be found primarily in the leadership. All counselors and staff members for these six weeks have rendered excellent service. Staff members for this session were Miss Marion Craig, Wadesboro; Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Mrs. W. R. Reed, Mrs. Carl H. King, and Carl King, Jr., of Salisbury; Miss Myrtle Brewer, Norwood; Miss Loree Harrell, Cliffside; Miss Jane Derden, Fayetteville, Georgia; Sara Puett of Dallas; Miss Annie Clyde Drummond, Winston-Salem; Miss Nancy Gardner and Dave Swaim, Asheville; Wendell Moser, Shelby; Joe Smith, Albemarle; Mrs. O. W. Smith, Charlotte; Mrs. R. M. McDowell, B. F. Mintz, Jr., and Eugene Williams of Hendersonville.

CAMPERS IN ATTENDANCE

Campers for the week of July 23-29 were as follows: Sarah Stafford and Mary Miller Carson, Taylorsville; Sara Ann Caton, Phyllis Kiser, Anna Ruth Carper, Anne Beaver, Concord; Jean Rufty, Matilda Maney, Horse Shoe; Mary Louise Ledbetter, Arden; Carolyn Dudley, Lenoir; Patricia Lee Robinson, Avondale; Carolyn Moffitt, Joann Wright, Joyce Teague, Linda Kirkman, Ramseur, Ann Chaney, Concord; Julia Ann Harris, Martha Smith, Claudette Taylor, Dalphna Cosey, Donald Barkley, and Dan Rankin, of Gastonia; Barbara Wilson, and Anne Broyles, Davidson; Etta Jo Adams, Ann Brown, and Jack Thomas, of Morven; Martha Beaman, Emily Killingsworth, Peggy Drake, Irene Doaver, Pat Heafner, Zack Heafner, Dannie Watts, Alton Butler, Roy Hord, Jr., all of Charlotte; Tyleta Ann Williams, Matthews; Joyce Bishop, Jackie Johnston, Frank Lackey, and Charles Kilpatrick, of Asheville; Gail Falls and Jane Thompson, of Shelby; Edwina Houser, Selena Hoyle, and Jerry Hendricks, of Cherryville; Audry Dickson and Joann Siniard, and David Townsend, of Brevard; Mary Frances Norman, Annie Lee Fisher, of East Flat Rock; Johnny Lyon, and Claude Brown of Lincolnton; Bobby Penny and Larry Posey of Murphy; C. P. Hipps, Jr.; Gene Anderson, and Donald Pettus of Charlotte; Max Henderson, Jack Kusterer, and Emory Crawford of Franklin.

WINSTON AND GREENSBORO DISTRICTS

Approximately sixty campers and leaders from the Winston District moved into camp on Saturday, July 30, for a week together. A similar group will take over from the Greensboro District from August 6-12. When these sessions come to a close, approximately five hundred Intermediate boys and girls and their leaders will have experienced a week of Christian Adventure camping during this particular season.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

The number of Vacation Church School reports received to date is most gratifying. Comments concerning the schools are interesting. One person writes that, "We realize that Vacation Schools require a lot of work. However, we know that they pay in large dividends in the lives of the children. We thank each church and its workers for the good results achieved." Another says, "Our pastor was a part of the school every day promoting a wonderful spirit in the work and play with the children." In another school, "We secured new church school teachers through the interest started in the Vacation School." Still another comments significantly that, "We think this was our best Vacation School because all workers were prepared." Reports from the districts of the conference are as follows to date:

Asheville District: Brick, Mrs. Hal Wells; Brevard, Mrs. W. G. McFarland; Balfour, J. D. Pyatt; Biltmore, Charles D. White; Haywood Street, Vernelle Hall; Hillside-Merrimon, Mrs. Clifford Peace; Oak Grove and English Chapel, Mrs. Joe Siniard; Weaverville, P. S. Kennett; West Asheville, Clara Ross; Francis Asbury, Mrs. Dale Holcombe; Central, Mrs. Lamar Galloway.

Charlotte District: First, Charlotte, Miss Kate Crowell; New Hope, Mrs. Roy D. Gaddy; Morris Field, Thomas A. Summey, Jr.; Harrison, Mrs. E. W. Russell; St. Paul, Mrs. C. H. Talley; New Hope, Prospect, Ed. Cochran; Prospect, Ed. Cochran; Wadesboro, Marietta Harrison; Big Spring, Clark W. Benson; Dilworth, Dorothy Sloan; Wesley Heights, Aubert M. Smith; Brevard St., Mrs. J. M. Kimbirl; Belmont Park, Kathleen Martin; Commonwealth, Mrs. J. B. Davis; Chadwick, Beulah Smith; Matthews, Beulah Martin; Weddington, Mrs. C. A. Deal; Bethel, Mrs. G. B. Blackwell.

Gastonia District: Asbury, Mrs. S. M. Shrum; Central, Shelby, Mrs. R. M. Hauss; Cramer Memorial, Mrs. Doris Young; Martin Street, Mrs. George Crawford; Main Street, Belmont, Jesse G. Wilkinson; Concord, Mrs. Lee Eaker; Rehobeth, Bethany, William A. Rock, Jr.; Mount Pleasant, W. A. Rock, Jr.; Stanley, Linda Cannon; Maylo, Mrs. W. Hobert Cope; Hoyle Memorial, Mrs. Forrest Warlick; Park Street, Rollin P. Gibbs; Rhyne Heights, C. W. Russell; Boger City, Mrs. W. L. Turner; LaFayette Street, Mrs. Herman Eskridge; Cherryville, Lee R. Spencer; West Cramerton, C. A. Kennedy, Jr.; McAdenville, A. C. Kennedy, Jr.; South Point, Mrs. J. L. Armstrong; Salem, Mrs. Marcus Nixon.

Greensboro District: Calvary, Greensboro, Joe T. Shackford; West Market Street, Louise Robinson; First, High Point, Harry Jordan; Midway, Mrs. W. B. Wolfe; Mitchell's Grove, Miss Maxine Robbins; Ward Street, Mrs. R. O. Lawson; Highland, P. A. Sherrill; Rankin Memorial, Mrs. C. J. Burton, Jr.; Bessemer, Jennie Marsh; Welch Memorial, Walter L. Voncannon; Grace, Mary E. Bethea; Main Street, Mrs. R. L. Green, Jamestown; Main Street, Reidsville, Barbara Stalvey; Spray, Estelle Hopper; Groometown, Mrs. H. L. Groome; Proximity, Ethel Williams; Glenwood, Loree Harrill; Gideon Grove, H. L. Isley; Palestine, H. L. Isley; Bethel, Mrs. Hugh Beeson; Flat Rock, Mrs. Frances Friddle; Ruffin, Mrs. Jack Carter; Gibsonville, Julian A. Lindsey; Pleasant Union, Mrs. Russell Bowman; Lebanon, D. D. Broome; Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Carl R. Clapp; Pelham, Mrs. Harry Pryor; Centenary, Mrs. Laura Willard; College Place, Evelyn Fields.

Marion District: Shady Grove, Ruby Aiken; First, Rutherfordton, Mrs. W. S. Harrill; Bethel, Mrs. Ruth G. Mull; Bethlehem, Mrs. C. P. Clarke; Clinchfield, H. R. Cornelius; Nebo; H. R. Cornelius; Avondale, Virginia Taylor; Alexander, Mrs. O. L. Robinson; First Morganton, Denny Lee Bryson; Spruce Pine, Mrs. John W. Tappan.

Salisbury District: Gold Hill, G. M. Carver; Bethlehem, G. M. Carver; Randall, I. P. Rutledge; Norwood, H. D. Garmon; Landis, Mrs. Charles L. Ledford; Oak Grove-Unity, Mrs. Charles L. Ledford; Jackson Park, Mrs. W. J. Clayton; Central, Concord, Carolyn Beam; North Kannapolis, Mrs. F. P. Price; South River, H. C. Freeman; Gay's Chapel and Woodleaf, H. C. Freeman; Trinity, Mrs. Cullen Moss; Green Memorial and Cedar Grove, I. P. Rutledge; Ann Street, Mrs. Lester Gill; Bethel, Granite Quarry, Mrs. J. B. Corneilson ; Rocky Ridge, E. J. Harbison; First Street, Albemarle, Karl Koestline; Liberty, Gold Hill, G. M. Carver; Friendship, Nearl McGlamery; Cold Springs, Neal McGlamery; Stony Hill, Mrs. T. B. Mullinix, Jr.; Forest Hill, Mrs. Robbie Wilkerson; Pine Bluff, F. R. Barber; Wesley Chapel and Matton's Grove, LeRoy Scott; Mt. Pleasant, Neal McGlamery;; First, China Grove, Julian Holmes; Love's Chapel and Love's Grove, D. A. Hamilton; Coburn Memorial, Mrs. Earl H. Brendall; Epworth, Mrs. King Jackson; Mt. Zion, I. P. Rutledge; Central, Albemarle, Mrs. Vance Ausband; Union Chapel, Mrs. Howard Holt; Main Street, Salisbury, J. Bernard Hurley.

About Junaluska School of Missions; Hatteras Charge Fully Organized; Supply Work Does Much Good

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JUNALUSKA SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The theme for the Southeastern Jurisdiction School of Missions held recently at Lake Junaluska was "Toward the World in Christ." The morning hours were devoted to class periods featuring such outstanding speakers and teachers as Miss Dorothy McConnell, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Miss Katherine Johnson, Miss Ethelene Sampley, Mrs. E. L. Hillman and Dr. Arva C. Floyd. The afternoons were spent in departmental clinics under the leadership of division and jurisdictional officers.

Featuring the Wesleyan Service Guild night for the School, Mrs. Frederick G. Poole of Plymouth, Mich., resource member of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division, spoke on the subject, "The Mad Imperative." She defined the mad imperative as the imperative to believe that the law of love is the only law of the universe which will turn humanity toward the birth of an era in which spiritual energies will be recognized as the most powerful forces in all times. The speaker predicted that one million employed women could be organized to take over Christian responsibility in areas involving the moulding of public opinion; where principles and practices are in conflict; and other places where new ideas are needed and where decisions are to be made.

Another outstanding speaker was Dr. Henry Sprinkle, Jr., former editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and now associate editor of the World Outlook. He spoke on the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

"The Advance Program of the Woman's Division is our answer to the needs of suffering people at home and abroad," said Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the W. S. C. S., at the Advance Rally held in the auditorium on Wednesday, July 13th. "It is the measure of our faith and the courage of our will. It is the larger task of Methodist women to interpret Christian missions in such a way that all church members will see in this glorious enterprise not only a vision of the Kingdom, but the hope of the world. Can we not take hold of this larger task while still doing faithfully our share of the practical day by day work? We can and we must."

On Sunday morning, July 17th, Dr. W. B. Selah, pastor of Galloway Memorial church of Jackson, Miss., spoke on the theme, "Love Is the Answer." He said in part, "Love is the mark of the moral man. Love is the key to heaven. Only the man who loves has tuned in with God. Civilization will be redeemed from greed and injustice by men who acknowledge that all men are brothers and who conduct all their affairs in the spirit of active, intelligent goodwill."

AMONG THOSE PRESENT

Attending the Junaluska School of Missions from the Conference were Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, president; Mrs. J. M. Jerome, secretary of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. N. P. Edens, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, promotion secretary; Mrs. Hubert Odom, secretary of youth work; Mrs. M. W. Warren, secretary of children's work; Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Wilmington district promotion secretary.

Mrs. E. L. Hillman, former president of the conference, taught the course on program building for the larger church. Mrs. D. L. Fouts, jurisdictional secretary of youth work, and a former secretary for youth work in the conference, presided over the evening auditorium program when the subject of Japan was presented. Mrs. W. P. Wellons of Pembroke College, a returned missionary from India, was one of the guests.

District officers attending the school were Mrs. Carl Herrington from the New Bern District, Mrs. W. C. Mosier from the Durham, and Mrs. L. L. Gibbs from the Elizabeth City. Mrs. P. C. Perdue, vice-president of the Raleigh District, represented Mrs. H. I. Glass, conference vice-president.

Wesleyan Service Guild representatives were Mrs. Sheila Howard, Miss Sarah Godfrey, Miss Kathleene Cox and Mrs. Alexander. Mrs. L. C. Larkin was a delegate at large.

Mrs. Cutchin remained at the Lake after the school to attend the Southeastern Jurisdiction Board of Missions, of which she is a member.

WHO WAS THE SPEAKER?

A woman who has spent all of her adult life in missionary work—as a missionary on the field and as an executive of the Mission Board, talked out her heart, or talked her heart out, which ever way you want to put it, but always she came out at the same place to say: "All over the world, Christian people, especially those who have been torn and bruised and hurt by war, long once more to have a feeling of the Oneness of the Christian community. They want that, even more than they do physical security and food and clothing and freedom from fear."

She told her story out of a full heart and from a background of experience and intimate knowledge of mission lands gained from the countless visits and long sojourns and from the letters that cross her desk—from Czechoslovakia, Poland, China, Japan, Africa, and all the rest. There was somethnig thrilling in hearing first hand how the W. S. C. S. in bleeding Poland had raised $250 for a missionary to work in Africa; and how the group in England were planning to rebuild a church in Germany which had been razed by English bombs. She isn't bothered at all about the survival of the Christian faith in those lands, she said. And now, since seeing the women at work in the School of Missions, she's not worrying about the complacency of the home church. She knows she can trust her beloved Methodism to do the things that will really help in a world like this today.

"They are not better Christians over there," she told that big crowd in the auditorium on Monday night, July 18th, "but they are facing harder things. I'm not afraid because I know you and I know that you know the only source of unity lies in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Who was the speaker? Why, Sallie Lou McKinnon, of North Carolina, Europe, Asia, Africa and 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

S. O. S. FOR STUDENT WORK

Mrs. W. P. Moore, conference secretary of Student Work, has sent out an S. O. S. to the local secretaries of student work that they be on the alert and send the blue cards of introduction to the student secretaries of their district. This must be done at once, for it is best to have these cards in the hands of the student directors on the various campuses before school opens in the fall. The district secretaries have the complete list of the colleges and the names of the directors on each and she will forward those cards as soon as received.

HATTERAS CIRCUIT 100% ORGANIZED

Mrs. George Jackson, promotion secretary of the Elizabeth City District, says, "Hats off to the Hatteras women who are responsible for getting their circuit 100% organized!"

Women from the Hatteras society went over to Frisco and helped the women of the Little Grove Methodist Church organize a Woman's Society of Christian Service. The visiting helpers were Mrs. Maude Austin, Mrs. Grace Ballance, Mrs. Charlotte Ballance, Mrs. Kate Burrus, Mrs. Lizzie Gaskins, Mrs. Isabelle Ballance, Mrs. Lovie Burrus, Mrs. Brittee Gaskill, Mrs. Margaret Quidly, Mrs. Damon Gray, Jr., Mrs. Goldie Burrus, Mrs. Wilma Scarborough, Mrs. Maud Job, Mrs. Herbert Odin, and Mrs. Selma Odin.

Officers for the new society were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Z. H. Whedbee; vice-president, Mrs. Mildred Midgette; recording secretary, Mrs. Mildred Rollinson; promotion secretary, Mrs. Christine Williams; treasurer, Mrs. Ray Anderson; and the secretaries of the departments are as follows: spiritual life, Mrs. Lois Rollinson; missionary education, Mrs. Maggie Austin; Christian social relations, Mrs. Ina Burrus; supply work, Mrs. Nellie Willis, and literature and publications, Mrs. Nina Good.

SUPPLY WORK

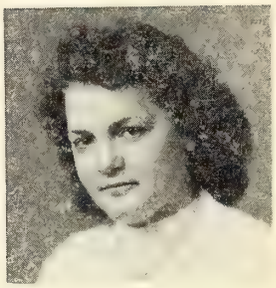
One of the most gracious ways for a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to exemplify the latter part of the title is through the department of Supply Work. We remember especially if we were fortunate enough to have lived in a small community, the times when illness or tragedy came to a home of a friend or neighbor. One of the first things that was done was to take a kettle of soup, a cake, or a jar of jelly to that family. It was done just because we wanted to do something to express sympathy or concern without any thought of pay, credit or reciprocation. Supply work is just that—the homely, friendly "kettle of soup" which, in many cases, proved to be an actual necessity rather than just a friendly gesture. The term "Supply Work" is the "work-a-day" title for this "glory work" of the Woman's Society nf Christian Service.

More definitely, just what is Supply Work? Perhaps the best way to define it is to tell what it does or can do. The "second mile" or the "over and above the pledge" Supply Work comes after the "first mile" or the pledge of the Woman's Society has been met. It is then that Supply Work goes into action and becomes a glorious opportunity.

From Supply Work by Mrs. E. Paul Todd.

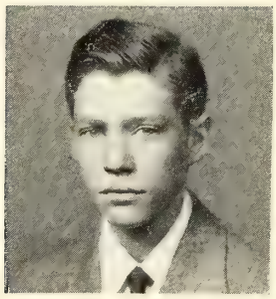
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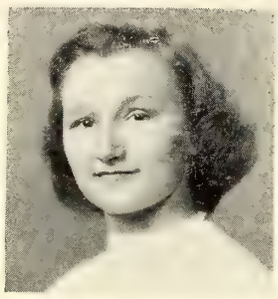


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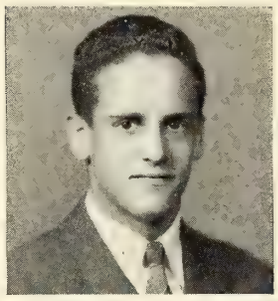
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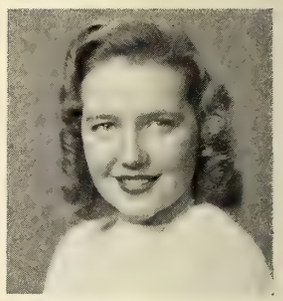
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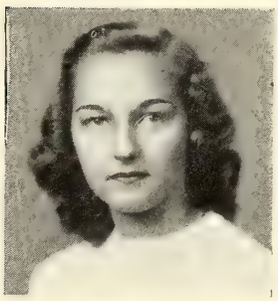
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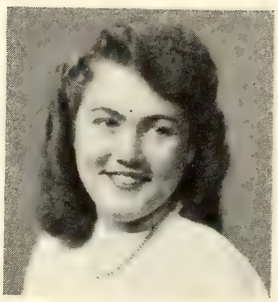
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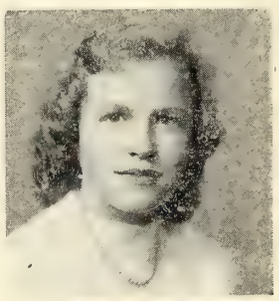
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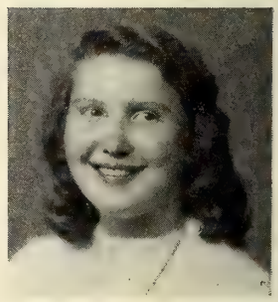
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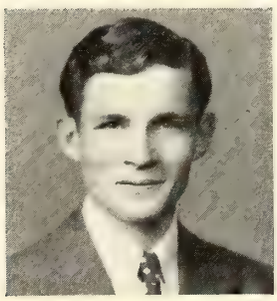
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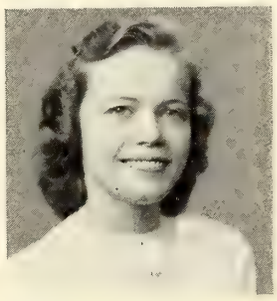
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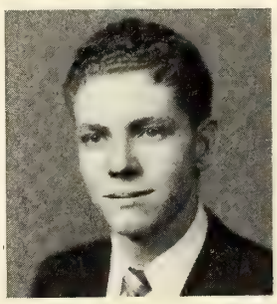
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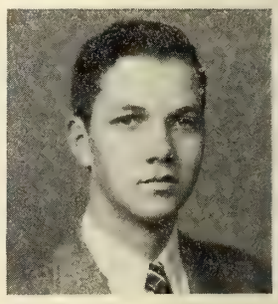
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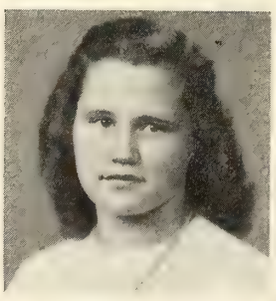
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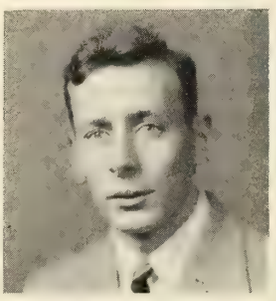
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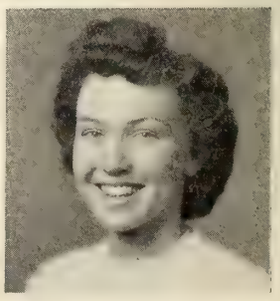
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Songs of Thankfulness

Psalms 92; 103; 136:1-9, 25-26

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The Psalmist says that it is not only a good thing to give praises unto God, but it is good to do it habitually, and to begin each morning with praises, and to thank God every night because he has been faithful to us all the day.

Thankfulness is not only a good thing because we have a moral obligation to be grateful, but because gratitude makes us doubly capable of enjoying God's mercies. When a man gives thanks for his garden the flowers seem all the brighter. When he praises the Lord for his family his heart is enlarged more warmly to appreciate them. And when Jesus gave thanks for the five loaves and the two small fishes they were made sufficient to feed the multitude. And today when a man goes about telling how thankful he is for the common mercies of life he in a real sense feeds others, for he makes all who hear him more appreciative of God's gifts.

One supreme blessing for which the Psalmist gave continual thanks was that God forgave all his iniquities. In this universe with its inexorable reign of law, it is an unspeakable comfort to know that God actually forgives us when we repent and, wonder of wonders, crowns this act of forgiving mercy by healing our diseases, and providing for all our physical needs.

But on the other hand, the Psalmist never tires of rejoicing over the fact that God is not only merciful to repentant sinners but he executes judgment upon all who oppress and outrage the poor. His God was not a good-natured Santa Claus who could be imposed upon. O clap your hand, all ye people, shout unto God with a voice of trumpets, for Jehovah Most High is terrible (47:1-2). Current events have tended to make us also thankful that we can be certain that cruelty and brutal outrage will be judged by God.

Strangely enough, no man ever said such terrible things about the punishment that would certainly be inflicted upon those who were heartless and indifferent toward the sufferings of the poor, as did the tender and pitiful Jesus. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) and the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46) set forth the fate of cold-blooded selfishness in the most lurid and awful colors. But this same Jesus was mocked by the self-righteous Pharisees as a friend of publicans and sinners; and the way the woman that was a sinner came with her precious ointment into the Pharisee's house, and washed his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head, and anointed them with ointment, illustrates how in the abounding love and mercy of the Saviour, humanity has the supremest of all reasons for adoring gratitude (Luke 7:36-49).

The Psalmist says, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. An original and inspiring teacher of philosophy once said to the writer. "When a man has reached such a conception of God that he can summon all that is within him to bless his holy name, he has attained to the summit of philosophical blessedness."

But how, in addition to uttering sincere words of gratitude, is a man to bless God with all that is within him? Like the Psalmist he must broadcast his gratitude. Moreover he must constantly assume that the means at hand are sufficient to accomplish great things. Jesus made the people sit down in expectation before the loaves were multiplied, and we must bravely act as though our means will be sufficient although on the surface it does not appear so. We bless God with all that is within us when by word and deed we habitually assume that his grace will be sufficient for every good work.

In Memoriam

Wade H. Bivens

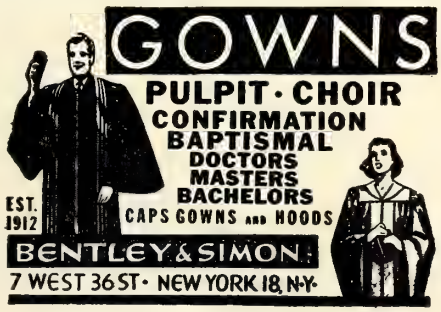
With the passing of Wade H. Bivins, not only has Marshville Methodist Church lost one of its finest and most devoted members, but the town and community has also suffered greatly at the going of this noble man of God.

The very large number of business and professional men and women, farmers and housewives who closed the doors to their places of business to pay tribute of respect was surely an exemplification of the fact that he who anchors his life and soul to the Rock of Ages and steadfastly follows in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace is still loved and honored even in this busy age.

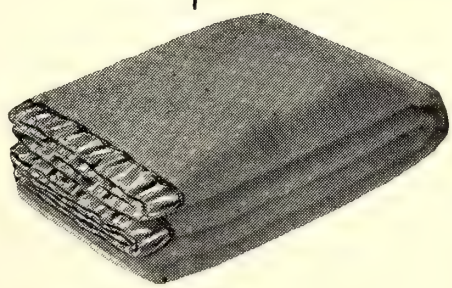
During Brother Bivens' long illness he continued to manifest a lively interest in the program of his church and though not present in body, he failed not to make his regular contribution to the ongoing of the Kingdom.

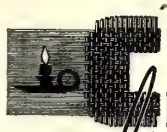
To his family, friends, and his church, brother Bivens has left the priceless legacy of an untarnished name and a record of service that has surely won for him the plaudit of his master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—McRae Crawford, Pastor.

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Peggy's Children's Day Surprise

Peggy Parker's Aunt Elsa Norton was sick, and Mrs. Parker took her little niece, Madge Norton, home to stay for a while till her mother should get better. Madge was a dear little four-year-old, but she was an only child, used to being amused a great deal, and Peggy found her rather bothersome. She was willing to play at dolls with Madge and swing her in the swing and hammock and race with her to the barn to look for eggs and to take her strawberrying down in the south field and draw her in her little cart and do a great many other pleasant things for her; but she did wish that Madge would let her have enough time to herself to learn her recitation for Children's Day.

But that was something that Madge could not seem to do. Since she never took a nap, and since she made grandmother's head ache after a few minutes, and since Mrs. Parker had no time for her, the task of taking care of her fell on Peggy. To be sure, she could have crept off to the attic or out on the high-heaped clover mow of the barn and hidden from her little cousin; but that would only have made trouble for her mother. So she tried to make the best of it as it was.

The poem that her Sunday school teacher had asked her to recite was a long one, for Peggy recited uncommonly well. But it seemed to her that she could never get it learned so long as Madge was about, chattering and asking for stories and for help in dressing her doll or hunting up the kitten or doing something else. But finally she did learn it—every line. And she said it over and over to herself after Madge had gone to bed and before she woke in the morning.

The concert was to be from seven to half-past eight o'clock in the evening. Since it closed so early, Mrs. Parker said that Madge might go. She could easily stay awake as long as that.

Madge was delighted. "I'll thee Peggy thpeak her pieth! Won't I, Peggy?" she cried over and over. "The'ss be on the pwatform in her white dreth! And the'll begin, 'It wath a thweet June morning!' " Won't you, Peggy?"

At the church as she waited for Peggy to go up on the platform she was so excited that she could hardly keep still. But when Peggy's name was finally called she sat very quiet and her eyes shone like stars.

Peggy stepped to the front of the platform, bowed, and smiled. She opened her mouth to begin her piece, and then something strange happened—strange for Peggy, anyway, though it had happened more than once to some of the other pupils. She couldn't remember the first line of her recitation! And she had not brought the book. It was very large and heavy, and besides she had felt perfectly sure of herself. She turned as red as a tomato. Peggy bit her quivering under lip and turned to leave the platform.

Then suddenly a sweet little voice from the audience said, "Peggy, Peggy, 'It wath a thweet June morning!' 'Member?"

Everybody laughed, and Madge hid her face on Mrs. Parker's arm. But Peggy turned and bowed and smiled all over again and said her recitation from start to finish without a single mistake. The people in the audience clapped and clapped and said that Peggy had never recited so well before.—Youth's Companion.

Star Children

Above a fluffy fan the lady moon
Looks down upon her children stars in bed
Beneath the clouds, while nurse winds gently croon
To all the restless ones when prayers are said.
But merrily the children stars arise
As wide awake as though it were not night
And hand in hand they caper through the skies
For, like the cats, their eyes throw out a light.
With points of gleaming shears they cut in rags
A curtain cloud and shine the gloom away.
Before the coming dawn the frolic lags
For nothing truly stops their fun but day.
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August

Haywood Street, 11 7
Marshall, 3 7
Hot Springs, Hot Springs, 7:30 7
Candler, Mt. Morenci, 7:30 8
West Asheville, 8 9
Haywood Street, 8 10
Leicester, School, 7:30 11
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August

New Hope-Bethel: Bethel, 11 7
Indian Trail-Stallings: Grace, 2:30 7
Mouzon, 8 7
Hawthorne Lane, 8 8
Matthews, 8 9
St. James, 8 10
Trinity, 8 11
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Gastonia District
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August

Crouse, Pleasant Grove, 11 7
South Fork, Crowell Memorial, 3 7
Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 7:30 7
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August

Todd, Stephen Memorial, 11-2 6
Boone, 11 7
Watauga, Henson, 33 7
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August

Albemarle Circuit: Stony Hill, 11 7
Salem, 5 7
Albemarle: Main Street 7
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August

Grace-Rhodhiss: Grace, 11 7
Taylorsville: Carsons Chapel, 3 3
Shepherds: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 7
Statesville, Race Street, 7:30 8
Mooresville, Jones Memorial, 7:30 9
Mooresville, Central, 7:30 10
Newton, First, 7:30 11
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August

Davie: Concord, 11 7
Unity-Fair Grove: Fair Grove, 7:30 .. 7
Asheboro, First, 7:330 8
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Ramseur-Franklinville, R'seur, 7:30.. 11
Shiloh, Yadkin College, 7:30 11
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August

Hayesville Ct., Oak Forest, 11 7
Shooting Creek, 2:30 7
Clyde, 7:30 10
Webster Ct., Loves, 7:30 11
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August

Elkin—First, 11 7
Jonesville, 3 3
Yadkinville Ct., Booneville, 7:30 7
Trinity, 7:30 8
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September

Burlington, W. Burlington, 11 4
Burlington, Glen Raven, 3 4
Swepsonville: Salem, 7:30 4
Durham, Trinity, 7:30 6
Burlington Ct.: Mt. Vernon, 7:30 7
Durham, Branson, 7:30 8
Burlington, Webb Avenue, 11, ... 11
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Burlington, Fountain Place, 7:30 11
Butner: Butner, 7:30 14
Durham, St. Paul, 7:30 15
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Alamance: Center, 11 17
Mt. Hermon: Mt. Hermon, 11 18
Saxapahaw: Saxapahaw, 7:30 18
Hillsboro: Hillsboro, 7:30 20
Graham: Graham, 7:30 21
Durham, Carr, 7:30 22
Mebane: Mebane, 11 25
Fairview: Fairview, 3 25
Orange: Union Grove, 7:30 25
Durham, Duke's Chapel, 7:30 27
Durham, Maybrook, 7:30 28
Burlington, Davis St., 7:30 29
Andrews-Fletchers: Andrews, 7:30 .. 30

October

Durham, Trinity, 11 2
Mt. Tirzah: Mt. Zion, 3 2
Cedar Grove: Cedar Grove, 7:30 2
Advance Mass Meeting, Raleigh **3**
Durham, Duke Memorial, 7:30 4
Burlington, Front Street, 7:30 5
Durham, Bethany, 7:30 6
Rougemont: New Bethel, 7:30 7
Durham Circuit: McMannens, 7:30.... 8
Durham, Asbury, 11 9
Roxboro, Cavel, 3 9
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30 9
Chapel Hill: Chapel Hill, 7:30 11
Bahama: Mt. Bethel, 7:30 12
Carrboro; Merrits, 7:30 13
Eno: Palmers Grove, 7:30 14
Brooksdale: Allenville, 11 16
Milton: Milton, 3 16
Yanceyville: Yanceyville, 7:30 16
Durham, Calvary, 7:30 21
Person: Concord, 11 22
Durham, Lakewood, 11 23
Bynum: Mt. Pleasant, 3 23
Pittsboro: Pleasant Hill, 7:30 23
Leasburg: Salem, 11 29

Elizabeth City District
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September

Mattamuskeet: Amity, 11 4
Stumpy Point: Mann's Harbor, 3 4
Swan Quarter: Providence, 7:30 4
Elizabeth City, City Road, 7:30 (Q. C.) 12
Check-Up Meeting, City Road, Elizabeth City, 10:30 15
Williamston: Holly Springs, 11 18
Windsor: White Oak, 3 18
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Gatesville: Zion, 3 25
Roper: Pleasant Grove, 7:30 25
Kinnakeet: Clark's-Bethel, 7:30 27
Hatteras: Frisco, 7:30 28

October

Belhaven: Belhaven, 11 2
Bath: Bethany, 3 2
Advance Mass Meeting, Edenton Street, Raleigh, 10 3
Washington, 11 9
Creswell: Mt. Elmer, 7:30 9
Elizabeth City, First Church, 7:30 (Q. C) 10
Pasquotank: Union, 11 and 1 14
Chowan: Center Hill, 11 16
Hertford, 7:30 16
Perquimans: Oak Grove, 11 and 1 22
South Mills: Trinity, 11 23
Manteo, 7:30 23
Plymouth, 11 30
Murfreesboro: Winton, 7:30 30

New Bern District
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New Bern, N. C.

August

Morehead City, First, 11 14
Goldsboro, Daniels, 11 28
LaGrange, 8 28

September

Atlantic, 11 4
Beaufort Ct.: Merrimon, 3 4
Marshallberg, 7:30 4
Ayden, 11 11
Vanceboro, 3 11
Grifton, 7:30 11
Walstonburg: Wesleys, 11 18
Grimesland: Whortons, 3 18
Riverside, 7:30 18
Aurora: Warrens, 11 25
Stonewall, 3 25
Oriental, 7:30 25

October

Straits: Harkers Island, 11 2
Newport: Harlowe, 3 2
Franklin Memorial, 7:30 2
New Bern, Centenary, 7:30 3
Kinston, Queen Street, 7:30 4
Ocracoke (Jerome), 11 9
Dover: Asbury, 11 9
Seven Springs: Beston, 3 9
Mt. Olive, 7:30 9
Greenville, Jarvis Memorial, 7:30 12
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A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TELLS A WORLD SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT

"We experienced something of a thrill at our district set-up meeting," says the Rev. John Deschner, superintendent of the Corpus Christi, Texas, district, "when the District Stewards were in session and were making the apportionments to the churches for World Service and other items. We have one church in the district which for years has been dissatisfied with its World Service apportionment, as being too high. Last year the District Stewards gave that church $100.00 less than its due amount on World Service, in the hope that the church would then accept its apportionment. However, the church cut an additional $100.00 and had a hard time making up the amount so reduced.

"At Conference a change in pastors took place. The new pastor made it a point to sit in with the District Stewards when the apportionments were made. This church was mentioned and a debate started as to how much we should apportion to this church in view of its past history. The pastor arose and said, 'I want to say to you, that we shall accept our due share of World Service, and we expect to pay every cent of it.'

The Corpus Christi District paid in its World Service in full last year, and that includes the one-third raise in World Service giving."

MAY WRENN MORGAN

A few months ago a message came from New York City to Mrs. H. L. Jordan, here, a sister of Mrs. J. A. Morgan saying, "May is very ill." This message soon spread among May's friends here, and we were all alarmed, but continued to hope and pray that the sprightly spirit of May would stand her in good stead and she would be able to pull through. But, as the days passed into weeks and weeks into months the news from her bedside was not encouraging. In fact, almost every message gave cause for deep concern, and we began to despair, until on the 28th of June the sad news came, "May is gone." It was hard to realize that it could be true. One who always had been so full of life and vigor, dead? It could not be true. But death knocks once at everybody's door, and all must answer the call. And so, on yonder hill we laid to rest the mortal form of what was once the beautiful and sprightly May Wrenn Morgan.

From childhood's happy hours, through early school days and romantic young womanhood, into the sober years of her matured life, May was always the joy and inspiration of every group she chanced to be with. Her life of 62 years grew and blossomed into one of rich fruitage. Early in life she became interested in Sunday School and Church work, and it was through her efforts that the first Ladies' Aid Society was organized in her local church, now the First Methodist Church of Siler City, N. C.

May was educated at Duke University, and while a student there she met a fellow student and classmate John A. Morgan; and, it was not long after their meeting they began to dream dreams and build air castles for the future. Soon after graduation they were happily married, and began life's voyage together. These kindred souls found life most interesting and happy, and in spite of the incurable affliction of their only son, they refused to allow this to embitter their lives. But, rather it drew them closer together, and they dedicated themselves to making life a primrose pathway to love and service to others. Wherever May chanced to live, Greensboro, Washington, New York City, she at once became deeply interested in children, as well as grown-ups, and was always busy doing something to make life happier for them. For many years she had lived in New York City, and at the time of her death, was serving on the staff of Christ Methodist Church, of which Dr. Sockman is the minister. And, in this capacity, she visited hundreds of poor and suffering people, as well as the well-to-do. She made her daily visits to the hospitals and homes of mercy, carrying joy and sunshine to thousands of people who needed the sympathy and understanding she knew so well how to give.

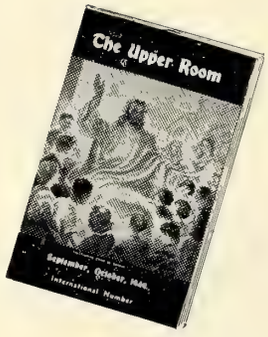
It seems to me that May could not have ordered the ending of her life better than the way it closed. She was the "Good Samaritan" up to the very last day that she was able to administer to others. Her's was a beautiful life, and there are hundreds of sad hearts because of her going. Her body was brought back to Siler City, the place of her birth, for burial. Funeral services were held at Christ Methodist Church, in New York City, but a brief service was held here at the grave. How fitting it was that one of her Duke University classmates, Rev. W. A. Stanbury, of Gastonia, N. C., was present to conduct this brief but impressive service. His eulogy was couched in beautiful language, and his reference to their association as classmates, was tender and touching. Truly his words were like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Her bereaved husband, John A. Morgan, lived only 9 days after her death, and he too went on to join May in that beautiful home of the soul, Heaven.

L. L. WRENN

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North Carolina Conference Youth attending the Youth Conference at Lake Junaluska, July 19-29, pause before the Lake's inspiring Cross. Those on front row are members of the Conference MYF Council.

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PASTORS' REPORTS WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Table No. 1 of the pastor's report to Annual Conference for the Western North Carolina Conference must be in the hands of the district statisticians by September 6. All pastors are urged to send these reports to the following district statisticians:

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Table No. 2 is to be brought to Conference on the opening day. Please make reports accurate and final, for, by order of the cabinet, no changes will be made at Annual Conference.

Charles D. White, Statistician.

THE VALUE OF A MAP

Dear Editor:

Only a minister can realize the terrible feeling of loneliness that can come when he has moved in November in the drizzling rain. Especially is this true when the last good member of the welcoming committee has left and the rain still continues its steady beat on the parsonage roof.

Many times moving is beginning again both for the minister and for the parish. Both want a new deal. Both want a fair deal. It is here that both may fail. Old habits are not easily broken!

Here it is that the value of a map comes in. Fourteen years ago down in Hyde county, R. Z. Newton penciled a rough map of the Sladesville community. Two years ago I went to Swan Quarter as pastor of the charge in which this community was located. Finding this map and knowing something of Newton's work, I started working in this community. I did not work blindly. The map was a light unto my feet. The people felt the confidence that I possessed and responded. We had good years together for God.

A map is an introduction to the community. It can save a new pastor hours of blundering in a charge much in the same way that a road map may save one from needless miles of travel on wrong roads in a strange country.

I suppose many of the brethren in the larger churches will smile at this suggestion, and well they may. A staff of helpers who look after such details is a boon not to be despised. We glory in the aid these men so richly deserve.

Like it or not, most of the preachers on the charges are their own secretaries, own directors of religious education, own research workers in sermonizing, and many a time in the pinch are their own janitors.

We ministers in the smaller stations and circuits could by keeping our rolls more faithfully and by making simple but legible maps save hours and even months of blundering for the men who follow us. I personally have resolved never to leave another charge unmapped. I am making community surveys of both churches and tabulating the results on maps and in files easy to understand. It is not only fun but a very systematic way of carrying out the visitation in a charge.

Henderson. T. H. House.

HERBERT EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

Dear Editor:

I entered McGuire General Hospital on June 5th and was operated upon for kidney stones on June 29th. It was a successful operation but has required a long convalescence. Last week I was on the verge of release, I thought, when a setback hit me hard—with chills, fever and attendant miseries. This situation has made my date of departure uncertain and I find myself beginning my ninth week in this great hospital.

It is generally known that the Veteran's Administration provides hospital care for men who have served their country in any of the wars. It is not possible for me to imagine any more kindly, consistent treatment than at the hands of these doctors, nurses, and attendants. In eight weeks I have not witnessed one case of impatience or unkindness. I commend the use of such hospitals to our pastors who have served in the armed forces. It may be obtained with or without charge.

Let me thank, through your columns, the many laymen and ministers of the Conference who have so kindly remembered me with cards, letters, telegrams, and other expressions of friendship. Some of them have been to see me.

Meanwhile, our beautiful new parsonage has been under construction at Roanoke Rapids, and we are feeling rather confident of early September occupancy. It will be a lovely home with every modern convenience and beauty. The people have built handsomely and well.

I shall be happy to hear from any of my friends.

REV. J. F. HERBERT

McGuire General Hospital
Richmond, Virginia.

CONFERENCE ON TOWN CHURCH AT LYNCHBURG

An opportunity to learn more effective methods of work in the fastest growing area in American life—the town—will be given in "The First Conference on the Town Church" at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., September 7, 8, 9. Sponsored by the Department of Town and Country Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, speakers include Bishop W. W. Peele, Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Dr. Mark Dawber. Study groups on various types of towns will be led by Dr. A. J. Walton, Dr. Rockwell C. Smith, Dr. C. M. McConnell, Dr. Ralph Felton, Dr. Earl Brewer and others. The current Pastor's Journal carries a complete list. Attendance is limited to 400. There is no registration fee required. Room and board $3.00 per day. Send registration to Department of Town and Contry Work, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

How to be a good shepherd. A good shepherd will give his life for the sheep. When a hireling sees a wolf he fleeth because he careth not for the sheep. In **Quiet Hints to Growing Preachers,** Dr. Chas. E. Jefferson gave us wise words when he wrote: "The congregation is a flock of sheep. Many sheep can walk but slowly, some of the lambs must be carried while an occasional old ram must be dealt with with discretion. Whatever else a minister may be he is first of all a shepherd. To feed the people intrusted to his keeping is his first and most urgent duty. The field in which he works is the world, and his church is the force with which he cultivates the field. To develop and consolidate this force and use it with increasing efficiency in subduing the world, this must be his supreme ambition, his constant study, his incessant care. To love his brethren over whom he has been appointed teacher and shepherd, this is the beginning and end of the whole matter." Dr. U. S. Brown in **If the Minister Is to Succeed,** writes: "Led by the spirit of the good shepherd, the minister will go everywhere seeking the lost, rejoicing with each sinner who repents—ashamed of nothing but sin and failure."

It is very easy now for a minister to neglect his duties as a good shepherd by an over-emphasis upon social, civic, or recreational activities. Dr. C. R. Brown, in **The Making of a Minister,** writes: "When you are calling, especially upon the unchurched, carry your religion in the character you bear, in the friendly sympathy you feel and express, rather than in a perpetual stream of pious exhortations."

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EDITORIAL

Shall We Support or Relinquish Our Church-Related Schools?

Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Church, in a letter to Congressman Graham Barden, has expressed a conviction on state aid to church-related schools which most Methodists will endorse completely. "Methodists," Dr. Gross wrote the author of the highly controversial educational bill, "do not expect and are not asking for federal aid for their schools. When the time comes that they cannot maintain their educational work without the direct support of the state they will readily relinquish all of their educational responsibilities to the state. Methodists support without reservation this nation's historic position of separation of church and state."

Dr. Gross has stated the case well. At a time when so much pressure is being brought on Congress to include church-controlled schools in the Barden bill, it is fitting that American's largest Protestant body whose 125 institutions of higher learning enroll more than 200,000 students declare its unalterable opposition to state aid for sectarian schools.

But merely to oppose state aid for church operated schools does not solve the financial problems sectarian schools are facing. Increased overhead, decreased income from endowments and growing competition from more adequately supported state schools make it imperative that all church-related schools find more income. Unless they do so, many of our denominational schools will be forced to close, while others will be reduced to a status of second-rate institutions.

We applaud enthusiastically when someone stands up to defend the principle of separation of church and state. Do we believe in this principle enough to join with others to give adequate financial support to our church schools so that the state support will not be necessary for their continuance? The answer we make to this question within the next few years may determine to what extent we shall be forced to relinquish our educational responsibilities to the state.

What Our Thoughts Do to Our Health

A short time ago it fell our lot to travel a considerable distance by bus. At a certain town two women boarded the bus and took a seat directly in front of us. It soon became apparent that they were going to the city for a physical check-up. Both, it was revealed, had undergone surgery. Even though we were attempting to read, we were continually distracted by our two ailing companions in travel. They related to each other—and to all occupants of the bus, for that matter—the intimate details of their infirmities. When they had disposed of their own cases, they started on the ailments of their relatives and friends, and, ultimately, what must have been casual acquaintances. They seemed to take a morbid delight in dwelling upon the seriousness and even the hopelessness of each case they so expertly diagnosed. As we recall, not a single victim was expected to recover. As the two women left the bus—one to go to one physician, the other to another physician—both seemed to be physically, emotionally and mentally fatigued. Their depressing conversation obviously had done them no good.

We do not claim to understand all the physical and psychological processes of illness. We do believe, however, that one of the best ways to get sick and to stay sick is to feed the mind and emotions a continuous diet of sick thoughts. Many people are psychologically sick before they are physically sick. On the other hand, one way to achieve physical health is through sound, wholesome thoughts. A wise man once wrote: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Every man has a tendency to become like the thoughts he dwells on.

Nothing is more conducive to good health than a wholesome faith in the Great Physician. The sick person who trusts Christ for healing is already on the road to recovery. The person who believes that all things work together for good to them that love God, and honestly tries to make them turn out that way, fixing his mind on good health and happy thoughts, has a mighty good chance of enjoying the blessing of sound mental and physical health.

Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private schools, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and the state forever separate.—Ulysses S. Grant.

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The deepest thinking is humble. It is only concerned that the flame of truth which it keeps alive should burn with the strongest and purest heat; it does not trouble about the distance to which its brightness penetrates.—Albert Schweitzer

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The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.—Lincoln.

The Liquor Industry Bids for Radio Advertising

Church people everywhere will be disheartened to learn that certain whiskey makers may soon resort to radio and television advertising to boost their already multi-billion dollar business. Even though definite agreements have not been made, it is understood that negotiations have reached the stage where program material is being discussed with the networks. They will be greatly heartened, however, by the forthright and vigorous stand U. S. Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, chairman of the Senate committee on interstate and foreign commerce, has taken against this bold new move of the liquor interests.

In a letter to Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, Mr. Johnson wrote, in part: "It seems to me that the liquor industry's projected plan to use radio is vicious and without regard to the high moral standards of American homes, and contrary to the public interest. There is pending now before the committee a bill to prohibit interstate transmission of liquor advertising which is scheduled for hearings beginning January 20. If the liquor people go ahead with their plans to use the radio to peddle their wares, they will assure the passage of that bill. . . . I do not need to remind you that there is a vastly different principle involved between liquor advertising by means of newspapers and magazines and that by radio and television. In the latter case, there is no protection against children hearing liquor extolled as a fit product for purchase by their parents. Nor is it any answer to say, as some say, that the liquor industry is a legal industry and should have the same right to advertise as any other American industry. In some states, gambling and prostitution are legal; but that does not mean that it is in the public interest to advertise gambling and prostitution. Fortunately, operators of these enterprises have more respect for the American home and a greater sense of propriety than to force themselves on the privacy of our people through the radio."

Senator Johnson, we believe, has expressed the sentiments of millions of American people. They will be supporting him in his fight against this new and vicious attempt to invade the sanctity of our homes.

North Carolinians will remember that when they vote to legalize the sale of liquor they are giving strength to an industry that is now attempting to invade the sanctity of the American home by radio in order to increase sales.

Atomic Man or Atomic Bomb?

By Richard Braunstein*

In the tenth chapter of St. John, Jesus speaks about His relationship with His Father. Especially does He emphasize the power that God had committed to Him. For instance, He mentions the fact that He has power to lay down His life and power to take it again.

The central theme of the Bible is power—the power of God.

What this "power of God" as vested in the human race has done for the world is at once an exacting and exciting study. It embraces all that man has thought, said and done creatively. It shows us character at its peak in regnant living and beautiful accomplishment. It may be summed up in that one but potent word, civilization—a civilization which brings humankind up out of the wilderness into Alpine peaks of sweeping reform, better laws, better living conditions, better housing, better schools. It is a long and tedious, oftentimes dangerous climb, this upward and onward struggle toward the realization of a Christian society.

Church history is a long story of great men and famous women who "through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." This kind of living, this purple and fine linen, makes the tapestry of the Christ-centered and Christ-motivated society of persons who put meaning into our times and purpose into our days.

Not long ago a great teacher finally put down his books and went to his eternal reward. Present and former students, college and university presidents, illustrious other teachers and leaders, business tycoons and the press, came to pay tribute. His demise was considered a profound loss to the scholastic world. Regret was voiced that such erudition and inspiration should be lost to posterity. But in the realm of regnant minds, death does not triumph. The power generated by one man is channeled through the thought and life of other people. It is continuous, deathless. "God buries His workmen but the work goes on."

All power is God's power. Whatever power we have is the same as God's power only there is not so much of it. There is more power in the world than we shall ever need. We shall never be able to use as much power as there is. Recently we have listened to discussions about energy, about power, about dynamics in connection with the atom. We have accepted all this about power as if it were something new under the sun.

The only thing that is new is the mode and manner of its capture and harness. Almost every day gives us new applications and implications of power. Power generates power. Much of it is lost in so far as industry and progress are concerned. But in the universe there is a conservation of energy as yet undreamed of by the inventive genius of man. But man is learning more and more how to imprison energy so that it shall move vast machines, send giant ships across the ocean, pull streamline trains from coast to coast, give us faster airplanes and better automobiles, provide conveniences in the home and, in short, contribute to more scientific and comfortable existence.

All power is of God. When used wrongly it may produce the atomic bomb and universal destruction; used rightly, it produces atomic man and the Kingdom of God on earth.

Any discussion about power is dangerous, however, until we determine the kind of use to which man puts to it. We find this truth brought to us by a recent book called The Last Trump. In the book the author says, among other things: "The bomb (he is thinking of the atomic bomb) is not dangerous at all. It is only a thing. What is horribly dangerous is man. It is he who made the bomb and is getting ready to use it. The control of the bomb is an absurdity. What is needed is control of man."

It has taken us a very long time to learn that whatever power may be, by way of the good, it may also be dangerous. History and experience are testators to this fact. Even in the realm of religion much mischief has been done by persons who have in their possession a large amount of power. With it they can make or break their fellow-men. With it they can wreck the work of a life-time. They can undo the good done by others. With abused power a man can ruin the life of his neighbor, and his own.

You cannot change power. But you can change the channel of its employment. Power in the hands of the selfish and unscrupulous person is not a pleasant thing to contemplate. We have seen the depredations and devastations it has left in its wake. We have gone through the blood and tears of the wars its has caused. We have seen pastors crucified. Statesmen have been ruined. Kings have been dethroned. Homes have been ruined. All because here and there atomic man, man with power, has misdirected and misused the influence and prestige, with which God intrusted him.

Power, like life itself, is God-given. Jesus had it because He put Himself in perfect accord, in harmony with the Heavenly Father. Jesus used this power more than any other person in all history. That is why, after all these centuries, He looms large on the horizon of time, timeless, ageless, eternal, immortal.

Paul the Apostle had this power. At first he abused it. Then, in the words of Chalmers, he found "the expulsive power of a new affection" and being dead, yet speaks. John Wesley had this power and changed the map of the British Empire. Martin Luther had this power and because of it, the Bible is now "in the hands of every plow-boy the world over." William Booth had this power. The list is endless.

Our schools, colleges, hospitals, libraries, laboratories, churches, service clubs and fraternal societies, are all witnesses to the power of God; this Christian energy, this religious dynamic, wisely and sacrificially let loose, put to work, by those who "counted not their lives dear, but spent themselves lavishly for the Kingdom of Heaven among men. May this power be exercised at our council tables, lead and direct a United Nations, ultimately usher in, with or without fan-fare an everlasting peace.

We cannot emphasize too much or too often the power of the individual.

Ezekiel long ago told us this. Well has he been named "the prophet of reconstruction." His was the idea, still biologically and scientifically sound, that the rebuilding of a nation comes through the regeneration of the individual. The nation was gone. The individual remained. In this shift from the group to the person, is our cue for a better and greater tomorrow.

Jesus not only showed how it can be done. He did more than that. He gave us the power with which to do it. "Not I but Christ in me, the hope of glory." There is no other hope for glory,—or anything else, save through the power God gives us.

*Chaplain U. S. Army, interim pastor, Shallotte Charge.

HOLDING THE COLLEGES TO THE METHODIST CHURCH

By Forrest N. Williams*

The crisis in education today demands that the church and the church college consider their relationships to each other. This timely, thoughtful message, delivered last spring to our General Board of Education, will appeal to all interested church people.

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The Methodist Church, like other Protestant Churches, is today face to face with the need for a decision as to its future in the field of higher education. However, in analyzing its future, we must inevitably consider its past. What originally prompted the Church to become interested in this field? Some of the reasons are as follows:

1. The Church desired to help the student continue or establish his religious life.
2. The Church wished to insure some means of training its future leaders.
3. This field furnished another avenue through which the power of Christianity could be projected into the life of the nation.
4. The need for a college existed and the Church was the logical founder.

Before proceeding any further, let me say right here that all of us should be very proud of the way the Methodist Church pioneered in the field of higher education. We should have this pride even though some of the institutions have ignored their origin and have abandoned their founders—and this at a time when they could have been of immense value to the Church and to its efforts to Christianize the nation.

As in the past, the goal of the Church still is and always must be to help the student in every college—whether government sponsored, privately endowed, or church affiliated—continue or establish his religious life. Its effectiveness should be of some concern not only to the Church but also to those responsible for the college administration. A student's thoughts should not be directed exclusively to his stay on earth, and to material values, but also to spiritual ones. The fact that he is a student indicates that he is eager for knowledge. If properly led, the interest of our students in things spiritual and eternal might surprise all of us.

While the Church must concern itself with the college student, it can never forget that its own effectiveness—now and in the future—must likewise be kept in mind. It does not seem unreasonable to ask that our privately endowed and Church affiliated colleges not only train our future church leaders but also become avenues through which the voice of Christianity speaks. However, there are many people who will not agree that the church and colleges can properly mix, each to the benefit of the other. Whether economic conditions—or some unforeseen disaster—will force a change in this thinking only time will tell, and time is running out. Economic conditions—the further encroachment of government into the field of private education—and the need for greater church effectiveness are forcing the colleges and the churches to survey their relationships with each other.

It is already obvious that the majority of our students are being educated in tax supported institutions. Further, that some privately endowed and church sponsored institutions are receiving government aid for specific projects. It is also well known that some state institutions are seeking private endowment funds to supplement their government income. Theoretically this field properly belongs to the privately endowed institutions and to those which are church sponsored, but rising costs and public demand for more and better higher learning has led government institutions to a search for other sources of income.

The problem of other income has also become acutely important in recent years to the privately endowed and church sponsored institutions. Most, if not all of them, have been endeavoring to increase their endowments and to spread their income base of support.

As to their endowments, it has often been said that the government through its taxing power on income and estates will eventually dry up the public sources of voluntary support upon which private and church sponsored institutions depend. Whether or not this is socially desirable need not be discussed here, but it would be folly to close our eyes to the economic consequences of these results. It must inevitably lead to higher educational costs for the student, or a curtailment in many forms of educational instruction, or a lowering in the quality of education, or fewer students, and what is more likely, fewer educational institutions.

As to their income, many church affiliated or church sponsored institutions have been insistent that the Church assume a share of their annual financial budget, or if already contributing, a greater one. When the financial support is not forthcoming in the amount desired by the present board of trustees, they seek help elsewhere. Sometimes this is desirable, particularly when the institution remains a loyal Methodist institution, but more often than not, when an institution becomes dependent upon sources outside the church, the consequences are that in time that institution is lost to the church. It is unfortunate, but true, that the future of our Methodist educational institutions rests with trustees who largely determine what financial aid they need, and not with the church. However, we must recognize that if any church college must turn to a large body of people for additional financial support, it must either turn to the government (the taxpayers) or the Church (the congregations). As a matter of fact, some colleges are already turning to the church today, not because they desire to survey their present or prospective contributions to Christianity, but only for the church's material aid.

That the Church has been responding to appeals for assistance is well known. Its annual contributions to its Methodist educational institutions have risen from $446,151.00 in the year 1940-41 to $1,325,029.00 in the year 1947-48. There is a limit somewhere, however, as to how far the church can go but it is definitely obvious that church schools must get the needed supplement of their income from endowment, gifts and conference appropriations. Tuitions cannot be increased to a point where only those in the upper income brackets can get an education. Further, while institutions under private control hold 88% of all endowment investments, twenty universities or 1.4% of all institutions in the country account for one-half of the grand total of endowment capital. Shrinking interest rates, inflated costs and the approaching end of G. I. tuition payments may well produce a financial crisis in many institutions. They may be forced to curtail their activities or to retrench. If this should happen to any of them they might well remember the philosophy expressed by Daniel Webster in the famous Dartmouth College case (February, 1819) before our United States Supreme Court. In referring to the Dartmouth College of that time he said: "It is, Sir, as I have said, a small college, and yet there are those that love it."

As has been stated, conditions are forcing the colleges and the churches to survey their relations with each other. Both have been responding and the trend may eventually develop in some institutions that close relationship which existed in our early history. It is with these problems and that history that we approach this subject of holding the colleges to the church.

(Continued next week)

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Junaluska Expansion Program Under Way; School Attracts 33 From State; Leaders Study Missions

JONES ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF JUNALUSKA CAMPAIGN

Lake Junaluska.—Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, chairman of the Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Trustees, and co-chairman with Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, of a campaign which has been launched to raise $600,000 for the development of the Assembly, an institution owned and and controlled by the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, has announced plans for the campaign which will sweep the nine southern states comprising the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Luther W. Wells, prominent layman, insurance executive and lay leader of the Virginia Conference was named executive director of the campaign, which Mr. Jones explained, will require from one to two years in reaching the financial goals required.

The amount sought, $600,000, according to Mr. Jones, has been tentatively allocated in the main to increase facilities for

Dr. F. S. Love was unanimously re-elected superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly by the board of trustees, which met August 4. Dr. Love's report to the board indicated one of the best seasons in the history of the Assembly from the point of attendance and program interest. He will have completed his fifth year as superintendent with the present season, and will enter his sixth year of continuous service on September 1st, 1949.

accommodating more visitors to Lake Junaluska, and balance to improve the physical plant, as follows: New tourist motels, $100,000; First unit of a new fireproof hotel, $400,000; improvements at Terrace hotel, $25,000; improvements at auditorium, $25,000; roads and bridge improvements, $12,500; beautification lake and grounds, $12,500; completion and furnishing of Memorial chapel, $25,000. All of this, Mr. Jones said, will be handled apart from the regular organized work of the Assembly under the superintendency of Dr. F. S. Love.

The campaign, Mr. Jones said, will be set up to utilize the regular machinery of The Methodist Church. The director, Mr. Wells, will begin full time work as director of the campaign on September 1st, 1949. His headquarters will be in Richmond and he will work closely with the trustees, bishops, district superintendents, conference, district and charge lay leaders. Soon after September 1st Mr. Wells will start a series of dinner meetings in key cities in each conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Probably 10 or 12 of these dinner meetings will be held in North Carolina.

"Surely," continued Mr. Jones, "Methodism deserves a recreation center where mind, body and spirit can be rested, restored and revitalized—a center that will attract our people in increasingly large numbers each season. We think the goal and the need is worth the effort. The trustees and officers of the Lake Junaluska Assembly are only your representatives who regard their office as a trust to be administered for the upbuilding of Methodism in this section of our great country. We can only discharge that trust in a proper manner as Methodism provides the resources with which to do this most worthwhile job. We are depending on the friends of the Lake Junaluska Assembly to help us put this campaign over in a big way."

NORTH CAROLINIANS ATTEND LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Lake Junaluska—Thirty-three North Carolinians are among the 200 persons attending the leadership training school in session here, August 4-16, for instruction and inspiration of officers and teachers in the church school of The Methodist Church.

Classes in all phases of the Methodist church school program for the further training of these persons who are active in their local churches are being conducted. Special features of the school are the laboratory section for children's workers and the day camping section in which practical experience in these activities is given those enrolled.

North Carolinians attending are: Charlotte: Rev. S. B. Biggers, Miss Kate Crowell, Miss Peggy Hartsell, Miss Elizabeth A. Jarratt, and Mrs. H. L. Whitmore; Winston-Salem: Miss Ruth Calloway and Mrs. J. C. Mason; Canton: Rev. Clyde Collins and Mrs. Joseph C. DuBois; Durham: Mrs. Spencer J. Ervin, and Rev. R. Harold Hipps; Raleigh: Miss Mary Foster Floyd, Miss Edith Hoke, John M. Meares, and Reid Patterson; Hendersonville: Mrs. Roy Johnson and Mrs. Edgar Jaynes; Rocky Mount: Mrs. Paul E. Mallison and Mrs. T. S. Newbold; Thomasville: Mrs. W. F. Perkins and Miss Lena Sharpe.

In addition, Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Adams, Jr., Matthews; Miss Ruth Hoyle, Vale; Mrs. Rachael Merriman, Buxton; Miss Jerry Miller, Hickory; Mrs. W. J. Moody, Greensboro; Miss Peggy Pennington, Asheboro; Mrs. W. R. Reed, Salisbury; Miss Gloria Snelling, Lenoir; Miss Jean Strickland, Fayetteville; Mrs. George W. Swift, Asheville.

FALL CONFERENCE LEADERS MEET WITH COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES

Chairmen of Commissions on World Service and Finance in Methodism's fall conferences met in joint session with the Council of Secretaries of World Service Board and Agencies at the Congress Hotel in Chicago Aug. 2-3. The meeting, which featured brief presentations by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, executive secretary and treasurer of the World Service Commission, and a number of leaders representing the various denominational boards, also made provision for round table discussion and question and answer periods.

About 40 leaders attended the meeting, which resulted in a mutual exchange of viewpoint between conference and general board leaders, especially at the round table discussion on Tuesday evening. Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., of Salisbury, chairman of the Western North Carolina Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, attended. Dr. Karl P. Meister, president of the Council of Secretaries, presided at the joint meeting and Dr. Horace Williams served as secretary.

The group went on record in hearty approval of the 33⅓ per cent increase in World Service giving over the annual apportionment for the last quadrennium and gave full endorsement to the Advance for Christ and His Church, upon whose work Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director, reported.

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE METHODIST YOUTH CENTER at Wrightsville Beach will be open to ministers and their families August 29-September 3. There will be no formal program, but activities for the week include fellowship, swimming, fishing and other activities. Those interested should write immediately to Rev. O. L. Hardwick, Business Manager.

Methodist Bishops Back Up Laymen



Laymen are often urged to support the bishops in the general program of the church, but the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church is one place where the bishops help the laymen. They seem to be enjoying it too, judging by the smiles on the faces of these four representatives of the episcopacy, shown together at the recent 10th annual meeting of the board. They are, left to right: Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bishop Dana Dawson, Topeka, Kansas; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.; and Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit.

News in Brief -- Personalities

FEDERAL JUDGE E. YATES WEBB of Shelby will be the speaker at a temperance rally on Sunday evening, August 28, at the Brevard High School.

REV. AND MRS. M. P. HUGHES JR., of Arab, Alabama, announce the birth of their second son, William Prince, July 29 at Gadsden, Alabama. Mrs. Hughes is the former Miss Helen Hood Prince of Dunn.

DR. EUGENE C. FEW of Greensboro has been elected a member of the Advance Committee for the Week of Dedication. This Committee, headed by Bishop Paul B. Kern, will meet August 17 at Lake Junaluska.

COLLEGE DAY will be observed at Brevard on Sunday, August 21. Dr. W. F. Quillian of Atlanta will preach at the 11 o'clock service, and O. Max Gardner, Jr., will bring the address at vespers, after which diplomas will be presented.

REV. E. W. HARDIN, brother of Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., was the visiting minister last Sunday at Wesley Memorial church, High Point. Mr. Hardin is in his seventh year as pastor of the Methodist church at Clemson College, S. C.

REV. C. M. SHORT (Uncle Charlie) of Charlotte preached at the homecoming at Rehobeth church, Greensboro, August 7. This was the 45th anniversary of his first sermon as a Methodist pastor, preached at Dilworth Chapel, Charlotte, August 7, 1904.

BRANSON CHURCH, Durham, will observe homecoming Sunday, August 14. Many improvements have been made in the church and the congregation looks forward to giving its friends and former pastors a hearty welcome at the eleven o'clock service. Picnic dinner will be served at the church.

THE PLEASANT GROVE CAMP MEETING of the Waxhaw charge will begin with the 11 o'clock service Sunday, August 14, and will close with the evening service of August 21. Rev. Roy T. Houts and Mrs. Houts will lead the worship services. Jack Houts will lead the singing. The public is invited.

DR. DENNIS H. COOKE, President of High Point College, attended the North Carolina State Principal's Association at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Friday, August 5, 1949, in the capacity of consultant to the Association. The particular emphasis of the meeting was placed upon personnel.

DR. EDGAR H. NEASE, Sr., of Charlotte was elected chairman of the Southeastern Jurisdiction organization of Conference secretaries, statisticians and treasurers at Lake Junaluska last week. Other officers included Rev. D. A. Cooke, Lake Worth, Fla.; Rev. R. M. White, Richmond, Va.; Rev. E. H. Blackburn, Grantville, Ga.; and F. Y. Whitfield, Meridian, Miss.

PLEASANT GARDEN CHURCH will observe homecoming the first Sunday in September. Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., former pastor who is now superintendent of the Marion District, will preach at 11:15 a.m. A picnic dinner will be served at 12:30, and in the afternoon Mrs. B. W. Kirkman will give a history of the church and Mrs. Lynn Hunt will conduct a memorial service for the members who have died during the present pastorate. At 7:30 p.m. revival services will begin with Rev. Paul W. Townend, pastor of Grace Church, Greensboro, as preacher. Rev. R. A. Hunter is serving his fifth year as pastor of this church.



DR. G. RAY JORDAN, above, professor of homiletics at Emory University, Atlanta, is among the 18 prominent ministers, educators and youth leaders, who contributed to a volume entitled "Talks to Youth," a book of brief, pointed messages to youth and youth leaders to be published August 15 by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. In his message, "What's the Use," Dr. Jordan urges young people not to give way to cynicism, but to face reality and make life count. A member of the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. Jordan has held outstanding pulpits in the state before assuming his present position several years ago. The author of 13 books and contributor to various religious periodicals, the Emory professor was elected to honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa at the University of North Carolina this spring. Dr. Jordan's preaching engagements carry him practically over the entire nation.

THE HICKORY RIDGE CHURCH on the Marvin charge will observe homecoming Sunday, August 14. Picnic lunch will be served on the church lawn, and an afternoon message and brief talks will be heard. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited. The revival will begin, with the pastor doing the preaching, at the evening hour.

DR. EUGENE L. SMITH, former pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and now secretary-elect of the Foreign Division of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, will be the guest preacher at Central church, Albemarle, Sunday at the 11 o'clock service.

ZEBULON METHODISTS have virtually completed their new church building and have recently occupied the educational unit. Consisting of a sanctuary that will seat 200, an assembly room, 14 class rooms, a pastor's study, and all modern conveniences, the church was built at a cost of $40,000. It is expected that the sanctuary will be opened this fall when the pews, chancel furniture and the stained glass memorial windows are installed. A system of financing has been worked out which will enable the congregation to dedicate the church within two years. Members of the building committee consist of R. H. Bridgers, chairman; R. V. Brown, Dr. J. F. Coltrane, Dr. C. E. Flowers, A. R. House and H. C. Wade. Rev. Paul Carruth is pastor.

REV. W. F. ELLIOT, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, is now residing at 332 Charlotte St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

FARMINGTON CHARGE, Thomasville District, should have received credit for $150 on Golden Cross instead of the Farmer Charge, which was given credit for this amount, in a recent Golden Cross report of the Western North Carolina Conference which appeared in this paper.

THE CHARLOTTE AREA has as its goal a mission special in every church. Toward that goal the Western North Carolina Conference has accepted $100,080 and the South Carolina Conference, $62,-365. The Week of Dedication offerings in the Western North Carolina Conference totaled $25,990, and $16,077 in the South Carolina Conference.

DR. ERNEST FREMONT TITTLE, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., died of a heart attack August 3 at his home in Evanston. Outstanding pastor, author, lecturer and preacher, Dr. Tittle has held a place of leadership in the denomination for a number of years. He was elected recently as chairman of the Methodist Peace Commission.

DR. HOLLIS W. HUSTON has resigned as pastor of the Westover-Pleasant Grove charge of the Raleigh District to become instructor in Biblical Literature at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., the resignation to become effective September 1. Dr. Huston will begin his duties at Amherst College in September, when he and Mrs. Huston, the former Miss Annie Laura Cotten of Stem, and son, will move from Durham to Amherst.

DILWORTH CHURCH, Charlotte, through its Board of Christian Education, is making it possible for 95 campers and counselors to spend a week at Camp Glenlaurel, Little Switzerland, N. C. The group will leave Charlotte August 12. Directors for the camp include Rev. J. Charles Reichard, pastor of St. James Church, Charlotte, and Miss Dorothy Sloan, director of Christian Education at Dilworth Church. The staff includes Rev. Fletcher Nelson, Mrs. L. A. Coone, Miss Dorothy Harwell, Mrs. R. W. Blanchard, Miss Buford Bobbitt, Miss Celia Ann Edwards, Rev. John Carper, Paul Jenkins, Mrs. H. R. Daughtridge, Bernard Fitzgerald, Rev. Jerome Fleischer, Mrs. Arthur McDaniel, Miss Carolyn Miller, Dick Nixon, John Quimby, Mrs. Charles Reichard, Miss Carolyn Blanchard and Miss Laura Smith.

EMORY UNIVERSITY, with the exception of Garrett Biblical Institute, is the only Methodist university which offers annual short-term training for urban ministers. Held this year for the fourth time, the school is giving special training in research methods. Each man in attendance is required to make a detailed map of the area served by his church. In addition, the clergymen are learning how to make a statistical analysis. Dr. Douglas E. Jackson is the instructor. "The Southeast is now entering a period of rapid industrial expansion," he states. "This means a sharp increase in the number of city dwellers. Religion in the South must not be submerged by the difficulties of the new order. The Emory school, which is sponsored in cooperation with the City Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, is one step toward a more effective ministry."

Misses Stentz and Johnson to Sail Soon to India for Missionary Service; Home Gets Memorial Gifts

NORTH CAROLINA FURNISHES TWO YOUNG PEOPLE FOR I-3 PROGRAM

Among the 46 young people from the United States who will sail for India in September to give three years of their lives as missionaries under the I-3 program of our General Board of Missions will be two young women from North Carolina. They are Miss Jane Carroll Stentz of Concord and Miss Betty L. Johnson of Salisbury. These two young ladies, along with the others who plan to go to India, are doing intensive study this summer at Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.

Miss Stentz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale Stentz of Concord, comes from a distinguished church family. Her grandfather was the late Dr. George R. Stuart, outstanding clergyman, and her great-grandfather was the well-known educator, the late Dr. David Sullins, founder of Sullins College and president of Emory and Henry College. She received her education at Waynesville High School, Virginia Intermont College and Scarritt College, graduating from the latter in June. She did extension work for the Board of Education in northern Michigan for one year, and was counselor for a caravan group in the Western North Carolina Conference last summer. She is a member of Central Church, Concord.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Waynesville District, where Miss Stentz spent most of her early life, has adopted her and will pay her salary. The Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is furnishing her outfit and equipment.

Talented in music, capable, friendly and genuinely consecrated, her many friends and acquaintances think that Miss Stentz will do excellent work at the Leonard School at Jubbalpore, Central Province, where she will teach handcrafts and from which point she will do religious education in rural churches on week-ends.



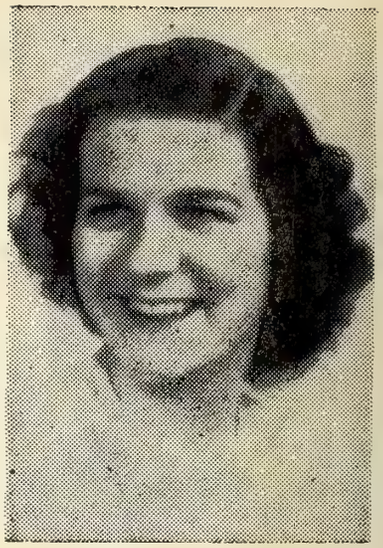
Jane C. Stentz

Miss Johnson, a member of First Church, Salisbury, where she has been director of Christian Education for the past two and a half years, is a native of West Haven, Conn. She received her bachelor degree in religious education from the Hartford Seminary Foundation School of Religious Education. She has had wide experience in girl scout work, church and summer conferences, assemblies and youth programs. Prior to coming to First Church, she worked in churches in Hartford, Conn., and Elmira, N. Y.

Miss Johnson, who has been popular with church groups in the Salisbury area, will be assigned to do educational work with the seven Methodist churches in the city of Bombay.

The 46 students in the I-3 program are from all parts of the nation, are all college graduates and are unmarried. They will teach or preach or engage in social work. In the intensive preparation, which lasts six weeks, the young missionaries are studying Indian languages, culture, and how to teach the Bible. They are also getting acquainted with some of Christianity's opposing ideologies in India. The school at Hartford closes August 15.

It is expected that many of these young people will become life-time missionaries following the completion of their three-year tenure.



Betty L. Johnson



46 young Methodists who are going to India for three years of missionary service this fall. They are pictured on the campus of Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn., where they are now taking six weeks of special training.

THREE HOSPITAL ROOMS AT METHODIST HOME FURNISHED IN MEMORY OF LOWELL MASON HODGES

The Methodist Home of Charlotte announces that three hospital rooms have been furnished in memory of Lowell Mason Hodges by Mary Siewers W. Hodges of Madison, N. C. Lowell Mason Hodges was born February 22, 1897 at Lake Butler, Florida, and died September 29, 1946, in an automobile accident near Madison. He was graduated from the University of Florida with a B.S. degree in Agriculture and did post-graduate work at the Universities of Missouri and North Carolina. He taught in or served as principal of schools in Maryland, Virginia, Missouri and North Carolina. At the time of his death he was beginning his third year as Vocational Agriculture teacher in the high school at Madison.

The 1947 High School Annual has a page "In Memoriam" which reads: "Mr. Hodges, former Vocational Agriculture teacher in Madison High School has made a deep impression in the minds of all the students and members of the faculty. He influenced and made friends with all the people with whom he came in contact. He has doubtless made such an impresson of some of the student body that they would want to idealize him. Some lives will probably be influenced and agricultural vocations commenced after his students have finished their education. Mr. Hodges was a great man in the eyes of his students. We, of Madison High School, will not forget him and the tragic ending of his life."

In 1945 Mr. Hodges was married to the former Miss Mary Siewers Wall of Madison. He came to North Carolina from Missouri in 1942 and taught in Cleveland, N. C. before going to Madison in 1944.

Change is one of the most perilous things in the world. There is only one thing I can think of more dangerous—not to change. The Eternal has put us in a world where stagnation is a deadly sin.—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Ingram Writes About Current CROP Program in North Carolina; G.C. Cites Three for Honors

NORTH CAROLINA METHODISTS SHARE IN CROP!
By O. K. Ingram

District Director of CROP

Those four letters, "CROP," will be very much in evidence for the next six months. CROP is an alphabetical abbreviation for the Christian Rural Overseas Program, a distinct and unique organization to promote the charity of a distinct group of people. CROP is a specialized program of the church relief agencies. "A program for securing gifts-in-kind from rural America by community-wide solicitation, for distribution overseas through existing church relief agencies."

Sponsored jointly by Catholic Rural Life, Church World Service, and Lutheran World Relief, CROP provides facilities for united solicitation, and handles shipping to seaboard, channeling commodities to the church relief agency of the donor's choice. Prompt, efficient, and impartial distribution of CROP commodities is assured, since handling is entirely through church channels. Costs of promotion and administration are remarkably low—less than 5% for the first nine months.

Is There a Need?

Many Methodist ministers and laymen will remember that a similar solicitation was made last year for CROP. Some may be asking the question, "Are the Europeans still in need of assistance?" To us who know this is a ridiculous question. But many who do not know and have read newspaper reports of excellent crops in Europe ask: "Is there a need?"

It is true that the crops are excellent—compared with last year. They are, however, nowhere near what they were before the war, nor will they have reached prewar levels by 1950. Combine the fact of under-production with the fact that the population of certain areas in Central Europe has been increased by over 16% by refugees from behind the Iron Curtain—plus the natural increase of population by births, and the churches are confronted with not merely need but destitution. Dr. J. A. Hannah, President of Michigan State College, upon his return from Europe made this comment: "After one sees people picking thorn apples and berries off bushes and gathering up acorns and bark off ash trees for food; leaving scarcely little for the birds to eat no one needs to be sold on the need of Europeans for food."

An excerpt from the October 2, 1948, issue of the Kansas Farmer is convincing proof that there is reason to believe that there is a need:

"Last week, I received a letter from an American pastor who is supervising the distribution of food and clothing sent by relief organizations to Germany. He stated, "Food and clothing are still fundamental needs for Europe, contrary to such silly statements made by a U. S. Senator who said that he had not seen anyone starve.

"Well, I have! And here are the up-to-date statistics from the United Nations survey: In the U. S. Zone, best fed of the four, out of 2,689,000 children, 2,223,000 suffer from malnutrition and exposure . . . I saw poverty at Cologne where a little girl in the 4th grade wrote on the assigned theme, My Most Beautiful Day, 'My most beautiful day was February 17, 1947. On this day my brother Guenther, died and I was given his coat, his shoes, and his knitted underjacket'." So ends the article.

Over 50% of the children born in these areas since the war have died of TB and of those still living, 75% are afflicted with the same disease. Tuberculosis and malnutrition go hand in hand. The disease cannot be curbed without food—food that must come from America, for there is no other source.

What Can Methodists Do?

CROP is being organized in each county in North Carolina. Some time between now and the middle of September your county organizational meeting will be held. Every minister, church superintendent, and other church leaders should attend this meeting. Then and there the program of solicitation will be planned and officers will be elected to administer the program. You can help by willingly assuming any responsibility for which you may be chosen.

In many cases pastors will be called upon to guide solicitation in their communities. In all cases churches should publicize CROP, handle solicitation in a township or a part thereof. Before the actual collection this year solicitors will contact each farmer asking him to pledge a certain quantity of a certain commodity. Many solicitors will be needed. Methodist laymen can render a real service of love in the capacity of solicitors. After the solicitation the job of collecting must be done. Methodist laymen can volunteer their trucks and their time for the collection. Young people's groups can serve by helping load and unload gifts.

In some cases churches may wish to make a gift of a carload as a church. This may be done and the gift can be designated for distribution.

Crop Is a Natural!

CROP is a natural charity for the rural church. It takes gifts produced by the toil of the farmer—gifts sanctified by the investment of the farmer's life—and investing those gifts in the saving of life.

Here is an opportunity to take religion out of the category of speculation and pious talk and put it in the category of action. What will Methodists do?

THREE CITED FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE

Students in Greensboro College who during the scholastic year 1948-1949 achieved the distinction of attaining the highest proficiency in their respective classes have just been announced by President Luther L. Gobbel. They are Miss Sarah Garrett, class of 1950, Burlington; Miss Joella Richardson, class of 1951, Fremont; and Miss Mary Catherine Coble, class of 1952, Burlington.

Miss Garrett, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Garrett, is a member of the Irving Society, serving as a marshal. A major in home economics, Miss Garrett is treasurer of the Home Economics Club, as well as a member of the Religious Education Club. During the year 1948-1949 she was elected to the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet.

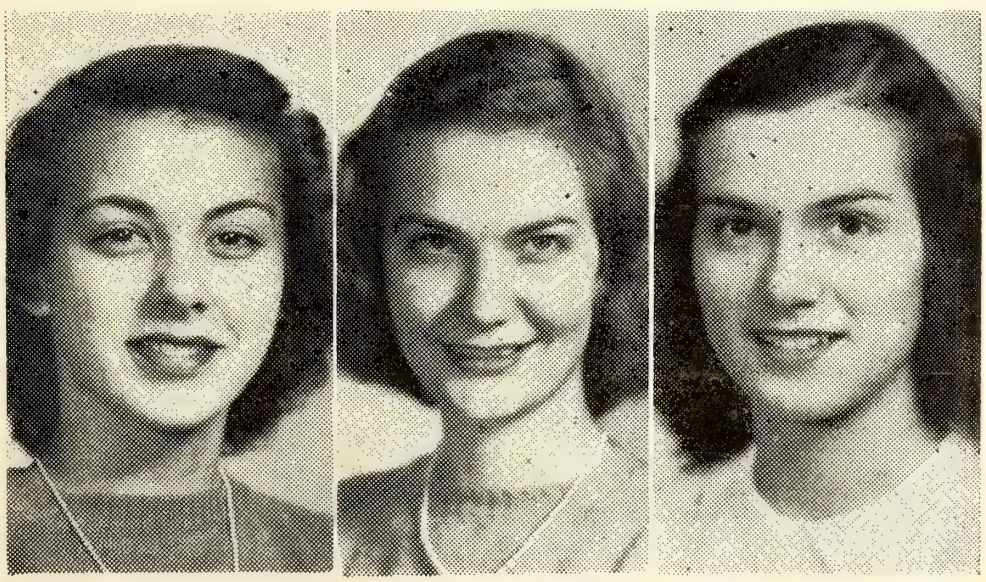
Miss Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Richardson, is a member of the Greensboro College Junior Honor Society, of which she was secretary-treasurer for the recent scholastic year. She is on the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet and belongs to the Religious Education Club, the Spanish Club, the United World Federalists, and the International Relations Club.

Miss Coble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coble, belongs to the Greensboro College Junior Honor Society. During the past year she served on the staff of the college newspaper, the Collegian, and was a member of the French Club.

Honorable mention for outstanding scholastic standing for the same period in the rising senior class went to Misses Janet Highfill, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Highfill, Waxhaw, in second place, and Marilyn Allred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Allred, Jacksonville, Florida, in third place.

In the rising junior class, second honors went to Miss Frances Sue Marquis, daughter of Mrs. Nancy C. Marquis, Greensboro; and third to Miss Eunice Blair Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Y. Floyd, Raleigh.

Second highest average in the rising sophomore class was made by Miss Elizabeth Ann Royall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Royall, Elkin, and third highest by Miss Mary Jewel Jenkins, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Jenkins, Yadkinville.



Sarah Garrett | Joella Richardson | Mary Catherine Coble

Report on Junaluska Youth Conference; MYF Leadership Conference Announced for August 21-26

Edited by TROY J. BARRETT

SUCCESSFUL YOUTH CONFERENCE HELD AT JUNALUSKA

Youth representatives from each of the conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction met on July 19 at Lake Junaluska to begin a ten day session of work, fellowship, taking as their theme "Be Thou the Way."

Directing the program was a staff of capable leaders led by Dean Herbert Hudgins of Virginia and the two speakers for the session, Rev. Kenneth Rogers and Rev. Clayton Calhoun, both of Florida.

The assembly began as scheduled with morning worship conducted by Mr. Calhoun, followed by class as planned for those interested in conference, district, and subdistrict work. Carefully mapped out plans completed in the two weeks of classes trained these youth leaders for the job of training their local MYF members for work in the coming year. Suggestions for enlightening youth on matters of the MYF work, for training adults in leadership and for aiding rural churches of lagging interest to build up local organizations.

Following classes Bob White, president of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the MYF, led the daily business meeting at which time new officers were elected. Dixie Lee Fisher, retiring president of the North Carolina Conference, was reelected to serve as missions and world friendship chairman. The prayers of the youth of North Carolina Conference go with you, Dixie, in the hope that this year will be another successful one.

Lunch and an hour supposedly used for rest provided a welcomed break for delegates between morning and afternoon study.

The four commissions formed the afternoon discussion hour at which time delegates raised questions about and planned new ideas of worship, new community service and world friendship projects, and new games to enliven recreation periods.

From four until six, free time, the faculty had to challenge the students to an eventful baseball game. By the way, ask Troy Barrett who received a sound ducking in the lake when the students lost their first game. A cooling swim, a stiff game of tennis, council meetings, and other such activities gave no delegate idle time from four 'til six.

After dinner who should be behind the "mike" directing folk games but R. Harold Hipps.

Mr. Rogers led the evening worship hour at which time delegates shared with the group personal experiences and inspirational observations. On Thursday night the recreation and sharing hour was combined around a campfire, presided over by "Indian Chiefs of the Dakotas."

No delegate will ever forget the hike to Eagle's Nest or the consecration service on Friday in which many made open dedication of their lives to full time Christian service.

The conference ended on a note of reconsecration with the communion service Friday, July 29. Delegates left Lake Junaluska by car, bus, and train, eager to begin a new year of work, yet reluctant to leave new found friendships.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PLANNED

Dr. B. G. Childs, professor at Duke University and a leading layman of Methodism, will be the vesper speaker at the full Council Leadership Conference of the N. C. Conference MYF meeting at the Methodist Youth Center, Wrightsville Beach, N. C., August 21-26, for a week of intensive training and spiritual enrichment. Rev. Troy Barrett, conference director of youth work, will serve as dean.

The purpose of this conference is for the training of officers, commission chairmen and adults in the district and subdistrict and for planning conference-wide projects and activities of the year. The new executive council of the Conference MYF, meeting at Lake Junaluska, has done the planning for this gathering and will help in carrying out these plans.

The opening session will begin at supper on Sunday, August 21. The meeting will close on Friday morning, August 26.

The total cost per person for the week is $14. Two dollars of this amount must accompany the registration sent to Rev. O. L. Hardwick, registrar.

A special effort is being made to have every district director of youth work, every district president and as many subdistrict and district officers as possible to attend. Every person in attendance will come away equipped to do a better job in his respective office and to live a richer life as a growing Christian.

Each delegate should bring a Bible, Power, Sing it Again, MYF in District and Subdistrict; bed linen, towels, swim suit, sweater, sport clothes, whatever else is needed for comfort and convenience—and an appetite!

Others helping with this week include Bobby McKenzie, Jack Mote, Rev. J. E. Carter, and Mr. B. H. Jenkins.

ON THE COVER PAGE

Front row, left to right, is the Executive Council of the N. C. Conference MYF: Rev. Troy J. Barrett, Durham, conference director of youth work; Al Fisher, Fairmont, conference president; Jim Matheson, Mount Gilead, vice-president; Dot Smith, Smithfield, secretary; Charles Caudill, Leland, treasurer; Faye Lee, Smithfield, chairman of worship and evangelism commission; Nancy Smith, Washington, chairman of community service; Barbara Wilson, Rose Hill, chairman of recreation and leisure; and Gray Mattox, Smithfield, representative to the United Christian Youth Movement. We regret that Owen Fitzgerald, Kinston, chairman of missions and world friendship; Al Wells, Wilson, publicity superintendent; and Hazel Armstrong, editor of "Youth in Action," Mount Gilead, are not pictured.

Second row, left to right, are Jo Anne Snead, Wilmington; Pat Webb, Beaufort; Dixie Fisher, Fairmont; Becky Freeman, Star; Jean Gentry, Roxboro; Elizabeth Adams, Henderson; Mary Belle Stott, Maysville; Varion Herndon, Kinston; "Soco" Endow, a Japanese-American; Hazel Yates, Rockingham; Catherine Oliver, Fairmont. Third row, left to right, Margaret Self, Siler City; Billy Downum, Beaufort; Elizabeth Bell, Beaufort; Vernon Tyson, Carrboro; Bill Wells, Graham; Martha Buie, Biscoe; Polly Sanders, Smithfield; Claude Barrett, Kinston; Mary Todd Smith, Bethel; Beth Paschal, Laurinburg; John Mitchell, La Grange; Nancy Woodruff, Nashville; Clara Wooten, Whiteville.

NEW MANUALS AND ELECTIVE UNITS

The Youth Department of the General Board of Education has recently issued new materials for the quadrennium. Each local church should order to use:

Handbook of the MYF, a combination of organization, program and commissions, 25c.

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Executive Board Meeting—Winston-Salem District

Taking advantage of first hand information gained by Mrs. H. G. Allen, wife of the District Superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, and District secretary of missionary education and service, as she visited the mission work of the Methodist Church in both Alaska and Mexico while on a tour of the western and northwestern states recently, and also information from Miss Charmione Rose, daughter of Mrs. Mark Rose, district vice-president and chairman of one of the Caravan teams for the Winston-Salem District, who is serving on the Methodist Youth Caravan in Cuba this summer, the two Caravan teams for the Program of Advance in the District are planning an interesting and informative skit to be used in the four sub-districts, beginning October 18. These meetings will be held in connection with the regular sub-district meetings and will be held on consecutive days during that week. The two Caravan teams will work together and Mrs. Mark Rose is chairman of one and Mrs. E. L. Ballard chairman of the other. Miss Charmione Rose and the other members of the Methodist Youth Caravan are working in the field where Miss Eulalia Cook is stationed—rural work at Baguanos—and Miss Cook has instructed them in the Lauback method of teaching the natives.

Plans for these meetings were made at an executive meeting of the District at Centenary Church, July 19, when a large percentage of the officers were present. Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, president, presided over the business session.

It was announced that 7 women from the district attended the School of Missions and Christian Service at Pfeiffer College in June and 7 members of the Wesleyan Service Guild from the district attended the Guild week-end at Pfeiffer.

Mrs. L. V. Scott, District secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, reported 101 Negroes registered for the North Carolina School for Christian Workers at the Hanes Institute June 27-July 2 and that the delegates came from every district in our Conference, except Asheville and Waynesville, and provision was made for those desiring training in these two districts to go to the Allen School in Asheville. Mrs. Scott was counselor for the school, as she has been for several years, and also taught a course of study, taking the place of an instructor who was unable to come, and the Negroes recognize her as a true friend and counselor.

Genuine regret was expressed over the resignation of Mrs. R. G. Smith, secretary of missionary personnel, because of the extended illnesses in her family.

Faithful and Effective Service

Those of us who have had the privilege of attending the Spiritual Life Retreat, the School of Missions and the Wesleyan Service Guild Week-end—any or all—had pleasant memories reawakened when we saw the excellent picture of Mrs. J. C. Burwell seated at the console of the organ in beautiful Pfeiffer College Chapel on the front page of the North Carolina Christian Advocate recently. Mrs. Burwell has been there all three years since these meetings were started and plays for all three groups. In addition to making a most worthwhile contribution to the worship services held in the chapel, Mrs. Burwell has written some helpful meditations which have been used at Pfeiffer.

School of Missions—Southeastern Jurisdiction

From Miss Lillian Walker, secretary of Missionary Specials in our Conference, we have a report of the School of Missions and Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction held at Lake Junaluska July 12-20, with more than 200 women registered for the courses of study offered.

The theme of the Conference—"Toward One World in Christ"—carried out in the class room as well as by the speakers is a goal for which we are all praying and striving. Perhaps many of this generation will not live to see it but our prayers should be that generations to come may have it.

The teachers were the very best obtainable. Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon taught the subject, "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church"; Miss Dorothy McConnell, "Cooperation for a Christian Nation;" Miss Katherine Johnson and Dr. Arva C. Floyd both taught "Japan;" Miss Ruby Van Hooser, "Missionary Activities in the Childrens' Division;" and Miss Ethelene Sampley, "Women of the Scriptures."

Platform speakers were Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Mrs. Brooks' subject was "Faith for Advance." Also present during the school was Mrs. Paul Arrington, vice-president of the Woman's Division and Mrs. Helen G. Bourne, a former member of the Division.

Mrs. E. U. Robinson, president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, presided over the business sessions. Most of the Western North Carolina Conferences officers were present or their representatives from the District and a good representation from the Wesleyan Service Guild were also in attendance.

Miss Katherine Johnson was called home on July 19 on account of the death of her father, and instead of sending flowers those in attendance gave $200 as a memorial to the Hiroshima Girls' School in Japan, where Miss Johnson taught for 18 years.

Workshops were held during the morning after the study hours, and clinics were held in the afternoons, with interesting speakers and entertainment in the evenings at the auditorium. On Wednesday afternoon a lovely tea was given for the School on the porches overlooking the beautiful lake and the mountains, and on Saturday afternoon a tea was given for the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

More information concerning the individual courses will be given at the District Seminars in the fall.

Cuban Woman Heads Methodist School

Miss Nize Fernandez, a native of Cuba, has been named principal of the Colegio Irene Toland, missionary school of the Methodist Church, in Matanzas, Cuba. She is the first Cuban woman to head a Methodist school in the half century the church has carried on educational work on the Island. Miss Fernandez became a teacher in church schools upon her graduation from Colegio Buenavista in Havana; received the degree of Bachiller from the Government Institute in Matanzas and of Doctor of Pedagogy from the University of Havana, and has been on the faculty of Colegio Irene Toland since 1933.

In the fellowship of the Methodist Church, Miss Fernandez has been active since her girlhood as a Sunday school teacher, steward and church treasurer. At different times she has held all the executive offices of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and in 1947 and 1948 served as counselor for Youth Caravans in Cuba. Since 1945 she has been chairman of the Board of Christian Education in her local church.

News From Far Flung Fields

Miss Marion Bundy, Myung Duk Girl's School, Songdo, Korea, writes: "The Methodist Church in Korea is now starting on a new Advance of its own. Just last week they ended the General Conference. This was a mighty momentous occasion as it was the time when the two factions came together in a united organization. This has brought untold joy to many. Progress often seems slow, but time unfolds many things if we have the patience to wait for the final results.

"The K-3's are a happy, busy group and we are glad to hear there is a group training for India this summer. We think it would be wonderful to have some more over here in this land, but we are willing to plug for the new group also. If any of you know anyone interested in this work please contact the nearest pastor. No box-top of fifteen word jingle—just a grand opportunity."

Japan. And from Japan, Miss Ethel Hempstead, who is in Kindergarten and Social Evangelistic work in Kagoshima, writes: "On May 31st another Mission Year ended and yesterday was the second anniversary of my arrival in Kagoshima. Thanks to you who have prayed and worked to make it possible for me to be here. God has enabled us to bring about many changes for the better during these two years. My only regret is that more souls have not been won.

"Yesterday being pentecost there were 8 adults and 5 children baptized at the morning service. Among them was one whole family—father, mother, and two little boys. The parents' interest began when they sent the elder child to kindergarten in the spring of 1948, and he became a little witness in the home. They had been evacuated from Manchuria and were very poor, having to live in one of the worst slums in the city. The father is a teacher with a small salary. They are now living in better quarters but still have little to go on, but how radiant they are, having found the true riches in Christ Jesus our Lord. In the group there was another father and his small son and daughter, the mother having died last fall. Then there was a mother and her daughter, three young men and one young woman. It was a truly happy day and we praise God that His spirit is at work in this land where so many need Him."

The Coupon Campaign

The women of Highland Methodist Church, Hickory, sent in the largest number of coupons last week—1123½. Other churches have sent in coupons, but none reached the 600 mark, which is necessary for a foot of fence, except Highland, Hickory.

Friends Give Candy, Melons; Bryant Joins Farm Staff; Children Visit Dentist; A Sunday at Oxford

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

SENIORS ATTEND "THE LOST" COLONY"

By a Senior

I would like to describe the wonderful trip we had to Manteo. I cannot adequately express in words the joy we experienced and our appreciation for all that was done for us. On behalf of all the seniors I wish to thank the Board of Trustees and staff members of our home for making it possible for us to visit "The Lost Colony." We consider ourselves very fortunate to be the first class from the orphanage to take a trip of this kind.

We left Raleigh early Friday and stopped in Williamston for lunch. The ladies of the Williamston Methodist Church served a bountiful lunch for our party. We reached Nags Head in time for a swim in the ocean before the evening meal.

Then came the most exciting event of our trip—seeing "The Lost Colony." It is a great pageant and we enjoyed it thoroughly. This production made each of us realize how thankful we should be for our marvelous heritage. I wish it were possible for every person to see this pageant. I believe it would make all our people appreciate their liberty and the hardships that were endured to secure this freedom. It is both entertaining and inspirational.

After the pageant our party was given a boat trip across Croatan Sound.

Saturday morning we enjoyed another swim in the ocean at Nags Head. Some friends at the Arlington Hotel served us refreshments and arranged for us to have an interview with Kay Kiser.

We visited Kill Devil Hill where the Wright Brothers made their historic flight in their biplane.

We had a pleasant stop in Elizabeth City where friends served us nice refreshments. This trip had a great educational value for our class and also made us realize how rich we are in friends in the eastern part of North Carolina.

Margaret Strother.

A HUNDREDFOLD

Mr. Forrest and his sun-tanned boys are proud of their garden. The beans, corn, and tomatoes are found in abunddance. These have brought forth a hundredfold.

Today for the noon meal the orphanage family consumed 350 ears of corn, six bushels of butter beans, two bushels of string beans, and one bushel of okra. This was supplemented by thirty gallons of milk and plenty of corn bread.

WATERMELON TIME

This last week was a good week for melons. The first of the week Mr. C. A. Dillon of Raleigh sent us a large shipment of watermelons and cantalopes. The last of the week Charles Monroe of Rockingham, brother-in-law of Miss Lena Marks, brought us enough melons for another big feast. These were great occasions when even the husky farm boys exclaimed "We have all we can eat!" The picture on this page reveals the faces of two of our new boys holding up one of the melons sent in by Mr. Dillon. We extend our thanks to Mr. Dillon and Mr. Monroe for providing so generously for our large family of children.

CASE OF CANDY

This large family should be "sweet" after this lovely gift from Hobson Gattis of Person Street Pharmacy. He was kind enough to send us 36 pound boxes of Whitman's Sampler chocolates. This candy has been served sparingly after each lunch and serves as an excellent dessert. Our heartfelt gratitude is expressed to Mr. Gattis from all of our children.

NEW FARM SUPERVISOR

The reports that come to us from the farm rejoice our hearts. We are making good use of the 240 acres on the Fayetteville highway.

The alfalfa has been cut four times this year and stored away in the barn. Forty-five acres of the hybrid and ensilage corn make up an important part of our crop. The other section of the land provides a green pasture for our large herd of Holstein cows.

In July we secured the services of Joe L. Bryant, Jr., to take charge of things on the farm. Mr. Bryant is from Kentucky and graduated from State College. Mrs. Bryant is from Creedmoor. They have two children.

Mr. Bryant is a man of fine character and is well trained for this responsible position. He gets along well with the boys who work under him. He not only tells them what is to be done, but throws all of his wisdom and strength into the work. The boys will go all out for one who works with them and for them.

DENTAL CLINIC

The last of June we were busy at the infirmary extracting tonsils. During August at least 20 more children will have tonsils removed.

At the present time Dr. T. R. Collins is doing a grand work in a dental clinic. By the last of the week he will have cleaned and cared for the teeth of every child on the campus. He reported to me yesterday that some of the new children were in special need of dental work. The service of this dentist is of a high order and his presence here is a great blessing to the health of our boys and girls.

VISIT TO OXFORD

On July 24 the superintendent had the privilege of presenting a program at the First Methodist Church in Oxford. Rosa Lee Ellis, Donald Griffin and Ann Mason gave recitations. Miss Mary Elizabeth Pierce, accompanied by Mrs. Larkin, rendered a vocal solo.

The service was well attended by the members of this church. Our group was entertained in the homes of Oxford friends. Dr. Maxwell was on his vacation, but he planned well for the worship service and for our entertainment.

Ann Mason and Hazel Newton are sponsored by the members of this church. For the loyal support given to these children and the work of our home, we are most grateful.

CAMPING TIME

Most children love nature and the great out-of-doors. The more a child learns about the Father's world, the more he is inclined to worship and serve the Creator. We encourage our boys and girls to spend part of the summer in camp when a way is provided.

As I write these lines I have been reading a number of post cards sent me by girls who are at Camp Lapidio. They all agree on one point—they are having a wonderful time, and appreciate all that is being done for their pleasure and training. To the organizations here in Raleigh who are sending these children to camp we are deeply grateful.

VISIT FROM A FORMER MATRON

The children and staff members were happy to see Mrs. Catherine Bradshaw this week. She served as matron of the Baby Cottage for 17 years. She is now residing in Washington, D. C. While on the campus she is staying at the Atwater building with Mrs. Tull.



A PLEASANT LOAD
It takes two new members of our family to handle this big watermelon. The boys are "C. A." Gardner of Nashville and Ivan Perry of Durham

Festival Songs

Psalm 105-107; 111-118

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

No nation so constantly encouraged itself from the lessons of history as did the ancient Hebrews. Their poets and prophets sought to base the people's faith not on a theory but on what God had already done. They kept saying in many forms and in many ways, As God is the same yesterday, today and for ever, what he has done in the past he will do again if you trust him as did the patriarchs and Moses and those who followed their lead. The attempt of Moses to lead the people out of slavery seemed impossible but, lo, God by mighty judgments upon the Egyptians made them at last glad to have their slaves go. So Moses led them out. The Red Sea parted before them, and in the wilderness God sustained them, gave them his law from Mount Sinai, and finally led them into the promised land. And the Psalmists celebrated the mighty deeds of God in great hymns which the people learned by heart, just as our children today can sing, My country, 'tis of thee.

Some might say that the miracles in connection with Israel's deliverance were legendary, but however that may be they do not exaggerate in the least the reality and the wonder of God's deliverance of his people. They only recounted them in such form as was more impressive to tell the children, and easier for them to remember.

To the Psalmists the history of Israel was a succession of Divine miracles of forbearance and forgiveness. The Bible is utterly free from any exaggeration of the piety of the ancient Israelites. And this frankness should give us added assurance of the essential truth of their accounts of God's repeated and merciful deliverance of his people.

The Psalms were sung with joyful hilarity at their great national festivals. One can see the pilgrims entering the city and singing, Open unto me the gates of righteousness, and I will enter in. They saw in the gates of the city a symbol of the gates to a new and higher life into which by faith they could enter.

Heaven help us as a nation also to remember the lessons of history, and never to forget how God in his great mercy has delivered us and given us supreme opportunities to bless the world, even as he made Israel his channel for blessings for all mankind. May the day come when the Fourth of July, instead of being merely a day for picnics and the sending up of skyrockets, will be, like the Jewish feast of the Passover, a day when we remember how a small group of brave men were enabled by God's help to secure our independence as a nation, and a day also when we remind ourselves that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and that if we continue to prosper we must fight the dominance of the liquor power, and witness with desperate courage against the materialism and godlessness of many of our people.

This is the day which Jehovah has made, says the Psalmist. And we can say the same. In spite of the tragedies of sin and suffering in the world, we are enjoying much that God has wrought in answer to the faith and patience of our spiritual ancestors. Think of it, if you will! The faith proclaimed by that little nation nestled among the rock piles of Palestine, is written in the great stories of our Bible, celebrated in the poetry of the Psalms, proclaimed by the volcanic eloquence of the prophets, illustrated in that "matchless life that breathed beneath the Syrian blue," interpreted by the broadmindedness of Paul and the apostles, and now translated and printed in every language, and read with reverence even to the ends of the earth. Truly this is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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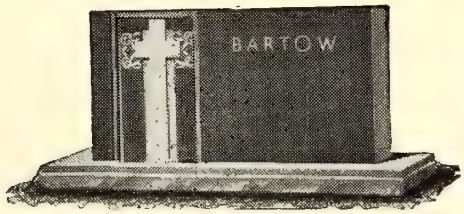
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Children's Storytime

What The Little Clock Said

My Marion Madison

Mary Harris was a cheery little girl who seemed to sing and smile from morning till night.

"Little Mary," the neighbors often asked, "why are you so happy?"

And she always answered, "Because I go to Sunday school and learn about Jesus. I just can't help feeling glad when I think about Him."

Then she would look up earnestly and ask, "Don't you think if you went to Sunday school and learned about Jesus, you'd be happy too?"

Strange to say, Mrs. Harris—thin, pale and nervous—was the gloomiest lady in town. She was always afraid that something dreadful was about to happen.

"You see," Mrs. Brown explained to a new neighbor one day, "it's because the poor thing has had such awful trouble that she just naturally expects the worst."

"It does seem to me, though, that if she didn't look for trouble as she does it wouldn't come her way quite so often. 'Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you,' my mother used to say."

And good-natured Mrs. Brown wiped her face with her big checked apron. She had made a long speech, for her.

Mrs. Brown was just the sort of friend to have, little Mary thought. Whenever mother was sick, or some other "trouble" came, she would slip in and find some way to help—and always go away leaving a comfortable feeling behind her.

Mary had one treasure that was worth a million dollars to her. She had been on time for Sunday school every week for a whole year, and her teacher had given her a beautiful little white clock.

It seemed to Mary like something alive. When she wound it, every night, she handled it as gently and lovingly as if it had been a baby. The first thing in the morning she always looked up at its face, and it seemed to say, "Good morning, little Mary! I've brought you another day. Be happy and good all day long. Tick-tock — tick-tock — h a p p y all day long!"

One day a dreadful trouble really did come to the little home. Mary's mother had been too ill to go to work for a week —and it was rent day! The cross old landlord had told her that the next time she could not pay her rent—on time—he would set her out in the street.

Poor Mrs. Harris lay sobbing, with a dreadful pain in her head. Little Mary stepped about softly, tidying things up and wondering how she could fix mother something nice to eat out of the few potatoes that were left in the house.

"Mother likes potato soup," she told the clock softly. "We'll make her some of that, and it will taste lovely."

"Yes—of course—tick-tock," answered the clock.

"Mother," said Mary, gently smoothing the pillow, "don't feel too bad. Mr. Jameson will not come till afternoon, and maybe something good will happen before then. I'm going to pray."

The little girl slipped into a corner and knelt down and closed her eyes. She did not know she was sleepy—but she had been up late the night before, rubbing poor mother's aching head.

I cannot explain how it happened, but suddenly the little white clock hopped down from the mantel.

"What do you want, little clock?" asked Mary.

"Do-not-worry — do-not-worry," s a n g the clock. "Whirr—whirr—worry worry—little Mary—do-not-worry!"

She stared at the clock in astonishment, and it went on cheerily:

Only-a-tick—at-a-time.
Mary—
Only—a-tick—at-a-time!
Millions—of-ticks—in-a-year,
Mary—
But only—a-tick—at-a-time!"

The little girl sat up and rubbed her eyes. She had been lying on the hard floor.

Why, who was that standing by mother's bed, and what was he saying? Could it be—why, it was—Uncle Jack!

"Don't cry any more, Mary!" he was begging between mother's sobs. "I'm sorry to have stayed away so long but I was too ill to come before. There, there, Mary —everything will be all right."

"But the rent, Jack! It's due today."

At that, Uncle Jack dug deep into his pocket and brought up a roll of bills.

"Will this be enough?" he asked gaily.

"O, Jack, how wonderful!" gasped mother. Then her teary smile faded, but she added quickly. "But, oh, another rent day comes in just four weeks! And I can't go to work feeling like this."

"Oh-h!" squealed little Mary, jumping up and down in front of mother and Uncle Jack. She danced over to the mantel, grabbed her little clock and hugged it close.

"Mother," she cried joyfully, "if God can take care of us now, He can take care of us forever. That's what the little clock meant!"

"What do you mean, child?" asked Uncle Jack with a bewildered look.

"I don't see how it could happen, Uncle, but it did—just before you came. My little white clock hopped down from the mantel, and this is what it said:

Only-a-tick—at-a-time.
Mary—
Only—a-tick—at-a-time!
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WADE HODGES PRIVETTE, SR.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

First: That we bow in humble submission to the will of God, and endeavor to show our appreciation of his life and services by upholding his ideals for the class and strive to carry on the good work.

Second: That we express our sympathy to his bereaved family in this dark hour, and point them to the One who can console them when all other sources fail.

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SOUTH-WIDE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE STRESSES WORLD MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LAKE JUNALUSKA, August 2.—Closing a South-wide missionary-conference here, findings were adopted pledging the Methodist constituency represented by the conference in nine southern states, to use every proper means available to further the cause of world missions and Christian life service, including recruitment for the ministry and mission fields from the youth groups of the church.

Missionary promotion, according to the findings, will be pushed along five areas, namely, education and promotion, rural work, city work, foreign missions, and recruitment. Cooperation of pastors was urged in radio and visual education participation; the holding of district missionary institutes and annual schools of missions and a church-wide observance of the Week of Dedication throughout the jurisdiction.

In the field of rural work, district missionary secretaries were urged to foster the establishment of missionary specials, particularly those for building parsonages and churches; the use of the Lord's Acre, the Lord's Hour and the Lord's Tithe were recommended as means of financing missionary specials in rural churches.

The report of the findings committee urged that city and town churches cooperate with district superintendents, city boards of missions and district locating committees in establishing and maintaining new churches and urged pastors to send names and addresses of persons moving from the bounds of his church to the minister in the new location.

The report recommended a more intensified program of education and cultivation for the cause of foreign missions by wider distribution of literature and more extended use of Christian nationals and missionaries on programs wherever possible.

The report urged that recruitment for Christian life vocations be accepted as the responsibility of every person interested in the life and progress of the church; and recommended that some means of financial assistance be devised to aid young men studying for the ministry.

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The first proof copies of "Our Faith" booklets have reached the Advance Office. The Executive Director, Dr. E. Harold Mohn, says:

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The other two booklets that came to the Advance Office as first copies are "Our Faith in Love" and "Our Faith in Prayer." Concerning them the Executive Director said, "The contents are so simply stated and the style so fascinating that a high school pupil can understand, yet the subject matter commands attention and will become the source of many inspiring sermons."

"Most important of all," said Dr. Mohn, "these eight booklets which have been prepared by eminent theologians and rewritten in popular style, provide not the slightest ground for doctrinal controversy. Here the sure foundations of 'Our Faith' are neither questioned nor discussed, but built upon. Our origins are not under consideration, we are in Advance for Christ and His Church to redeem the world."

It is anticipated by the Chicago Office that the sets of eight booklets will be ready for sale and distribution about September 1, 1949. Letters to the pastors, enclosing order blanks, have been mailed. It is expected that each church will order enough sets to provide one for each seven active members.

The price is 75c per set in the paper binding. Each booklet contains about 10,000 words and Scripture passages for devotional reading together with a few great Methodist hymns.

The preaching and teaching mission committee, of which Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam is chairman, has set as its goal one set of these booklets in every Methodist home. The Board of Education plans the use of the eight booklets in the church school, at Sunday evening services, and in other meetings during the week. Bishop Oxnam and Dr. Mohn hope that the first supply of 500,000 sets will be exhausted before Christmas and the additional editions will be required.

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Dr. C. A. Bowen (left), Editor of Church School Publications, presents a set of the new worship pictures in the Intermediate Closely Graded Courses to Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Arkansas, chairman of the Editorial Division, at the recent meeting of the General Board of Education in Atlantic City.

Taylor Discusses Life Service Sunday; Maxwell Lauds Educational Work of Staff; Announcements

TAYLOR WRITES ON LIFE SERVICE SUNDAY

Dear Fellow-Ministers:

Without a doubt the observances of Life Service Sunday in our Conference last September was a great success. Your deep interest and co-operation in the observance helped to make it such a success.

Here is a paragraph from the report of the Board of Evangelism to the Annual Conference last year:

> The Board of Evangelism wishes to report that the Life Service Sunday which was observed on the first Sunday in September has brought forth marvelous results. Across this conference, church after church—from the smallest to the largest—has sent us reports of its observance. We are, therefore, recommending to our conference that it observe the first Sunday in September of 1949 as Life Service Sunday. We would urge each minister to make very careful plans for this Sunday, and long before its observance talk to young men and women who are interested in giving themselves to full time Christian work.

We hope you will present the opportunities and the claims of the Christian ministry and other forms of Christian life service the first Sunday in September. Please report the results of Life Service Sunday to the secretary of our Board, Rev. James B. McLarty, Marion, N. C.

Thanking you for your fine co-operation in this matter, and with a prayerful hope that you receive gratifying results on Sunday, September 4, I am

Faithfully,
RALPH TAYLOR

PRAISES N. C. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Editor:

The Board of Education in the North Carolina Conference is promoting a most effective program. The employed staff members are all doing a magnificent job. For example, "the North Carolina Conference ranks 10th in size in the nation but it is fourth in the total gain in Church School enrollment during the Crusade; it is third in gain in average attendance; it is eighth in gain in children in Church Schools; it is third in gain in enrollment of young people in Church Schools; it is fifth in gain in the enrollment of adults in Church Schools." Only consecrated efficiency explains such excellence. The youth program is widely known as one of the best in all Methodism.

SAM MAXWELL

Oxford.

NEWS FROM FAR-FLUNG FIELDS

Mrs. J. W. Payne is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Louise Robinson of the Woman's Division, who has general supervision of our work in China, as follows:

"Miss Gibson (division treasurer) has been in to tell me that your conference had raised $10,000 towards a memorial for Laura Haygood School. You cannot know what grand news this is at a time like this. We surely are deeply grateful for the spirit behind such a wonderful gift. I suppose this will be counted toward your supplementary giving.

"You will be interested to know that cables are coming in from China saying that Laura Haygood is going right ahead with the work, even though the Communists have taken over. We had a further cable this morning about a few more of our cities. At least the first step has not been painful and our work everywhere is going on. I also had a cable from Peiping —the first one in many months—saying that all were well and that work was proceeding. I can't begin to tell you what a courageous spirit both Chinese leaders and missionaries are showing at this time. We are going right ahead with our work there and I hope we can convey this to the women of the various conferences. I wish I could see you and talk to you about your wonderful missionaries from North Carolina, but of course you know them personally and do not need any word from me."

Health Conditions in the Philippine Islands

Miss Dorothy Edwards, a public health nurse, and Miss Ruth Atkins, an educator, both missionaries of the Methodist Church in the Philippine Islands, recently took a mobile clinic into the rural communities of Cagayan Valley, Luzon Islands, which had been occupied by the Japanese during the war. "I was dumbfounded to find the children so undernourished," says Miss Edwards. "Malaria and tuberculosis are prevalent. Sanitary control is very poor, and medical facilities are inadequate. We heard tales of desperate war experiences everywhere we went Many of the families lost everything they had, but their spirit is unbroken."

JUNALUSKA SCHEDULE

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J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

The sheer necessity of appropriately aimed, assiduous study. The minister has before him the most challenging, the most thrilling, the most exhausting, the most dangerous, and yet the most rewarding occupation known by human beings. He is honored that God has seen enough ability in him to call him to such noble work. An ambitious young minister who sees certain famous ministers enjoying wide recognition and frequent acclaim may easily possess strong ambition to play the same role, but he should know that the road to such honored rank is long and hard study.

Dr. O. L. Joseph, in **The Dynamic Ministry** agrees with us: "There is no limit to the usefulness of the pastor who conceives his task as a trust from God, who applies himself by study and prayer." Dr. C. R. Brown, in his **The making of a Minister,** emphasizes this point as he writes to young ministers: "You will need to give yourselves to hard, serious, manly study for the rest of your lives. You will need to study the Bible until you know it as the doctor knows his **Gray's Anatomy,** as a teacher of philosophy knows his Plato and his Kant, as a lawyer knows the great principles of the common law laid down in Blackstone and Kent." Elsewhere in the same book he says: "The only man who has a right to talk, in public at least, is the man who has first learned to think and to think in such a way as to produce something that has worth and validity, something that will have value in putting the world ahead in its own thinking and action." Dr. Charles E. Jefferson might have written for today as well as for an earlier one when he said: "Never has there been such need for sound brains and sane thinking."

Every minister should know at the beginning that he will end in failure or mediocrity unless he disciplines himself to intelligent and assiduous study.

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EDITORIAL

The Trustees of Lake Junaluska Look Ahead

The announcement by the trustees of Lake Junaluska Assembly of a campaign to raise $600,000 for expansion will doubtless bring varied echoes from Methodists of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Some will feel that it is just another church appeal for money, and will either oppose it or refuse to give active support to the campaign. Others who see the tremendous possibilities of Lake Junaluska as an enlarging center of spiritual enrichment, will back the program with enthusiasm and genuine interest.

Lake Junaluska Assembly has already proved its indispensability to Methodism in this section of the nation. If all Methodists could read the press releases about the program there this summer, as this editor has, they would realize that this summer program is as vital to the Jurisdiction as the periodic revival is to the local church. Here the great causes of our church are interpreted to the leaders of the Annual Conferences. Here inspiration and challenge come to all who share in services that are unsurpassed in quality anywhere. Our church leaders —ministers and laymen—and all others who tarry at this summer capital of Methodism in the Southeast, would be much poorer without this rare experience.

But it is largely on behalf of the common people of Methodism that we rejoice in this expansion program. Increased facilities, made available at moderate cost, will make it possible for thousands of our people to make annual pilgrimage to this spiritual shrine. Moreover, the campaign itself will popularize Lake Junaluska and bring it closer to Methodism's average families. Before long multitudes of our people to whom Junaluska has been virtually unknown will include in their summer plans at least a few days at this sequestered haven of beauty and wonder. The results in personal enrichment and deeper loyalty to Christ and His Church will be immeasurable.

North Carolina Methodists, who stand to profit greatly by the expansion program, will give their full support to this forward-looking undertaking.

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A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.—John 13:34.

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The Supremacy of the United Nations

Many people who have been uneasy over the probable effect of the North Atlantic Pact on the United Nations will be encouraged by secretary-general Trygve Lie's statement last week in a speech at Bergen, Norway. "The supremacy of the United Nations," Mr. Lie declared, "is absolutely clear."

Although the United Nations leader did not mention specifically the North Atlantic Pact, he did admit that regional cooperation agreements sometimes may be welcomed under the UN Charter. Referring to regional cooperation, he said: "If it is being carried out in accordance with or in line with the United Nations regulations and interests, it is to the benefit of humanity as a whole." Mr. Lie made it clear that regional pacts must be subordinate to the United Nations.

We believe that the secretary-general is right in declaring the supremacy of the United Nations. No regional pacts or agreements should be allowed to weaken it or undermine its ultimate aims and purposes. As weak and as ineffective as the United Nations may appear at the moment, it has already been a powerful force for good. It has settled many serious conflicts between nations, and has been a strong factor in the settlement of the Berlin crisis. It remains man's highest hope through collective effort for establishing justice and peace in the world.

There are times no doubt when it seems expedient for a strong nation—particularly our own and Russia — to by-pass this weak, struggling, slow-working body. It is a seemingly impossible task to get such a heterogeneous body to agree on any major issue. Yet, in the long run, it offers hopes for world peace that no nation or combination of nations working independently can achieve. Patience with, faith in, and complete support of this brave, growing organization will eventually make it a mighty instrument for international understanding and peace.

The Making of a Good Preacher

Concerning American preachers two prominent British clergymen who visited this country recently made this sobering observation. American ministers, they stated, are scholarly, alert, efficient, but are so deeply engrossed in religious activities and moral reforms that they have no time to think and brood over the deeper teachings of the Christian faith. As a result, our British friends believe, the people are not getting the mighty transforming facts of the gospel.

Our visitors, we fear, have put their finger on a fundamental weakness of the American pulpit. Most preachers are so busy with social and moral reform, so absorbed in the details of a complex parish program, that they have little time for deep thinking and brooding.

Now, one would not claim for a moment that these things are unimportant. Many of them are vital. But they are not as important as preaching. Every minister is called, first of all, to preach the gospel. He is preeminently a preacher, an interpreter of the living Word.

To be a preacher requires time—painstaking hours of time. To give the people the mighty transforming facts of the gospel calls for hours of meditation and prayer. To receive a message from heaven often means hours of thinking and brooding. To be a spokesman for God demands hours of intensive study—wrestling with the Scriptures and with the great books of the ages. To speak to the needs of men calls for hours of actual sermon preparation. To be the kind of preacher these times demand will mean longer hours in the study.

Laymen are demanding—as every bishop and district superintendent will affirm—stronger preachers. They want ministers who know God, and can speak for God. If they are to have that kind of man in the pulpit, they must be willing to release him from some of the time-consuming duties of the parish. They must be willing to assume more responsibilities themselves.

The making of a good preacher comes high. But to give the people the mighty transforming facts of the gospel is worth all the sacrifice required of both preacher and people.

HOLDING THE COLLEGES TO THE METHODIST CHURCH

By Forrest N. Williams

(Continued from last week)

Our Discipline states (Par. 720) that three-fourths of the trustees of a college board must be Methodists, but from a quick survey it appears that many of our institutions do not meet this qualification.

It is in the definition of "Who is a Methodist" that college boards are lost to the Church. Is he one who has been classified as a Methodist because in the past he or his parents have been members of the Church? Is he one who joins the Church for the sake of being classified as a Methodist so that he can qualify as a member of a college board? Is he still a Methodist if he never attends Church but periodically sends a check for the Church's support? Is he not after all buying the Church's gift? Is the service on the board of a Methodist college of so little import to the Church that the office can be purchased? Of course this is not the case, but it is obvious that additional safeguards must be thrown around this office, safeguards which would apply to any new Methodist trustee and in all probability to the re-election of an old one. As an example of what might be done, the Church could spell out what services are required by the Church from those who wish to serve in those capacities which are trusteeships of the Church's power.

The Methodist Church has learned that our college boards must be related to one or two cooperating agencies in order that the voice of Christianity be heard. In recent years the trustees of our Church founded colleges have been chosen for the material influence they could bring to the institution. The net result is that good Methodists are serving on boards not related to their church and good Protestants of other denominations serving on Methodist boards are lost to their own churches. Sometimes this intermingling of denominations on a board is helpful, but generally speaking, when there is no strong Christian point of view in a college board or leadership in that direction, the inevitable consequence is a drift of that institution into a community sponsored enterprise.

It is further suggested that no more outright grants be made to any college, not even for current operating expenses. In the future all grants should be conditional. They should be considered as theoretical debts to the Church (or to its Foundation if it should establish one), never to be repaid as long as a majority of the board of trustees are in fact qualifying Methodists of the type described for such a representation by the General Conference from time to time.

It is also suggested that every Methodist college, whether or not it is receiving church help, have in its by-laws a provision that any legacy, gift or inheritance received by it—even from a non-Methodist — shall be considered as a theoretical debt in perpetuity to the Church or to its Foundation, the same as a conditional grant from the Church unless the donor or testator shall have provided otherwise. We can no longer permit boards of trustees to ignore their trusteeship obligations to deceased donors who were either Methodist or who made their gifts knowing of the college's connection with the Church. While it might be difficult in some instances to prove that the Church connection influenced the gift, it is more difficult to prove that it did not, particularly when the donor or testator imposed no restrictions on the Church's interest or activity with respect to the gift.

Because of the nature of these two proposed debts (they are in perpetuity), some legal and binding arrangement is necessary. Millions of dollars have been given by Methodists to colleges and universities and no legal safeguards are thrown about them. They are protected only by the loyalty of the trustees to the Church. As contrasted with this, when help is given for the building of a church by the Board of Missions, it retains a lien which is never collected unless the church ceases to function as such. If a legal arrangement is worked out to apply to colleges, it could be provided that a college could only sever its Methodist connection by paying its entire obligation without interest to the Church or to its Foundation. If the burden should prove too great, the Church could of course compromise with the college if it so wished.

In case a college will accept the conditional grant provision but not the by-law provision, the Church should go along with it if that seems the sensible thing to do. After all, conditional grants over a long period of time do amount to sizable sums. Then the acceptance of the by-law provision could become a matter of form.

When a college will not accept a conditional grant or change its by-laws, the Church is under an immediate duty to survey its relationship with that institution. Have its Church ties, like those of some other Church sponsored or affiliated institutions, become tenuous or nominal or historical? If they have, what, if anything, can be done about it? Further, what can the Church do about those institutions which were Methodist founded and sponsored but which have become independent of the Church and rely upon their help from society?

The Church has but these choices:

1. It can exercise its legal rights if it has any. Certainly there must be some way to hold an organization to its trusteeship obligations to its founders and to its Methodist donors. When a charity commits a breach of trust the Attorney General of that State can call them to account. Further, as already pointed out, our General Conference could define who is a Methodist for this church purpose and at least all new trustees would have to meet the qualification.
2. It can endeavor to obtain the cooperation of the institution through the exercise of these Christian principles which so often shaped the destiny of the world.
3. It can start a new institution. Certainly if the Church is faced with this duty, now is the time to do it. With the great shift that has taken place in our population we have new territories and tremendous opportunities for this purpose. If the Church should ever start a new institution it should retain those controls which current experience demonstrates it needs.

While the Church has these three choices, the most desirable is for the Church to develop plans to bring the institution and the Church into close working relationship. It is a lot easier to again obtain the cooperation of a going institution and to work through an established organization than it is to try to start a new avenue for the Church's expression. As a matter of fact, it would even be well to affiliate with a going private institution even though it is not of the Methodist faith if a particular opportunity or need develops. However, the Church should not accept any arrangement which will result in a perpetual drain on its resources. The long range planning should contemplate that the institution will eventually become self sustaining and contribute to the efforts of the Church.

How then can we regain the cooperation of a "lost" institution and, what is of equal importance, how can we strengthen our ties with our existing institutions? The answer is obvious. First, our Church—and this means everyone from the bishops down — must make it more apparent that they are deeply interested in our educational connections. It is just plain human nature, when someone is interested in you, then you become interested in him. The effect on our own Church problems might be startling.

Second, we should pay more attention

to the type of men the Church places on a college board, particularly those boards where the college is more or less independent of the Church. We should choose our representative for the value he will be to the institution, not for the purpose of honoring him. In other words, a person should be qualified to serve in the capacity as a trustee. We cannot forget that as the institution grows and prospers the Church receives the reflected glory. In this selection we should of course have in mind our desire to honor our Methodists, but all too often in the past we have rewarded people on a personal basis without regard to the institution's welfare, and apparently oblivious to the ultimate consequences of our acts. The burden of selecting an individual should not be too difficult. If the matter is discussed with the institution it undoubtedly could supply a list of names of outstanding Methodists whom it would be delighted to have the Church consider. It would be one more way of tying the institution to the Church.

Third, we should make it quite clear what the objectives of the Methodist Church are in the educational field. There is a feeling in some quarters that the Church wants to run the institutions. Nothing could be further from the truth. Yet it is essential that a set of principles be adopted by the proper Church officials in conjunction with our Methodist institutions that will solve the unanswered questions of the skeptics. Among those principles should appear both the point of view of the institutions and the Church. It does not seem reasonable that any college would not be interested in religion. It also does not seem reasonable that the Church ever wanted to run an institution. Any interference with the management was undoubtedly due to a desire to obtain someone who would also look at the Church's problem.

Fourth, it would also be extremely helpful and desirable if those principles emphasized the basic policy of the Methodist Church, to-wit, that its chief concern is greater emphasis on Christianity and the study of religion as such without any emphasis on creed. It has often been said that our Methodist institutions have never been sectarian. It does not want power to impose any unique belief on others.

Finally, we should acquaint all of our people with our Methodist institutions. This can be done by the Church alone, but it would be much better to have our institutions more extensively advertise that fact, or what is even more desirable, it could be a joint venture.

Never forget that the more the Church and the colleges assist one another, the more will our institutions be known as truly Methodist institutions, and the better able we will be to carry on His work.

Reverberations of the

Hiroshima Bomb

By Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto
Central Methodist Church, Hiroshima, Japan

It is appropriate that at least once a year—on the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb—that we remember Hiroshima. Here is a message by a victim of the bombing, one of the heroes of John Hersey's book on Hiroshima, delivered some time ago to the Board of Missions, and told simply, humbly, with Christian charity.

On August 6 of each year the people of Hiroshima are now commemorating the anniversary of the first use of the atomic bomb as "World Peace Day." It took, however, some time for them to prepare their minds and hearts for this development. Some of the following facts can be counted as factors in this remarkable phenomenon.

Through the catastrophe which they suffered, they found the deepest desire of their souls. They discovered that the most precious thing in the world was not earthly wealth nor even physical existence, but the life eternal.

A couple of days after the catastrophe, in the evening, I was on the ruins of my parsonage and was trying to dig out some food which I had buried under the ground for safe keeping. One of my neighbors came and asked for some help. I went there and found a Mr. Tanaka, the head of our town's neighborhood association, lying on the concrete floor of the air-raid shelter under the ground. He was terribly burned and swollen, and he smelled like a dead man. Sitting by the side of his pillows, I read Psalm 90.

After reading the Psalm, I gave a prayer. While I was praying, this man took his last breath. Up until that fateful date, he had spread a rumor among our people, saying that Tanimoto was a spy for America. Now, on the threshold of death, he asked the one who he had hated so much for a prayer—reconciliation of his soul with God. Even in this town's Number One boss, I found a beautiful soul enshrined.

After the catastrophe I had no place to preach, and so went to the Hiroshima railway station and preached on the street. A great number of hungry, homeless refugees gathered around us and showed intent response to our Christian messages. There was nothing left in the ruins of Hiroshima. They lost houses, parents, children and hope in the future. But they found something unperishable in their souls. Right after the end of hostilities, the black markets mushroomed in front of the station and seemed even to be supervising rehabilitation of the city. Many crimes were committed in these black markets. But in spite of the black markets, many homeless and wandering people—including some demobilized or some repatriated—showed a beautiful spirit of mutual help and sympathy and displayed their deepest desire not for clothes or food, but for life eternal.

The second factor was the sense of repentence which penetrated deeply through their hearts. While I was still in bed suffering from the so-called atomic disease, one of my church members called on me and said, "Pastor, things have turned out this way because we had no faith in God." This kind of repentence penetrated the hearts of many people. At the first anniversary of our catastrophe, in 1946, we had our first Christian assembly in our church ruins and expressed our regret that our way of life was not Christian enough to prevent the aggressive attack of our country upon others and then reviewed the fateful results on our own city.

Hiroshima, long time ago, was a little village. About 300 years ago, one of the feudal lords, Mohri, built his castle on this delta and thereafter the city became the seat of feudalistic war crimes. At the beginning of modern Japan, Hiroshima was transferred to the hands

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Mr. Tanimoto presents to Bishop Moore a gavel made from a camphor wood tree splintered by the atomic bomb in Hiroshima.

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of the modern military leaders. From this city, accordingly, went great numbers of soldiers to the continent in China and to the Southern Pacific islands to make the great massacre at Nanking and a great devastation at Manila. Hiroshima's fate has been thus cursed in the face of God's sovereignty and universal love. Therefore, many people in Hiroshima today think that their great catastrophe was a divine judgment on the aggression of their beloved country.

The third factor was the great destructive nature of the atomic bomb itself . . . I happened that morning to be going through the central part of the city only 30 minutes before the explosion. Just as I reached the western edge of the city the bomb dropped and, immediately I rushed back into the city. So, I saw the condition of the city before and after the happening.

As a matter of fact the tremendous explosion—much greater than that of the intense attack of a group of 90 B-29's was heard at a good distance from the city but for us within the city it was calm like a forest. In a moment, however, an unprecedented catastrophe had taken place. When I rushed into the city, I met a long and ceaseless line of injured people heading toward the hills. Strange to say, they were all naked, their skin peeling off, all hair burned off, and yet without any emotion on their faces. When I crossed two bridges, I found all houses there were completely smashed to the ground and I heard painful cries for help from beneath the debris here and there, everywhere. Smoke and fire covered all the city.

One of my friends, Mr. Watanabe, entered into the heart of the city by Ujina car line and saw a street car in which he found a pile of human ashes. Strange to say, the body of a man was still standing at its entrance, holding a handle and putting his foot on the step. This man was merely a skeleton. In other words, the overcrowded passengers on the street car were burned to ashes in a moment.

A single bomb destroyed a whole city of 400,000 pre-war-time population in a moment. We saw it and experienced it to the extent of total destruction. We thought it was the end of the world. Therefore, we pray in our hearts that no more such experiences will ever happen anywhere on this earth—never again.

The fourth factor, and this is the most powerful factor, and without this, I doubt how long our dream and prayer can last, was the sense of humanity shown by the Americans.

I saw how terrible a weapon the atomic bomb was. Yet it could not destroy the fighting spirit of a man. It had grown almost dark in the evening. While I was ferrying the people on the stream, suddenly I heard someone crying for help in a small voice. I approached and found about 15 people almost drowning in the water. I neared with my boat and told them to get in. They were trembling as if under the influence of alcohol. So, I took one of them by a hand and pulled. The skin came off. When I put my arm on his back and pulled him, my arm slipped, and I found there were awful burns all over their bodies.

Since there was no one who wanted to cross the stream, I landed on the bank and began to pass a cup of water from one to another. The bank was covered full with the injured and they all asked for water. They were terribly burned and swollen sometimes twice as large as normal size, and no one could be told from the other. But what moved me most was that they never spoke a word of resentment, but showed a beautiful attitude when they returned a cup to me. The idea of giving up was not in their mind.

By midnight I was thoroughly exhausted and lay down among the injured. The next morning some of my friends were found dead. Of course I could scarcely sleep at all, yet I could not hear any one crying or yelling. They endured and overcame their tremendous pains.

However frightfully the atomic bomb destroyed their bodies, their fighting spirit was still burning just the same, or I might say, more fiercely. Here lies the unsolved problem of cruelty in war.

About a year later, however, I heard many people say it was, after all, fortunate for us to have been defeated by the Americans. In other words, a great change was brought forth in the hearts of the people. The once fierce fighting spirit was turned into the peaceful mind. By what? Certainly not by the atomic bomb, but by the sense of humanity shown by the Americans.

The first troops of the American forces were excellent and won the hearts of the people by their wonderful humanitarian behavior. Christian members of the occupation forces, especially chaplains, showed how priceless human beings are. We saw in what General MacArthur was doing in our country, something more than politics, that is, humanity as well as justice. He has referred quite often to the great need of the missionary enterprise in his official reports.

As time went on we were told that the people of America were surprised when they heard that the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, but we were more surprised when we learned that the leaders of American churches opposed the use of the atomic bomb and showed their regret. It was a great inspiration to our hearts. At that time such a thing as the ethical problem of the use of the atomic bomb was entirely out of our minds, because it was war and we expected we must suffer all kinds of sacrifices on our side.

Since then, the great sympathy has been shown by the people of America to the people of Hiroshima. A Mr. Yaeck of Montana, wrote to me a beautiful letter of his sympathy and in its reply I sent a picture of my little daughter, Koko, three years old. He showed this picture to his granddaughter, Sandra, five years old. She exclaimed, "Isn't she sweet, she looks like me." Then her grandpa told her how Koko escaped from the catastrophe. As soon as she heard this, she ran into her room and brought an armful of clothes and even her cherished dolls, and asked him to send them to Koko.

One Canadian boy, Clifford Smith, seven years old, brought fifteen cents and asked Mrs. Outerbridge, the wife of Dr. Outerbridge, professor of Kwansei Gakuin University, to take it with her when she left Canada for Japan, saying, "This money I earned by having delivered newspapers. Please give this to a poor boy of Hiroshima." So she brought three bars of chocolate to Hiroshima and gave them to an orphan boy whose parents were killed by the bomb and who himself had a big scar on his head. He wrote a letter of thanks to Clifford and thus they started their fellowship.

When these stories were brought up in the papers, many people were moved in heart. Three bars of chocolate might be a small thing, but when given to an orphan from a little boy in another land, they have great meaning, revealing a sense of humanity and Christ-like love, which won hundreds of people to Christ.

I believe the atomic bomb was a terrible weapon, but the love of Christ is much stronger than the atomic bomb. It can do what the latter can not—winning the hearts of the enemy. Here is the only hope for eternal world peace. Missionary activities sometimes seem to be so small as compared with a great roaring squadron of B-29's in the sky, but the expressions of love will win the whole world for Him, because the Lord of peace stands behind them.

Four Years After War

Four years have passed since wars did cease,
  And enemies stopped shooting;
But this has been a rugged peace,
  And there's been much recruiting;
We've spent a lot of money, too,
  On men we've called for training;
Much old equipment just won't do,
  So after much complaining
We build new fighter planes for speed,
  And bigger bombs than ever,
Which, let us hope, we shall not use
  For war again—no, never!

Yes, wars have ceased, but hate survives—
  Within us hate is raging;
And while it dominates our lives,
  Another war we're staging:
It's like the burning deep within
  Before volcano's breaking—
We hate to breaking point, and then
  Bold war on man we're making;
Great love must match atomic force
  And all war preparation,
Or worst of wars will have its course—
  For mankind's consummation.

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News in Brief -- Personalities

DR. W. B. THOMPSON, optometrist, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson of Linwood, has opened his office in Lexington.

SALEM CHURCH in Stanly County, is holding revival services this week, with Dr. S. A. Maxwell of Oxford the visiting evangelist. Rev. F. J. Stough is pastor.

REV. KENNETH GOODSON of High Point will be the visiting preacher in revival services beginning at First Church, Mocksville, Sunday evening, August 28.

THE LOWESVILLE CHARGE reports six revivals held since April 1, a week of leadership training with 39 credits given, 170 children enrolled in Vacation Church Schools, and a net gain in membership for the year of 28. Rev. M. C. Ellerbe is completing his fourth year as pastor of this growing charge.

HISTORIC SNOW CREEK CHURCH on the Olin Charge will hold homecoming services Sunday, August 21, with Rev. Homer Keever giving the history of the church. Lunch will be served on the old rock wall. Former pastors, former members and friends are invited to join the congregation for this occasion.

FIRST CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, observed Life Service Sunday last Sunday. Eleven young people dedicated themselves to full-time Christian service. They include Nell Jones, Jack Lawing, Bruce Livengood, Joan McClure, Ann McDougle, Albert Moffett III, James Simpson, Lelia Shore, Corene Smith, James White, Jr., and Claude Young, Jr.

BETHANY CHURCH on the Dover charge will observe Homecoming Sunday, August 21st. Church school will convene at 10 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock worship service Rev. E. L. Hill of Mount Olive, a beloved former pastor, will bring the morning message. At noon a basket lunch will be shared on the church grounds. Members, former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited to join in the program of the day.

SALEM CHURCH, Route 1, Fayetteville, will observe homecoming Sunday, August 28. Rev. T. J. Whitehead, a former pastor, will be the speaker at the morning service. In the afternoon Miss Eula Mae Cain, a member of the church and a student at Salem College of Winston-Salem, will give a piano recital; J. A. Oates of Fayetteville will give the historical sketch of the church and community; and the choir will render special music. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. Former pastors and their families, former members, and friends of the church are invited.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, Mt. Pleasant-Cold Springs Charge will worship in its new church on Sunday, August 21. The church was recently completed at a cost in excess of $62,000. The Duke Endowment is making a conditional grant of $5,000. The building contains eleven Sunday school rooms, pastor's study, assembly room, kitchen, rest rooms, and an oil heating system. The sanctuary will easily seat 200 worshippers. The building is equipped with a set of carillonic bells, given by A. N. James in memory of his wife. The congregation is working toward and looking forward to the time when the building will be entirely free of debt and may be dedicated. The new structure which is of Colonial type is located near the old building, but faces the side street. The old building will be torn away at an early date.



MISS MARGARET (PEGGY) PENNINGTON, above, of McBee, S. C., assumed her duties July 1 as director of Christian Education at Central Church, Asheboro. Miss Pennington graduated from Greensboro College this spring with a major in Religious Education.

MITCHELL GROVE CHURCH, Kivett Drive Ext., High Point, will observe the annual homecoming day Sunday, August 21. Rev. W. T. Albright, the acting pastor, will be speaker at the 11 o'clock hour, and a picnic lunch will be served on the ground. The afternoon features will consist of a guest speaker and special singing. All former pastors and members are urged to attend and the public is cordially invited.

THE ROCK SPRINGS CAMP MEETING near Denver was held this year August 7-14, with Rev. D. E. Earnhardt of Rockingham the featured speaker. Rev. Ralph R. Reed of Mount Pleasant Church near Winston-Salem was the special youth worker. Music was under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. M. V. Thumm of Greensboro. Others assisting in these services, which have been held annually since 1830 with the exception of 1944 and 1948 when they were cancelled on account of polio, included Rev. Crawford White of Bob Jones College; Rev. Lee R. Spencer of Cherryville; Rev. Ted R. Smith of Charlotte; Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte; Rev. John C. Kendrick of Lincolnton; and Dr. W. A. Stanbury of Gastonia. Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr., is pastor and was in charge of the program.

BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER should have been included in the College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction whose picture appeared recently on our front cover page. At the time the picture was taken Bishop Garber was in Europe where he is serving his second quadrennium as bishop of the Geneva Area. We regret that his name was not included in the list of bishops. All of our readers are acquainted with the outstanding work Bishop Garber is doing in Europe and North Africa. The many friends of Bishop and Mrs. Garber will be happy to learn that both are safe and well. This news comes from Miss Elizabeth Lambeth of Greensboro who saw Bishop Garber recently at Geneva while she was on a visit to Europe.

THE YOUNG ADULT CLASS of Cramer Memorial Church, Cramerton, has accepted a $100 mission special.

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE H. NEEDHAM of Kona announce the birth on July 26 and death on August 7 of a daughter, Leslie Elaine.

THE BELMONT Sub-district recently made a trip to the Cherokee Indian Reservation, which is one of its projects for the year.

REV. A. C. WAGGONER of Reidsville is recovering satisfactorily from a recent operation at Annie Penn Memorial Hospital, Reidsville.

NORTH CAROLINA METHODISTS are interested in the news from your church. See that the news reaches the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

ROBERT G. MAYFIELD of Lebanon, Mo., has been elected by the executive committee of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church to serve as an associate secretary on the staff. Mr. Mayfield will have as his primary responsibility the organization and cultivation of Methodist Men—the official name of men's groups in local churches. A goal of 5,000 Methodist Men's groups by 1952 was set by the board at its recent annual meeting.

DR. LUTHER L. GOBBEL, president of Greensboro College, addressed the congregation of the First Church, Salisbury, at the eleven o'clock hour last Sunday morning, filling the pulpit for the pastor, Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., who was on vacation. Rev. Milton Widenhouse, the associate pastor, presided over the morning service. Dr. Gobbel's topic was "Candles in the Darkness." Dr. Gobbel will be the guest speaker at the annual Idol Family Reunion on August 21, at the Bunker Hill Methodist Church four miles southeast of Kernersville on the Kernersville-High Point highway.

MR. AND MRS. CLYDE MAYO TAYLOR of Asheville announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Margaret Ruth, of Marion and Asheville, to Rev. James William Reynolds, Jr., of Creeds, Va., son of Rev. and Mrs. James William Reynolds of Hampton, Va., the wedding to take place October 5 at First Methodist Church, Marion. Miss Taylor, who graduated from Greensboro College in 1948, has served as director of education at First Church, Marion, for the past year and has resigned effective October 1. Mr. Reynolds, who received his B.D. from Duke in 1948, is pastor of the South Princess Anne Charge, Creeds, Va.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH (Hendersonville) Choir presented on Sunday evening, August 7, to an audience that overflowed the church, the cantata, "The Song of David." The composer, Lily Strickland, now Mrs. Courtney Anderson, and her husband, who reside in Hendersonville, were present for the performance. Miss Kate Dotson, church organist and director, was in charge of the cantata, and received many compliments by Miss Strickland and others for her performance. Soloists were Mrs. R. A. Willis, Sam Owen, Bob Amos, Mrs. Johnny Mullins, James Dasher and Carl Hagler. Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor, was in general charge of the program.

Hopkins Sees Poor Results from American Aid to Greece; Communism Still Serious Threat

A VISIT TO GREECE IS DEPRESSING

By Garland Evans Hopkins
Board of Missions, The Methodist Church

In the two years since I was in Athens there has been little noticeable change. Hotels are still crowded, prices are still inflated, the community is poorly organized, and the people move around with the same air of depression. Nor are there any evidences that, for all we have done, Americans are any better liked.

The Greek Customs are a case in point. Anyone would think that an American passport would be all one would need for courteous, quick service. Instead, every single sheet of paper had to be checked. Since I have quite a file with me, that took a long time.

Greece is the best example of the fact that friends cannot be bought for dollars. After all the money expended for that purpose, there is no evidence that we are building a democracy in Greece. There is every evidence that we are backing a fascistic, monarchistic aristocracy who never have made and never will make the concessions necessary for the development of democracy in Greece. The sad fact is that there is no one else to support. The Peoples Front here is also a totalitarian movement under foreign domination. There is no center party.

The millions of American money invested in Greece have undoubtedly prevented Greece, for the time being, from becoming communistic. They have not saved her from communism. I predict that within six months after American help ceases, if the present regime with its present policies is still in power, Greece will fall to the Communists.

We must learn that neither soldiers massed on borders, nor great armadas of planes in the air, nor the American fleet in the Mediterranean, nor stockpiles of atom bombs can save Greece for democracy. What can save her is decent government concerned with the manifold problems of the people. Unless we can assist the Greek people to attain such a government, we had just as well turn the country over to the Communists now and save a few millions annually, for Greece will certainly become communist when we withdraw if all we leave behind is the present inefficient and corrupt government.

The church situation in Greece also leaves much to be desired. The religious monopoly of the Greek Orthodox Church continues to ignore the small Protestant churches. As an example, the Protestants are not represented on the Greek Committee of the World Council of Churches.

There is a great need in Greece for a larger religious ministry to our many American civilians who are now there. The English military chaplain for "the other denominations" is doing his best to serve the American community. A Sunday school has been organized in his church. But the service, and especially the hymns, is not familiar to American free churchmen. This is also true of the services of the popular and effective Anglican rector to whom our officials turn for help frequently. Both are good men, representing great branches of the faith, but their customs and traditions are different.

We Americans are better exporters of our material wealth than of our spiritual wealth. We have an efficient organization to provide Americans in Greece with clothing and food, or even with cigarettes and chewing gum, but we are apparently unconcerned about their spiritual welfare. At no point are the Protestant churches of America weaker than in their provision for spiritual services and ministering to Americans abroad. Yet it is the witness of these representatives which speaks even more loudly of our faith, or lack of it, than all the missionaries we sent to carry the Christian message.

CONVOCATION ON TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK ANNOUNCED

A national convocation on the "Church in Town and Country" will be held November 8 to 10 in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lincoln, Neb., with attendance of ministers, laymen, editors, and farm and rural leaders expected. The convocation will be under the auspices of the Committee on Town and Country, of which Dr. Elliott L. Fisher is chairman; and sponsored by the Home Missions Council of North America, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the International Council of Religious Education.

The program will include such authorities as Dr. Fisher; Douglas Ensminger of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Miss Marjorie Minkler of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church; Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska; Prof. Rockwell C. Smith of Garrett Biblical Institute; Charles E. Friley of Iowa State College; Dr. Mark A. Dawber of the Home Missions Council; and Frank W. Peck of the Farm Foundation.

Those desiring to attend may secure further information from the Committee on Town and Country, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN SLATED FOR NOVEMBER

With the cooperation of the national agencies of the Advertising Council, the United Church Canvass is planning a nation-wide publicity campaign to foster attendance at churches and synagogues during the month of November. Radio, newspaper advertising, billboards, television and magazines will be used in the effort—contributed as a national service by the agencies of the Advertising Council. Dr. Karl Quimby and Dr. Stanley I. Stuber are the Canvass representatives in charge of the movement. Local churches and synagogues will "tie into" the effort through their local newspapers, radio stations, etc. Many of the churches will use Sunday, November 13, as a day for a united canvass of community homes urging church attendance and support.

REV. B. REID WALL, superintendent and minister of the Methodist Home in Charlotte, has been invited to participate in a conference on suggested standards in a program of care for the aged. This conference will be held August 18 at the headquarters of the Board of Hospitals and Homes in Chicago. Administrators from eight of the leading homes in the United States have been invited to participate.



John R. Mott, honorary president of the World Council of Churches, searches the globe to enumerate the countries represented by contributors to the first International Number of The Upper Room (September-October). Dr. Mott is familiar with every land where Christianity is preached. In his promotion of missions and world Christianity he has made 110 crossings of the Atlantic and 18 of the Pacific.

Dr. Mott has the opening meditation in this special number which gives special emphasis to the spiritual unity of all Christians. The Upper Room with editions in Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese and Armenian as well as in English and Braille is used as a guide to daily devotions by many hundreds of thousands of people in almost every corner of the globe. The fact that people all over the world write meditations for The Upper Room and people all over the world read The Upper Room the same day gives a feeling of the world message of Christianity. Many churches are making extra distribution of this number in preparation for World Wide Communion Sunday.

Christians in Korea Cooperating; Couple Married 57 Years; Churches Plan Homecoming, Dedication

METHODISTS CARRY ON IN KOREA

The Methodist stand in Korea is positive and democratic, Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, associate secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions for Korea and Japan, recently declared. He said this in commenting on a mass rally of Christians held June 23 in Seoul. Earlier reports on this meeting indicated that the attitude of most Korean Protestants was defensive, based on fear of communism. Actually Protestants and Catholics gathered together both for mutual inspiration and for drafting resolutions outlining objectives for Christian advance in South Korea. An appeal was then issued, asking for understanding and sympathy from the Christians in the democratic countries of the world.

"It is significant that Catholics and Protestants in Korea are cooperating for the first time in a great movement of national regeneration and in the name of religious liberty and fundamental human rights," commented Dr. Brumbaugh. "It is natural that this has patriotic and nationalistic motivation, but significant also that Korea Christians feel themselves so great a part of world Christianity as to make such an appeal. This action in Korea is unprecedented."

The Methodist Board hopes to send 50 new missionaries to Korea during the next four years. If American Methodists underwrite all Advance specials in Korea, $1,000,000 will be spent for missionaries, buildings and reconstruction during that time, Dr. Brumbaugh explained.

HOMECOMING PLANNED BY MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Homecoming Day will be observed at Mt. Carmel church on the Pikeville Charge Sunday, August 21, beginning with the morning service at 11 o'clock. All former members and pastors of the church are invited to attend. A picnic dinner will be served at the noon hour. The afternoon program will consist of special musical selections by the Wooten and other quartets.

On this day the recently completed educational building, consisting of six rooms, will be put into use. This building was constructed almost entirely by members, with lumber donated by members and friends of the church. The Youth Fellowship undertook the project of painting the pews and refinishing the floor in the main auditorium of the church.

Homecoming Day services will inaugurate the annual revival meeting which will begin Monday evening, August 22, at 8 o'clock and continue through the week. The closing service will be held Sunday morning, August 28. Rev. Key W. Taylor, pastor of the Walstonburg Charge, will do the preaching.

FAITHFUL METHODIST COUPLE CELEBRATE 57th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Graybeal of West Jefferson recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Married February 14, 1892, they have five children, including G. B., B. B., C. B. and E. B., all of West Jefferson, and Mrs. L. P. Barnett, wife of Rev. L. P. Barnett of Pilot Mountain. Mr. Graybeal was 81 last April and Mrs. Graybeal will be 81 on September 12. The North Carolina Christian Advocate has come to their home regularly during their 57 years of happily married life.



In the passing recently of Mrs. J. W. "Aunt Mollie" Fisher of Cullowhee and Webster, North Carolina Methodism lost one of its oldest, if not its oldest member. Ninety-eight years old, Mrs. Fisher was born April 7, 1852. She joined the Webster Methodist Church at the age of 15, and from this church funeral services were held. She remained faithful to her church throughout her long life. In October 1866 she was married to J. W. Fisher, Confederate soldier.

Mrs. Fisher was totally blind during the past few years, but remained cheerful and courageous during her entire lifetime. She had many interests and many friends. At her request, only home-grown flowers were placed on her grave.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Kincaid, Rev. B. C. Fisher, and Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr.

Surviving are many nieces and nephews.

SOUTH RIVER CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL SERVICES

The annual homecoming and dedication of the new South River Church, Woodleaf Circuit, is planned for Sunday, August 28, according to the pastor, Rev. H. C. Freeman. The service of dedication will be held at the eleven o'clock hour, with Rev. W. B. West, superintendent of the Salisbury District, delivering the sermon and offering the prayer of dedication.

This is the third building to be erected by the people of this church since the date of the organization of the church in 1834. The present building, a brick structure, cost $24,000. The building has been made possible by contributions of labor, material, and cash by the congregation and a generous contribution from the Duke Endowment.

A cordial invitation is extended to all former pastors, former members and friends of the church to attend. A picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour. Worship in song will be the special feature for the afternoon meeting.

CHURCH HONORS REV. AND MRS. EDWARD SUITS

Beautiful and appropriate were the portraits of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Suits, which were presented to Rankin Memorial Church Sunday morning by the young adult class. Paul Justice, class president, made the presentation and J. A. Bowers, chairman of the board of trustees, accepted them. Rev. John F. Cagle, pastor, then dedicated them. Mr. Suits served Rankin Memorial as pastor for eleven years and it was under his guidance that the church was erected in 1935. Much credit is given the minister's family for the progress made by the church during the past years.

The congregation is especially grateful to the young adults, their teacher, Mr. Irby Cates, and their assistant teacher, Charles Loflin, for the portraits, which were painted by T. Emile Dodamead, local artist. They now hang in the vestibule of the church.



Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Graybeal

Church School Day Offerings from 300 Churches Total $3,929.53; Vacation Church Schools Increase

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CHURCH SCHOOL DAY RETURNS

With conference less than a month away, returns from Church School Day begin to take on a new significance. Approximately 300 church schools have responded rather generously. The majority of our schools, however, have not as yet observed the day and sent the offering. It will take approximately $6,000 yet to reach the financial objective set for Church School Day this year. It is hoped that many, many more churches will respond to this cause in the next few weeks. All contributions should be sent to Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Box 828, Salisbury, in the next few weeks. Listed by districts below are the contributions received from church schools between January 1 and August 10. Please check this list carefully. In case of an error in giving proper credit, please write Miss Summersett at once.

Asheville District—Central, Asheville, $125.00; Biltmore, $21.00; First, Hendersonville, $42.00; Black Mountain, $20.00; Mills River Charge, $17.50. Total, $225.50.

Charlotte District—Morven, $20.00; Morris Field, $5.00; St. John's, $10.00; St. James, $26.22; Chadwick, $15.00; Duncan Memorial, $11.22; Myers Park, $308.00; Matthews, $20.15; Kilgo, $16.50; Purcell, $5.00; Brevard St., $24.15; Trinity, Charlotte, $26.00; Moores, $10.00; Ansonville, $10.00; First, Wadesboro, $57.64; Weddington Charge, $12.03; Hawthorne Lane, $176.05; Pleasant Grove, $26.50; Homestead, $15.00. Total, $794.46.

Gastonia District—Main Street, Gastonia, $150.00; Hoyle Memorial, $13.37; Ebenezer, Belmont, $15.00; Sharon, Shelby, $25.00; East End, Gastonia, $13.00; Boger City, $30.00; Asbury, $7.00; South Point, $15.73; Grace, Kings Mountain, $10.00; Central, Kings Mountain, $43.49. Total, $322.59.

Greensboro District—Midway, $15.00; Jamestown, $69.38; Grace, Greensboro, $45.83; Gideon Grove (Flat Rock), $1.00; Bethel (Flack Rock), $1.00; West Market Street, $228.13; Carraway, $18.90; Palestine (Flat Rock), $1.00; Bethany (Flat Rock), $1.00; Bethlehem, $16.00; Main Street, Reidsville, $22.00; Gibsonville, $20.15; Glenwood, $15.75. Total, $455.14.

Marion District—First, Forest City, $100.00; Alexander, $10.00; Abernethy Memorial, $15.00; Avondale, $19.30; Cliffside, $35.90; Pleasant Grove, $5.00; First, Marion, $43.00; First, Rutherfordton, $33.00; Valdese, $22.63. Total, $283.83.

Salisbury District—Rowan, $9.18; Rock Grove, $7.31; South China Grove, $13.24; South River, $9.44; Gay's Chapel, $7.00; Central, Albemarle, $85.76; First, China Grove, $25.00; Woodleaf, $20.48; Bethpage, $11.79; Salem, $9.72; First, Salisbury, $146.13; Badin, $5.00; New London, $16.00; North Kannapolis, $22.95; Bethel, $12.00; Mt. Pleasant, $10.45; Trinity, Kannapolis, $100.00; Central, Concord, $42.79; Friendship, $5.12; Kerr Street, Concord, $32.68. Total, $592.04.

Statesville District—Abernethy Memorial, $10.00; Shiloh, $5.00; Granite Falls, $16.00; West Jefferson, $20.00; Broad St., Statesville, $165.00; Boulevard, $18.23; Catawba, $4.00; Harmony, $6.00; First, Newton, $12.50; Troutman, $10.00; Mariah's Chapel (Harpers), $2.00. Total, $268.73.

Thomasville District—Trinity, Lexington, $5.00; West Bend, $10.00; Pleasant Grove, $31.00; Eldorado, $11.76; Memorial, Thomasville, $125.00; First, Thomasville, $22.76; First, Lexington, $30.00; First, Liberty, $10.81; Spring Hill, $10.00. Total, $256.33.

Waynesville District—Long's Chapel, $8.15; Rockwood Charge, $39.00; Hazelwood, $10.50; Sylva, $15.00; Central, Canton, $66.38. Total, $139.03.

Winston - Salem District — Centenary, $259.23; Central Terrace, $20.00; Ardmore, $112.85; Maple Springs, $36.00; Love's, $15.00; Elkin, $50.00; Central, Mt. Airy, $82,30; Rockford Street, $15.00. Total, $590.38.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REPORTS

Vacation School reports are being received almost daily. A number of schools that were held, however, have not been reported. Any person desiring report blanks will receive them promptly on request to the conference office. Mail any other additional reports to Mrs. W. R. Reed, Box 828, Salisbury. The following reports have been received since our last list appeared in the Advocate on August 4.

Asheville District—French Broad, Mrs. J. H. Bancroft; Elkwood, Mrs. Vernon Hall; Sardis-Reeves Chapel, Mrs. Vernon Hall; Swannanoa, O. E. Croy.

Charlotte District—Cole Memorial, Mrs. G. W. Bates; St. James, Miss Letha Bame; Asbury, P. L. Shore; Calvary, Mrs. J. C. King; Central, Monroe, Mrs. Henry B. Smith.

Gastonia District—Sharon, J. W. Barber; Main Street, Gastonia, Miss Louise Aycock; Bethel and Denver, W. A. Rock, Jr.; Central, Kings Mountain, Mrs. Charles A. Butterworth.

Greensboro District—Friendship, Mrs. T. W. Matthews; Hickory Grove, Mrs. Lucy Lynch; Leaksville, Mrs. Walter Lee Lanier; West End, R. W. Tucker; Jamestown, P. T. Dixon; Wesley Memorial, Miss Elsie Ellen Moore.

Marion District—Gilkey, Mrs. W. R. Bennett; Pleasant Grove, G. E. S. Miller; First, Forest City, Mrs. G. A. Harris; Cross Mill, Mrs. Louis Williams; Bollinger's Chapel, Mrs. James Allen; Spindale, Courtney B. Ross; First, Marion, Miss Ruth Taylor.

Salisbury District—South China Grove, Wade G. Rogers; Rockwell, G. M. Carver; Main Street, Albemarle, Mrs. L. R. Akers; Memorial, Kannapolis, Mrs. Henry Price; Mill Grove, F. R. Barber; Center Grove, F. R. Barber; Mt. Tabor, Miss Dorothy Fries.

Statesville District: Claremont, Mrs. Walter Little; Shiloh, Margie Mackie; Abernethy Memorial, G. W. Bumgarner; Highland, Mrs. Clyde Gower; Hudson, Edward M. Graham; Rose Chapel, Mrs. Earl Eidson; West Jefferson, Hoyt Wood; Zion, C. C. Murry; Bethel, Russell's Chapel, Crowell Memorial, Ebenezer, Pleateau, Wesley's Chapel, W. Grady Burgin; Concord, Mrs. Max Rowe; Vanderburg, Betty Jean Sherrill; North Wilkesboro, Jo Lassiter; Westview, Mrs. J. N. Wise; Friendship, J. O. Banks; Troutman and St. John, Mrs. Eula Ervin; Broad Street, Christine Crawford; Boulevard, Mrs. B. L. Tenepaugh; Centenary-Triplett, Mrs. Robert M. Varner; Fairgrove, R. M. Sigmon; Rocky Mount, Miss Elvira Rankin; Helton, Miss Clara Perkins; Union, Mrs. C. R. Warren; First, Hickory, Miss Gerry Miller; Central, Mooresville, Mrs. Cliff Ingram.

Thomasville District: Piney Grove, R. J. Barnwell; Memorial, Thomasville, Mrs. C. L. White, Jr.; West Bend, H. Glen Lanier; Central, Denton, Mrs. Edmond Sexton; Midway, Mrs. Frances C. Motsinger; First Lexington, Mrs. Frank Terrell; Linwood, Mrs. L. V. Berrier; Farmer, Oak Grove, Salem, W. E. Fitzgerald; Archdale, Mrs. F. L. Setzer; Franklinville, Mrs. C. C. Brady; Ramseur, J. W. Vestal; Center, Mrs. W. James Leonard; Trinity, C. O. Plyler; Bethel, C. O. Plyler; First, Asheboro, Dorice Waters; Grays Chapel, Mrs. Bruce Pugh; Pleasant Grove, W. C. Sides, Jr.; First, Randleman, A. James Clemmer. Central, Asheboro, Miss Peggy Pennington; Mt. Olivet, Good Hope, Centenary, Arcadia, O. C. Loy; Cooleemee, F. H. Shinn; Fairview, Miss Lillie Motsinger; Prospect, Mrs. Clarence Sink; Spring Hill and Pine Woods, Miss Rachel Oakley; Shiloh, Reeds, Friendship, Yadkin College, C. G. Isley; West End, Mrs. D. D. Rutledge; Farmington, Mt. Olive, Smith Grove, Huntsville, John Oakley.

Waynesville District: Cherokee, D. H. Dennis; Morning Star, A. L. Maxwell; Andrews, C. C. Washam; Waynesville, Russell Young; Bryson City, Horace McSwain; Longs Chapel, Mrs. C. G. Medford; Bethel, Clyde Collins; Patton's Chapel, Mrs. Lawrence Patton; Asbury, Mrs. Edd Henson; Union, L. C. Stevens; Central, Canton, Mrs. R. G. Liner; Franklin, Mrs. Pearl Hunter; Rockwood, G. B. Culbreth.

Winston-Salem District: Chestnut Grove, W. Frank Heffner; Trinity, W. Frank Heffner; Central Terrace, Mrs. R. L. Sheetz; Burkhead, Alice Jones; Palmyra, Harriet Allen; Maple Springs, Cecil Heckard; Ardmore, Mrs. Theo Crouch; Marvin Chapel, Mrs. F. T. Poindexter; First, Pilot Mountain, Mrs. Joe Pell, Jr; Morris Chapel, Blanche Westmoreland; St. Paul, Mrs. Jack Allred; Love's, J. Clyde Auman; Pine Grove, Albert Wellon; Mt. Carmel, Albert Wellon; Bethel, Mrs. A. J. Scott; Hanes, G. L. Wilkinson; Antioch, Crews, Sedge Garden, T. G. Madison; Mt. Tabor, R. W. McCulley; Pinnacle, W. Frank Heffner.

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Durham Executive Group Meets; Mrs. Warren Goes to Seminar; Mrs. Park Dies; Missionaries Needed

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DURHAM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

Durham District executive board met in Hillsboro Methodist Church on Friday, August 5, with Mrs. G. B. Robbins of Graham, the president, presiding. Other officers attending were Mrs. Edd C. Thomas of Mebane, Mrs. S. F. Nicks of Hillsboro, Mrs. W. C. Mosier of Burlington, Mrs. C. M. Allen of Bahama, Mrs. Charles Cates of Graham, Mrs. John O. Gunn of Yanceyville, Mrs. John R. Poe of Swepsonville, Mrs. H. H. Brown of Hillsboro, and Mrs. Taylor Long of Caswell.

Mrs. S. F. Nicks, secretary of spiritual life, led the meditation at the close of the meeting. Luncheon was served in the Colonial Inn at one o'clock.

MRS J. A. WARREN ATTENDS SEMINAR

Mrs. J. A. Warren of Chapel Hill, secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities for the Durham District, has attended the seminar on "The Local Church Woman Influencing Her Community, the Nation and the World." This seminar was held at the National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City, Mo., the first week in August. Mrs. Warren represented the Conference at this meeting.

Among some of the notable speakers were Miss Ann Guthrie, formerly Y. W. C. A. secretary to Ceylon, Bombay, India, and Chile; Miss Mabel Head, liason officer between the World Council of Church Women and the United Nations; Dr. H. C. Leiper; and Miss Louise Robinson, executive secretary for the Women's Division for work in china and Malaysia.

MRS NORA LAMBUTH PARK

The notice has been sent of the recent death at the age of 85 of Mrs. Nora Lambuth Park, a retired missionary of the Methodist Church in Soochow, China. She it was who was credited with doing more perhaps than any other woman missionary half a century ago to free Chinese women from foot-binding and other social disadvantages.

Mrs. Park was the widow of Dr. William H. Park, who was one of the most famous medical missionaries sent to China by the Methodist Church. He was the founder of Soochow hospital and seven other hospitals. She was a sister of the late Bishop Walter R. Lambuth, long a medical missionary in China, and later founder of the church's mission in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

Mrs. Park's daughter, Mrs. Dwight L. Sherertz, and her husband and family, were members of Duke Memorial Church community for several years during the war. As soon as possible he returned to China to again take up the missionary duties, but the family stayed with the children in school until all danger was passed. Mrs. Sherertz went for months without hearing from her husband, not knowing the dangers he endured. But the family are again united in their beloved China.

While in Durham, Mrs. Sherertz gave of her time and energy to promote the work in China through talks to woman's societies, to youth fellowships, and other church groups. Her love for China and her interest in China's people and their welfare was plainly shown.

MINUTES OF BURLINGTON CONFERENCE

Mrs. Fred L. Johnson, secretary of literature and publication, reports that the minutes of the Conference held recently in Front Street Church in Burlington, have been mailed to the conference and district officers and to the local society presidents. If any of these women have not received their copies by the time this is published, she would like to have the name and address and one will be sent.

STATUS OF WOMEN

"Our great task," said Mrs. E. G. Cothran, secretary of status of women, "in this period of Advance is to seek out women in the local society, church and community, and find places of service for them in which they are happy; to which they are suited and where their talents can multiply. The local secretary must realize by accepting her office that she took upon her heart and shoulders the spiritual welfare of all women around her who are not giving of themselves to build a world Christian community."

The local status of women secretary is now a member of the program committee and the committee on missionary personnel. Her activities and responsibilities have been greatly increased.

Mrs. Cothran continues, "My earnest plea is that you will get yourself thoroughly saturated and imbued with the scope and importance of our department for remember the end sought is a loftier spiritual status."

STUDENT WORK

Time flies. It is nearly time for the students to return to their various campuses. For many students it will be their first year away from home and the local church. What are we doing for them before they leave?

Send the blue card concerning the information needed to the student director on the campus or to the district student secretary before Sept. 1.

Entertain them before they leave. Do something extra special.

Keep in touch with all students, making them aware of the vital interest their local church has in them.

Invite students from various colleges to your church and WSCS meetings in order to promote interest in student work.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

With the launching of the Advance program of the church, missionary personnel has come into the front of the thinking and planning of earnest Christian men and women. This work of training and sending out missionaries and deaconesses was the very heart of the woman's organizations before union, and has continued to be in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Sometimes in the "mechanics" of organization the sight of the central spirit has almost been lost, but it is still true that there is nothing that thrills the women more than the thought of the youth going out to serve the Master in the far places of the earth with the prayers and the consecrated money supporting them. Surely there is no greater work than this!

"One thousand new missionaries and deaconesses in this quadrennium." With this as one of the four goals in the Advance program, the women are keenly aware of the great responsibility that rests on their shoulders.

The need is so great for workers in all fields that the WSCS is asked to contact young adults, guild members, teachers, business and professional groups and appeal to them to volunteer for Christian service. Many of these have the necessary educational requirements and could go into the field without any great delay.

GUEST WRITER FOR THE NEXT PAGE

Since your editor will be on her vacation for the rest of the month, Miss Kathaleene Cox, Durham District Wesleyan Service Guild secretary, will be the guest writer for the issue of Sept. 1. This will be of especial interest to all guild members as the news will be mainly about the guilds.

CHRISTIANS SERVE KOREAN WOMEN PRISONERS

Miss Kate Cooper, Atlanta, Ga., missionary in Seoul, Korea, reports that missionaries and Christian ministers are now working for the rehabilitation of women prisoners and ex-prisoners from the infamous West Gate Prison. Formerly, all released women convicts were for long periods under the strict surveillance of the police and were often re-arrested for slight deviance from the straight and narrow path. Now, increasing numbers of them are being released to Christian workers, and they are directed to the church and to its organizations as a means of rehabilitation. Some of them have been so influenced by the church and its teachings that they have asked for church membership, Miss Cooper says.—News Release, Board of Missions.

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Vacations End Soon; 60 Children to Be Admitted; Friends Remember Home; School Opens Sept. 5

By O. V. Woosley

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THEY SURELY WENT

There was a general exodus of our children on Saturday, July 30. A day or two later there was a general exodus of our staff members. Our children had their clothes packed and were up early on the departing day. Some went by bus, a few by train and a great majority went by automobile with those who came after them. Enough left before 7 o'clock to almost fill a bus, these going up highway 70, disembarking all the way to the extreme southwestern part of the State. The staff members will return by August 19 to be ready for the children to return on August 20.

A FEW REMAIN

Only 16 of our boys and girls, including the pre-school age family, failed to get at least a short vacation. Four of these had to remain here for surgical operations for corrective purposes. Most of the others preferred to stay here. These, added to 40 other youngsters who had taken their vacation in July, constitute our August family.

COTTAGES CLOSED

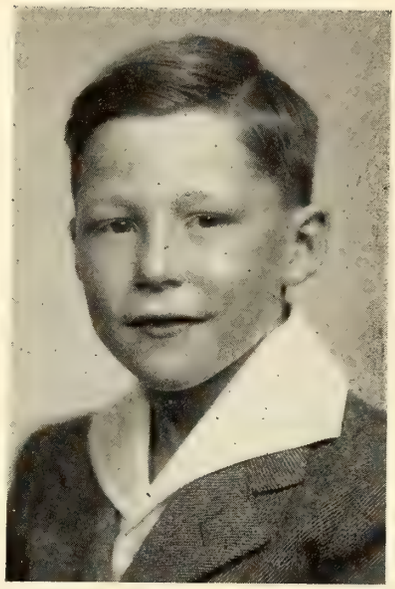
Most of our cottages are closed. Only five remain open and these are not yet filled with children. Work having to do with furnaces, stokers and other right of way during the time the cottages were not being operated. All the work except essential operations has been closed for at least a week of the three weeks' vacation. The milking of the cows, cooking for the family and the canning of the vegetables have gone along with efficient dispatchfulness.

NEW CHILDREN ARRIVE

We have dismissed 60 children and youths so far during the present calendar year. In their stead have and will come 60 new youngsters. Already 40 of these children have been accepted, 18 having arrived this week. Twenty additional children will be accepted within the near future, these coming from the many applications that have been investigated or are being investigated. Usually we have a turnover of 150 or more children per year, meaning that 75 or more are placed in good situations and in their stead a similar number are accepted.

A MONEY DREAM

Earlier in the conference year Rev. R. E. Hunt, a superannuate minister, visited us and stated that he and his good wife wanted to make a contribution, over and above their usual giving, to the work The Children's Home is doing. He left with us a check for $25, stating that another check would be forthcoming. One night recently this scribe had a dream, not a vision, but a dream, in which Mr. Hunt was the impressive sharer with The Children's Home family. Next morning's mail brought another $25 check from this good minister, who with his good wife have raised a good family, well educated and effective, on a Methodist minister's meager salary.



"There Is a Lad Here"

BELL RINGS FOR ROSABEL

Miss Rosabel Woollen lives in Randleman. This scribe has known her from very early childhood. She writes: "The Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Randleman, has decided to raise Jerry Glenn's sponsorship payment from $30 to $50—$45 to be used for his clothing and $5 as a Christmas gift. We are particularly interested in Jerry and trust the increased payment will be of benefit to him."

Other sponsors are voluntarily increasing their contributions.

HOLMES FOR HOME

Mrs. Parker Holmes of Forest City, a long-time friend and the mother of Dr. George W. Holmes, noted Winston-Salem surgeon who serves our children from time to time, writes: "I'm sending $10 from the Woman's Bible Class of our church. This is our fifth Sunday offering. Our offerings have previously been used to pay The Children's Home askings, which I understand were completely paid earlier in the conference year. I have a fine class of older women. We desire to make a fifth Sunday contribution from time to time over and above other giving to The Children's Home. We think of you with all that big family of children and pray the Lord will give you strength to carry on."

RAVING OVER RAVENEL

The picture presented this week, taken two years ago, is that of Ravenel Stepp, 13 years old in July and promoted to the eighth grade. Ravenel is one of the very few youngsters who did not get away on vacation, but we did see to it that he had a trip up into the Valley of Virginia to see some interesting sights, among them Natural Bridge and Endless Caverns. Ravenel is one of the finest youngsters we have here, dependable, honest and talented. He has a disposition that is worth a million dollars. Ravenel is sponsored by the Jessie Bogers Class of Central, Concord, Mrs. H. P. Caton, Jr., being the correspondent.

WONDERFUL WADESBORO

While in Wadesboro recently doing some case work information came to us that the Men's Bible Class of First Church was in process of raising $1,000 as its July fifth Sunday offering to our family. It was stated that one member of the class had offered to contribute $600 if the other members would raise the other $400, which of course will be done. It may be remembered that a year ago this class visited The Children's Home, bringing with them a $1,000 bill. It seems that another $1,000 is coming up. Where there is a will there is a way.

HOME FOR HOMELESS

Among the new children who have recently arrived are two boys and two girls, full orphans. Within the past year both their father and mother have died with cancer. These children, like so many children, have some good relatives and some not so good, all of whom seem not in position to assume the responsibility of rearing the children. On becoming wards of a welfare department they knocked at our door which was opened, and they are now happily located here. Kind contributor, this and similar service is what The Children's Home was established to do.

AUGUST MONEY CROP

Very little money came to us in July. However, it appears that the July fifth Sunday, coming on the last day of the month, is producing offerings which are very encouraging. To be sure, the contributions from the larger congregations in towns and cities are off some. But the smaller congregations out in the open areas have increased their contributions. With the approach of Annual Conference emphasis we have the feeling that the August ingathering will be very helpful.

SCHOOL BUILDING LAGS

We have been in the midst of the construction of the addition to our school building during all the summer. One after another delay came and it now appears that the building will not be ready for the opening of school on the 5th of September. The opening date having been delayed a week in the hope that the building could be completed. It is expected that enough of the new building will have been completed to afford such accommodations as will be necessary to carry on. The old building will carry its overtaxed load until the new building is completed. The contract price for the new addition was $53,000. Other buildings are greatly needed.

CHILDREN'S CHIRPINGS

Many messages are coming to us from our children while they are away on vacation. Most of these messages have to do with the good times the youngsters are having. Word comes that one little girl has had to have an emergency appendicitis operation and from another area comes information that a little girl is broken out with chicken pox. While the children chirp, tidings carrying various information comes from others. A good Methodist layman writes that he is ever so glad to have one of our fine boys in his Sunday school. Children carry with them happiness and responsibility. Along with the liability comes a lot of assurance.

Sunday School Lesson for AUGUST 21

Praise for Works of God

Psalms 8; 19:1-6; 65:9-13; 104

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

It is common for men in the excitement of discovering a new truth to throw away an old and valuable truth with which at first sight it does not seem to be consistent. The glorious truth that modern scientists have discovered, that all nature is under fixed and dependable laws, while it has brought great blessings, and made the thought of many gods ruling in nature seem absurd, has nevertheless unfortunately tended to make many of us look at nature as a soulless mechanism, and hence we do not get from it a personal message from God. When we see the green fields we do not hear them shout and sing praises to the Lord, as did the Psalmist. A tragic need of the modern mind is to go to nature and, without surrendering the least truth revealed by modern science, to recover the mood of the biblical poets who were in a temple whenever they looked out on the works of God, and they exclaimed in awe, How manifold are thy works, O Lord! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

There is difficulty, of course, in looking upon nature as a special message to us from God. Why, for instance, does He send destructive hurricanes? Why did he create the germs of disease? But then there is a much greater difficulty in saying that our heavenly Father does not speak to us, his children, through the flowers and the fruits, and the far-stretching wonders of his creation. An earthly parent begins to talk even to a baby, and it is unreasonable to assume that our heavenly Father is not even more eager to express his love and his truth to us continually.

The cattle cannot be healthy and vigorous unless they graze most of the time. Physically we can be healthy on three meals a day, but mentally and spiritually we are like the cattle, we must feed our souls continually, and unless we are able to take a sacrament from nature we are certain to become mentally and spiritually anemic.

The Psalmist heard the heavens declare the glory of God; and we who know the unspeakable majesties and glories of the starry universe as revealed by modern astronomy, should be tenfold more awed than the Psalmist. And when we see the sun rise over the eastern horizon even more should it say to us, Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We have the authority of Jesus for looking at nature as a personal message from our heavenly Father. He drew from the fact that God fed the birds of the air a confident assurance that He would certainly feed his children who were made in his own image. And he got from the lilies the assurance that the God who clothed them more beautifully than Solomon in all his glory, would certainly clothe all who obeyed and trusted him.

The Psalmist was not only awed by what we ordinarily call nature; he felt that God had revealed himself in man. Even babes and sucklings were used of God to still the enemy and the avenger. The way a little David was empowered to vanquish the giant symbolized God's habit of manifesting his power through the lowliest of his children who united humility and courage. And he realized the unexplored possibilities of men, and saw that were it not for sin humanity would form a vast chorus glorifying the Creator. Like a true prophet he had a vision of man regnant over God's creation in a way that as yet had never been seen.

And now since Jesus has come with his power over nature and his ability to heal diseases of body and mind, and his sacrificial love for every one, and showed us by his example the possibilities of men, we should be doubly awed, and exclaim with new meaning, O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

LAYMEN'S RETREAT ATTRACTS 120

The following men attended the Laymen's Retreat at Louisburg College, June 11-12:

H. L. Allen, Whitakers; C. W. Andrews, Durham; M. D. Alligood, Washington; W. W. Alligood, Washington; N. S. Ashworth, Fuquay Springs; William A. Aydt, Graham.

C. D. Barclift, Wilmington; G. D. Beady, Siler City; Joe L. Bell, Durham; D. L. Berry, Swan Quarter; A. W. Blake, Stedman; G. A. Brown, Hillsboro; J. P. Byars, Fuquay Springs.

J. B. Chase, Fremont; W. C. Chauncey, Grifton; E. J. Cheatham, Franklinton; B. G. Childs, Durham; W. L. Clegg, Burlington; R. C. Compton, Cedar Grove; W. A. Connell, Warrenton; J. C. Cooke, Garysburg; W. J. Cotter, Kipling; Hyder F. Crawley, Roanoke Rapids; C. C. Culbreth, Stedman; C. S. Cullom, Littleton; D. E. Cutchin, Whitakers.

W. A. Davis, Fuquay Springs; F. A. Dawson, Fayetteville.

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Children's Storytime

Mom's Red Beads

By Helen Ramsay

It was Saturday morning and Bobby and his red cocker, Skippy, had walked all over town, but nobody had a job for a five-year-old boy and his dog.

"Aw, Skippy, tomorrow's Mom's birthday and I haven't any money to buy her a present."

The dog nosed up to Bobby and rubbed against his Saturday morning overalls.

He sat down sadly on the steps of Mr. Newton's new house. Skippy put his paws on Bob's knees and gave his hand a lick. "Don't worry, Bobby, we'll get something," he seemed to say.

Mr. Newton's house was a new one and hadn't been lived in yet. They hadn't planted any grass or garden and there was nothing but sand all around it.

Skippy ran to the sand pile and dug so fast the sand flew out behind him like a big cloud.

"Got a bone, Skippy?" Bobby called out.

Skippy stopped digging and pulled something out of the sand. Then he carried it to Bobby in his mouth.

"Whew! A wallet!" he looked inside. "Money! O Boy!" He hugged Skippy tight. "Good old Skippy. Now we can buy those red beads for Mom's birthday present."

Suddenly he remembered the time when Mom made him give Mrs. Moore the money he'd found in her garden. He'd said, "Loser's seekers and finders keepers." But Mom had told him that wasn't right and it wasn't his money even if he did find it.

He looked at the wallet in his hand. "Guess we'll have to take it to the radio station, they'll find out who owns it. Now we can't buy Mom's red beads," he said sadly.

When the man in the radio station opened the wallet, he whistled.

"Whew! Sonny, this is a lot of money. The card in it says Mr. Newton, and he is in the station right now. You'll get a reward for this."

"What's a reward, Mister?"

"It's thank you money."

"You mean he'll give me money for bringing it here?"

"Yes, didn't you know that?" When Bobby shook his head, the man said, "You're a good kid to bring it back."

"Yes, that's mine," Mr. Newton said. "Where did you find it? In the sand pile at my new house! I thought I lost it somewhere around that house. Do you know there's one hundred dollars in this wallet!"

He took ten dollars out of the wallet ang gave it to Bobby.

Bobby's eyes opened wide. "For me- O thank you, sir!"

The first thing he did was to run to the jewelry store and buy Mom's red beads. Then he and Skippy ran all the way home.

"Here's a birthday present, Mom, and here's the change."

"Where did you get all this money?" his mother asked in surprise.

"Skippy found a wallet in the sand. It had one hundred dollars in it and the man gave me ten dollars for bringing it back."

His mother hugged him tight. She didn't say anything, but Bobby knew she was happy because he'd taken the wallet to the owner.—United Church Observer, Canada.

All-Day Glory

A Morning Glory is a bell
Of pink or blue or red with white.
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The glories of the morning sight.

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(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 14)

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Thomasville District
George B. Clemmer, D. S.
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August
South Randolph: Flag Springs, 7:30 .. 19
Davidson: Mt. Olivet, 11 21
Midway: Midway, 3 21
North Davidson: Canaan, 7:30 21
Linwood: Bethany, 7:30 23
Archdale, 7:30 24
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 25
Greer-Carmel: Greer, 7:30 26

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of June 16)

Waynesville District
C. N. Clark, D. S.
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August
Murphy, 11 21
Cherokee, 7:30 21
Junaluska, Longs Chapel, 7:30 22
Bethel, 7:30 24

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Winston-Salem District
H. G. Allen, D. S.
898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

August
Franklin Ct., Zion, 11 21
Shoals Ct., Pilot, 3 21
West Forsyth Ct., Pleasant Hill, 7:30 .. 21
Lewisville Ct., Brookstown, 7:30 22
Union Ridge, 7:30 24

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 21)

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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Annual Conference, Steele Street, Sanford, November 2-6

Fayetteville District
Walter C. Ball, D. S.
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August
East Rockingham: E. Rockingham, 11 21
Pinebluff: Hoffman, 8 21
Rowland: Purvis, 11:15 28
West Rockingham: W. Rockingham, 8 . 28

September
Raeford: Raeford, 11 4
Laurinburg, 8 4
Troy Circuit: Lovejoy, 11 11
Mount Gilead Circuit, 3 11
(Place to be selected by pastor)
Mt. Gilead, 8 11
Troy, 11 18
Robbins Circuit, 3 18
(Place to be selected by pastor)
Robbins, 8 18
Maxton, 7:30 19
Eastover: Salem, 6:30 (Fellowship Supper Conference) 20
Caledonia: Johns, 11 25
St. John-Gibson: Gibson, 8 25
Fayetteville Ct.: Camp Ground, 7:30 .. 27
District Check-up Meeting: Hay Street, Fayetteville, 10:30 .. 28
Aberdeen-Vass: Vass, 8 29

October
Goldston: Meroneys, 11 2
Glendon: Cool Springs, 3 2
Carthage: Carthage, 8 2
Advance Mass Meeting, Raleigh, 10 .. 3
Johnson Memorial, 7:30 5
Wesley Heights-Gardners: Wesley Heights, 7:30 6
Hamlet, 7:30 7
West End (station and country churches)-Eagle Springs, 11 ... 9
Biscoe:Star, or place selected by pastor 9
Red Springs, 6:30 (Fellowship supper conference) 10
Laurel Hill: Laurel Hill, 5:30 (Fellowship supper conference) 11
Rockingham, 8 11
Stedman: Stedman, 5:30 (Fellowship supper conference) 12
Parkton: Parkton, 7:30 13
St. Paul: St. Paul, 7:30 14
Siler City, 11 16
Siler City Circuit: West End, 8 16
Hay Street, 8 17
Broadway: Broadway, 5:30 (Fellowship supper conference) 18
Sanford, Steele Street, 8 18
Person Street-Calvary: Victory, 7:30 .. 19
Sanford, Jonesboro Heights at Jonesboro Heights 20
Ellerbe: Mt. Pleasant, 11 23
Roberdell, 3 (Place to be selected by the pastor) 23
Cordova: St. Paul, 7:30 23
Haymount, 8 24

Raleigh District
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August
Franklinton, 11 26
Tar River: Ebenezer, 8 26

September
Lillington, 11 4
Kipling: Cokesbury, 3 4
Fuquay, 8 4
Erwin, 11 11
Mamers: Spring Hill, 3 11
Moncure, 8 11
Cary, 8 14
Creedmoor, 11 18
Stem: Bethel, 3 18
Vance: Spring Valley, 8 18
Zebulon-Wendell: Zebulon, 8 19
Princeton, 8 21
Louisburg, 8 23
Granville: Union, 11 25
Henderson, White Mem., 8 25
Oxford, 8 28
Henderson, First Church, 8 30

October
Four Oaks: Sanders, 11 2
Louisburg Ct.: Hill King, 3 2
Bailey, 7:30 5
Hayes-Barton, 7:30 7
Millbrook: Knightdale, 11 9
Selma, 8 9
Raleigh: Edenton St., 7.30 10
Dunn, 7:30 12
Mount Pleasant: Sims, 7:30 13
Clayton, 7:30 14
Smithfield, 11 16
Newton Grove, 7:30 16
Raleigh, Fairmont, 7:30 17
Raleigh: Jenkins Mem., 7:30 18
Raleigh: Westover, 7:30 19
Raleigh: Trinity, 7:30 21
Oxford Ct.: Salem, 11 23
Apex: Macedonia, 7:30 23
Garner, 7:30 24
Benson, 7:30 25

Rocky Mount District
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August
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 14
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11 21
West Halifax, Hollister, 11 28

September
Northampton: New Hope, 11 4
Conway: Conway, 8 4
Pinetops: Conetoe, 11 11
Whitakers: McTyeire, 8 11
Wilson, 11 18
Kenly: Lucama, 8 18
Bethel, 8 19
Battleboro, 8 20
Warrenton (organ dedication), 8 21
Farmville, 8 22
Norlina: Zion, 11 25
Littleton Circuit: Hawkin's Chapel, 3 . 25
Roanoke Circuit; Shiloh, 7:30 25
District Check-up meeting, Rocky Mount, 10 27
Elm City: Mount Zion, 7:30 27
Enfield, 7:30 28
Nashville: Red Oak, 7:30 29
Littleton: Calvary, 7:30 30

October
Robersonville: Parmele, 11 2
Stantonsburg; Stantonsburg, 7:30 2
Advance Mass Meeting, Raleigh, 10 .. 3
Tarboro, 7:30 4
Wilson, 7:30 5
Marvin: Bethlehem, 7:30 6
Middleburg: Cokesbury, 10:30 7
Warrenton: Warren Plains, 7:30 7
Warren: Bethlehem, 10:30 8
Scotland Neck: Hobgood, 11 9
Evansdale, 7:30 9
Rocky Mount, First Church, 7:30 11
Spring Church-Garysburg: Oak Grove, 10:30 12
Weldon, 7:30 12
Seaboard: Seaboard, 10:30 13
Rich Square: Pinners, 3 13
Rosemary, 11 16
Halifax: Ebenezer, 3 16
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 7:30 .. 18
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, 7:30 19
Spring Hope: Spring Hope, 11 23
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Book Review

The Small Sects in America, by Elmer T. Clark. Revised and Enlarged Edition, 256 pages. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, $3.00.

Those who have known Dr. Clark's well-known work in the original edition and found it useful will welcome this revised and enlarged edition which brings it up to date statistically and otherwise, including a treatment of those groups which have developed since the first edition came out twelve years ago.

The author of this work is more than a compiler of facts. His study and writing in the area of the psychology of religion fit him admirably for the task of writing an understanding analysis of the more than two hundred small religious bodies in the United States. Since the growth of many of these very small bodies has been considerably higher than many of the well-known denominations, it is important that religious leaders try to understand them. Dr. Clark has classified them into five groups as follows: (1) The Pessimistic or Adventist Sects; (2) the Perfectionist or Subjectivist Sects; (3) the Charismatic or Pentecostal; (4) Communistic Sects; (5) Legalistic or Objectivist Sects.

This reviewer was particularly interested in Dr. Clark's statement that "the small sects ignore nearly all the principles of modern religious education, and not only survive but flourish." That is something for religious educators to think about.

The appendices, ample bibliography and index increase the reference value of the work, making it almost indispensable for one who wishes to keep abreast of developments in this field.—R. A. Smith.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

THE METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY of the Southeastern Jurisdiction met at Lake Junaluska August 14-16, with Dr. Edgar H. Nease of Charlotte, president, in charge. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis gave the opening address on "The Spirit of Ecumenical Methodism;" Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia spoke on "The Evangelistic Spirit of Methodism"; Rear Admiral William N. Thomas of Washington gave an address on "Methodist Chaplains in the World Wars"; and Bishop Charles C. Selecman of Dallas closed the conference with a message on "The Spirit of Methodism Living Still." Rev. George Ehlhardt of the Duke Divinity School exhibited Methodist literary treasures.

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Typical of the hundreds of Vacation Church Schools held this summer in our two Conferences is this scene from the School held at Fontana Village in the Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina. Two weeks in length, the School enrolled 57 boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 15. Sponsored by the Community Church, offerings were received for foreign and home missions and for the building fund of the local church. Instructors included 17 local teachers, with Miss Elizabeth Smith serving as superintendent. Rev. Wade Smith, pastor, also assisted in the school. (Photograph by Vivienne Roberts.)

Dr. J. S. Hiatt to Assist in Closing Conference Year on Greensboro District; Announcements

DR. HIATT TO ASSIST DR. LAMBETH IN CLOSING OUT YEAR ON GREENSBORO DISTRICT

On account of Dr. Lambeth's illness I have asked Dr. J. S. Hiatt of Elkin to assist him in the oversight of the Greensboro District until Conference. He will represent Dr. Lambeth in the Cabinet in making appointments and look after the work of the Greensboro District. I have asked certain pastors in the District to assist in the Fourth Round Quarterly Conferences, the schedule of which is published hereunder. I am assured of the full cooperation of all ministers and laymen.

We will have a District check-up meeting at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, on Thursday, September 8, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at which time I will be present.

I have asked Dr. Hiatt to help in this emergency because he has previously served in the cabinet and because he is not tied down to a pastorate. He has graciously consented to come to our aid.

Greensboro District

Schedule of Fourth Quarterly Conferences

To be held by Rev. Julian A. Lindsay

	August
Bethlehem, 7:30	29
Rehobeth, 7:30	30
	September
Mt. Pisgah-Joyner Memorial, 7:30	1

To be held by Rev. M. T. Hipps

	August
Bessemer, Greensboro, 7:30	29
	September
Haw River, 7:30	1
Gibsonville, 7:30	2
Flat Rock, 7:30	6

To be held by Dr. J. S. Hiatt

	August
College Place, Greensboro, 7:30	29
St. Paul's, Greensboro, 7:30	30
West End, Greensboro, 7:30	31
	September
Main Street, High Point, 7:30	1
Welch Memorial, High Point, 7:30	5
Mitchell's Grove, 7:30	7
Pleasant Garden, 7:30	8
Ruffin, 11	9
Reidsville Circuit, 3	9
Reidsville, Main Street, 7:30	9
Ward Street, 7:30	12
Wesley Memorial, High Point (Previously held)	

To be held by Rev. W. R. Kelly

	August
Friendship, 7:30	30
Draper, 7:30	31
	September
Bethel, Greensboro, 7:30	1
Guilford Circuit, 7:30	2

To be held by Rev. E. C. Few

	August
Calvary, Greensboro, 7:30	29
Centenary, Greensboro, 7:30	30
	September
Grace, Greensboro, 7:30	1
Hickory Grove, 7:30	2

To be held by Rev. P. W. Townsend

	August
Carraway Memorial, Greensboro, 7:30	29
Midway-Groometown, 7:30	31
	September
Oak Ridge, 7:30	2
West Market, Greensboro, 7:30	6

To be held by Rev. E. M. Jones

	August
Highland, High Point, 7:30	29
Lebanon, High Point, 7:30	30
Leaksville, 7:30	31
	September
Oakdale, 7:30	2

To be held by Rev. J. L. Rayle

	August
Newlyn Street, Greensboro, 7:30	29
Proximity, Greensboro, 7:30	30
Rankin Memorial, 7:30	31

To be held by Rev. W. K. Goodson

	August
Moriah, 7:30	29
Lee's Chapel, 7:30	30
Summerfield, 7:30	31
	September
Calvary, High Point, 7:30	1

To be held by Rev. Paul Hardin

	August
Lindsay Memorial, High Point, 7:30	29
Jamestown, 7:30	30
Mount Pleasant, 7:30	31
	September
First Church, High Point, 7:30	2

To be held by Rev. A. C. Waggoner

	August
Madison, 7:30	29
Mayodan, 7:30	30
Sandy Ridge, 7:30	31
	September
Spray, 7:30	1
Lindsey Street, Reidsville, 7:30	2

To be held by Rev. E. M. Avett

	August
Meadow View, 7:30	30
	September
Mount Pleasant Ct., 7:30	1
Tabernacle-Julian, 7:30	2

To be held by Rev. W. L. Lanier

	August
Pelham-Hickory Grove, 7:30	29
Stokesdale, 7:30	30
	September
Stokesdale Circuit, 7:30	1
Stoneville, 7:30	2

To be held by Rev. N. M. Harrison

	August
Oakview, 7:30	28
Glenwood, Greensboro, 7:30	29
Muir's Chapel, 7:30	31

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Presiding Bishop

DATE CHANGED

The check-up meeting in the Elizabeth City district will be on September 20 instead of September 15.—J. Herbert Miller.

CHANGES IN QUARTERLY CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Seven Spring, Boston, August 28 at 8 p.m. instead of LaGrange. Straits, Harkers Island, Sep. 4 at 11 a.m. instead of Atlantic. Beaufort Ct., Merrimon, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. instead of Sep. 4. Atlantic, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. instead of Straits.

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PURCELL GOES TO FAIR BLUFF

Bishop Peele authorized the appointment of Rev. E. G. Purcell, Jr., to the Fair Bluff charge as of August 1. The Fair Bluff charge was formed by taking Fair Bluff and Cerro Gordo from the Chadbourn charge and Olivet from the Fairmont charge.

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EDITORIAL

Guiding Youth in Choosing a Christian Career

Sunday, September 4, has been set aside in the Western North Carolina Conference as Life Service Sunday. On this day young people will be given an opportunity to dedicate their lives to full-time Christian service. Sponsored by the Conference Board of Evangelism, Life Service Sunday was observed last September with gratifying results.

On first thought some person perhaps may object to the observance of Life Service Sunday on the grounds that such an occasion could bring undue pressure upon youth. Another may feel that this is a matter to be dealt with exclusively by the individual and God.

Of course, pastors and interested laymen will be careful not to bring undue pressure upon their young people. They will remember that the choice of a Christian career in the final analysis is between God and the individual. Even so, there is a growing feeling that the church must bring our young people face to face with the claims of Jesus. There is little in the secular environment to encourage a young person to choose full-time Christian work. The church, though careful not to make the final decision for its youth, will counsel, guide and encourage them as they think in terms of life's work. The call must come from God; the church can prepare many more of our splendid young people to hear that call.

Ralph A. Felton, in an effort to find out why young men enter the ministry, made a survey of 1,978 ministerial students. The survey revealed that 34% stated they were influenced mainly in their decision by their pastors; while 17% were influenced most by their mothers; and 11%, by their fathers. Thus more than 60% were guided by their pastors and parents.

Asked to name the factors that tended to discourage them from entering the ministry, 32% named their lack of Biblical knowledge and a sense of personal unworthiness as main factors; while about 20% claimed their lack of counseling and guidance were discouraging influences.

This survey reveals clearly that encouragement and guidance are decisive factors in the choice of a ministerial career. It also indicates that the lack of encouragement and counseling may be keeping many young people out of Christian service. Aware of this problem, the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference are wisely setting aside a Sunday to give guidance to youth in the choice of a Christian career.

I shall not pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—William Penn.

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Our Beliefs Do Matter Tremendously

"What a man believes about himself and God and the universe will determine whether he is a dependable or a dangerous citizen," declared Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia last week at Lake Junaluska. Speaking at the Institute on Evangelism, Bishop Corson continued: "We are failing to rebuild the world on better lines because we do not have a character basis for human relationship and a divine standard for human achievement. This world must look to the message of the church for such a basis of life and the church must once again offer the people a theology by which they live and do their work."

Bishop Corson has lifted up the basic need of our time. Our generation has paid altogether too little attention to beliefs. Even the church has exalted works at the expense of faith. We are now reaping the harvest. We have produced a generation that is all mixed up in its theological beliefs. Being mixed up theologically, it is mixed up in every other realm of life. The greatest need of the hour is a recovery of faith in the eternal verities. A sound knowledge of and faith in Christian certainties give strength of character, poise, serenity, confidence in tribulation, power to face all the issues of life.

Our church, aware of man's deepest needs today, has placed first in its quadrennial emphasis a study of our faith. The church is beginning at the right place. Certainly every Methodist who feels his own personal need—and this should include us all—and who is concerned about his world, will want to approach this study in the spirit of earnest questing and honest inquiry.

The United Nations After Four Years

The continuing deterioration of Russo-American relations during the past year has perhaps led many people to suspect that the United Nations is an impractical, ineffective organization incapable of coming to grips with the world-shaking issues of the day. Nothing could be further from the truth. This is brought out in secretary-general Trygve Lie's fourth annual report which was released recently. Although the accomplishments of the United Nations may not appear spectacular, they are real and worthwhile, nevertheless.

For example, the Big Power conflict, Mr. Lie states, has not stopped the UN's multiple activities in the fields of health, agriculture, child and social welfare, relief, labor, economic development, finance and trade. Two developments add particularly to the significance of the United Nations—the rise of many of the peoples of Asia and Africa from dependency to equality, and the growing movement to extend human rights throughout the world. "I believe the rise of dependent people and the human rights movement will, in the long run," Mr. Lie claims, "have far more significance and give rise to greater events in the second half of the 20th century than will the present ideological struggle."

Another encouraging sign of UN power is in the realm of peace-making. Even though the East-West conflict has not been resolved, it has been kept within peaceful bounds, with the UN bringing about a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers which helped to relax the fear of war over the Berlin crisis. "In the meantime," the secretary-general pointed out, "the work of the United Nations has gone right ahead; it has stopped wars in different parts of the world; and it has developed international cooperation in almost every field of human activity on a scale never before attempted."

Some of the most far-reaching accomplishments of the United Nations never make the headlines. This growing body, however, is tackling many of the problems that make for conflict between nations. Slowly, but surely, it is removing barriers, resolving differences, laying the foundation for an enduring peace. Given full support, in due time this vigorous organization can make a lasting contribution to the progress of all mankind.

CHRIST AND THE SUNSET OF LIFE

S. L. Morgan, Sr.

There are sunsets and sunsets. Some are drab and ugly and depressing. But some are exquisitely beautiful. Who doesn't look back and recall sunsets with colors so varied and radiant that they still haunt the memory with their beauty, and linger to enrich the life?

And we find the same variety in the sunsets of human lives. Old age for some people is drab and unlovely, and is gloomy and depressing for all who come near. For others it is radiant and beautiful, and carries the charm of a lovely sunset.

We Can Make Our Sunsets Beautiful

Why not make our sunsets beautiful for ourselves and others? It can be done. Who hasn't seen old people who fade away leaving an afterglow as pleasing as the sunset colors? I have seen it so often as to satisfy me that a Christian can go out in that manner, leaving a trail of glory behind. There is a secret to learn, a technique to master, a spirit to be attained, to work that miracle.

One can find many illustrations. The apostle Paul is one. As an old man he spent several years in a Roman dungeon, frustrated, his life work cut short. But in the dungeon, chained day and night to a Roman soldier, he writes a beautiful book, Philippians, and its keynote is rejoice! In Philippians 3:14 is a picture of the old man: Forgetting the things behind, stretching every nerve forward; his eye on a lofty goal ahead, he presses toward the mark. No looking back and sighing for "the good old days," nor grieving over mistakes. His eye is fixed on Christ, and every ounce of energy goes eagerly and joyfully into the task of showing the world how a Christian can live joyfully and triumphantly in a dungeon. And from everywhere visitors came to see him in his dungeon to spread the news abroad that the Grand Old Man was showing how one can face his sunset joyfully, gloriously, triumphantly.

Preparing for the Sunset

Such sunsets do not come without preparation. To insure a beautiful sunset requires lifelong clean living, high thinking, and true loving. It takes all that to develop sound bodily and mental health, and to build a personality able to delight in the beautiful, the true and the good. It needs to begin in childhood and to go on through life. A valuable book, Lerand's Old Age Deferred, argues convincingly that by observing the laws of health for body and mind, one may defer old age and prolong bodily and mental vigor by ten or twenty years. That must include keeping ugly and hateful thoughts out of the mind and learning to love people and binding them to us by kindness. It will mean filling the life with what it will be pleasant to remember. Many a sunset is blighted by memories of a misspent life, or of deeds and words that haunt one with regret and remorse. All this means choosing Christ as the norm for noble living, and walking obediently through life hand-in-hand with him.

Facing the Sunset Unafraid

Many are tormented all life long by fear of old age, loss of income, sickness, death, separation from loved ones, the darkness hovering over the great Unknown. That is human, but definitely it is not Christian. It is true that we cannot kid ourselves into thinking there is nothing disagreeable about old age and death and the mystery beyond. But to know Christ is to know for certain that the future holds no fear. Over and over Jesus told his disciples his enemies would kill him, and they too would be hated, persecuted and maybe killed; but he kept telling them, "Be not afraid; in life or death there is nothing to fear!" God would be at hand to see them through.

Here are some simple and sound suggestions for growing old gracefully and facing the sunset of life with poise and happiness.

I joyfully testify with many others as I draw nearer to the sunset and the experience we call death its gloom and its fear recede. Once I asked a noble old minister, "Now that old age and death are nearer, how does it all look to you?" Cheerily and heartily he answered, "It used to look gloomy; but now that I'm up close to it, the gloom has gone." I dare to set it down strongly, and largely as a matter of experience, that fear of old age and death is much like most other fears. A mother dying called her children to her and said, "Through life I've had a great many troubles, most of which never happened. Don't borrow trouble from tomorrow." We constantly dread what may happen tomorrow, but coming close and looking the dreaded thing in the face, we meet it calmly and unafraid. That is life for most of us. I have verily come to believe that old age and death are in the same category with other fears. Prepare for it in every way, and then face it without fear. If possible, save something to avoid dependence; keep the mind alert by using it; fill every day full of loving deeds; cultivate ennobling friendships with men and God. One thus becomes sure that such a life is heaven already begun, and that it must live on through death into a fuller fruition.

This is more than a theory. About us is abundant proof. One Sunday evening recently I talked to a remarkable Negro woman who had just celebrated her 100th birthday. All her faculties remarkably alert, an easy, intelligent talker, she told me of her girlhood as a slave, of the 67 years spent nursing in most of the white families in all the countryside, and of winning their love and gratitude and esteem. With a life full of faithful service and kind deeds, she declared life had been satisfying and her sunset radiant, with not a cloud between her and Christ and not a fear of death and what lies in the Unknown.

The same testimony was given by a grand old professor, alert and full of creative work in his eighties, and still radiating sunshine to all that know him. I asked him how it looked as he faced death, and with a note of good cheer he said, "I have always kept so busy doing things worthwhile that I've never had time to give it more than a passing thought." Though of different races and backgrounds, the testimony is identical. And it is because they knew in their experiences what John repeatedly calls "eternal life," life full and satisfying, heaven itself already begun.

A Technique Proposed

1. Resolve highly once for all to adopt Christ's law of life: to lose the life to gain it. Spend and be spent for others. The result will be an abiding sense that such a life ought and so must live on unhurt by death!

2. Learn from Christ how to love in spite of everything. That will build a heaven in one and around him, real for morning, noon, or sunset. It is the peculiar peril of old age to grow resentful and bitter, sour and grouchy for being frustrated, neglected, set aside. That makes a hell of a period in life that could as well become amiable, radiant, joyful. I claimed as my friend a great old man. For many years he had been a leader, almost an accepted dictator, in church matters for a large area of his state. Then others came to the front and he found himself steadily set aside. For several years he was openly resentful, and sour, ugly and disagreeable. And then he learned to adjust himself, to rejoice in the leadership of others. He came to be radiant, companionable and delightful to old and young. His sunset is a delightful memory.

3. Learn to look for the beautiful, not

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Methodist Missionaries to Go Into Okinawa

By T. T. Brumbaugh*

Methodist missionaries will soon return as resident workers to Okinawa, a country that has been without a permanent, full-time missionary from churches in the Foreign Missions Conference of North America for the past 25 years.

With the approval of military government our group is now training several missionary couples for work in Okinawa and the nearby islands. This undertaking will be genuinely interdenominational. It was instituted at the request of the Church of Christ in Okinawa, a united Protestant group. Already the Methodist Board of Missions and the overseas missionary agency of the Protestant Episcopal Church are training missionaries for this work. Here in the United States the responsibility for sending these missionaries will be coordinated through the Okinawa Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

These missionaries will restore congregations, reconstruct churches and extend evangelism under supervision of the United Church in Okinawa. Before the war there were 10 Methodist Churches. Today, all are in shambles.

Both of the newly appointed Methodist missionaries to Okinawa are young men who saw Pacific service with the American forces during the recent war. Probably the first missionaries to reach Okinawa next winter will be Rev. and Mrs. Otis Bell, who are now studying Japanese in the University of California language school at Berkeley. Both completed training at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. Another newly appointed Methodist couple are Rev. and Mrs. Lonzo A. Battles, Jr., who will complete their theological study at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, by the beginning of 1950 and will leave for foreign duty later the same year.

Okinawa has many friends in the United States. Though most of them pass as Japanese from whom they are scarcely distinguishable, there are many native-born Okinawans here. Then, too, there are many Americans who recall supporting Christian missions in the Loo Choo (name given to the Rhykyus Islands before Japan's imperialistic exploits) Islands before the war and who are still deeply interested in seeing the church firmly established there. Also, there are now thousands of American GI's who served for a time in Okinawa and who remember their Christian friends there with deep affection. There also are many American Christians who realize the importance of fostering Christian principles and institutions at this strategic postwar outpost of American power and influence on the shores of Asia.

Such convictions as these must have been uppermost in the thoughts of the congregation of Crescent Hills Methodist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, to underwrite support of Rev. and Mrs. Otis Bell as their Advance "Special" contribution during this quadrennium.

Okinawa, invaded several years ago by our troops, is about to be invaded again — this time by soldiers of the Cross, carrying the gospel of love and peace.



Bombed Methodist Church on Okinawa. All ten Methodist churches on the island were destroyed.

Another American deeply interested in the welfare of this group of islands is Dr. Lucian H. Bittner, a doctor who saw wartime naval service in these islands. Dr. Bittner, now of Glendale, Calif., became so deeply interested in this work that on his return to his home town and church he organized a youth movement for the evangelism of Okinawa. Offerings were collected in specially made ceramic banks designed as replicas of the Methodist churches destroyed in Okinawa. These members of Dr. K. M. Edwards First Methodist Church of Glendale already have raised sufficient money to support a missionary there for more than a year.

Spurred by the first hand reports of Chaplain L. A. Thigpen, Jr., who was stationed on Okinawa during the war, the Central Jurisdiction plans to underwrite specials in that country. Chaplain Thigpen is now stationed at a Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee, Ala.

Methodist missionaries lived and worked in Okinawa until 1924. The names of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Schwartz and Rev. and Mrs. Earl R. Bull are still revered among the natives, as they are likewise among the Japanese whose language and culture have been so closely identified with these islands.

Before the war, there were many Protestant churches scattered throughout this little archipelago. However, the continued American bombings destroyed most of the

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Stanbury, Bowman to Lead Special Rites Sunday; Hooker Memorial Dedicated; Society Gives Memorial

BELWOOD CHARGE PLANS TWO DEDICATIONS SUNDAY

Two dedicatory services are planned for the Belwood Charge Sunday, August 28, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. James T. Bowman. At eleven o-'clock Sunday morning David's Chapel Church will be dedicated and at two o'clock in the afternoon the youth center at St. Peter's Church will be dedicated. Dr. W. A. Stanbury, superintendent of the Gastonia District, will be in charge, assisted by the pastor.

The new David's Chapel Church, built at a cost of $20,000, replaces a wooden structure which was erected about 75 years ago. It has a lovely sanctuary and five class rooms. Named in honor of Rev. David Williams, a Methodist preacher who gave the property and organized the church, the church at one time was taken over by the Lutherans. However, 24 years ago, during the pastorate of Rev. John Green, it became once more a Methodist church and was attached to the Belwood Charge of which Mr. Green was pastor. Since that time other pastors include Revs. E. E. Snow, Joe Fitzgerald, W. L. Scott, Roy T. Houts, R. C. Goforth, G. W. Clay, J. M. Morgan, and the present pastor, who is completing his fourth year.

The youth center, which joins St. Peter's church, is constructed of native stone. Modern in every respect, it contains a large assembly room, kitchen completely equipped, two additional rooms and other facilities.

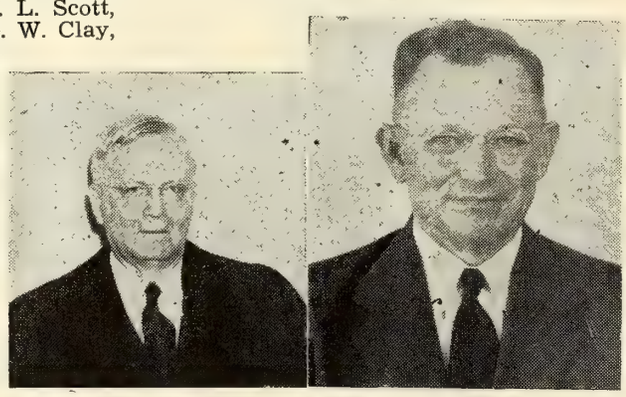
All former pastors, former members and friends, are invited to join the two congregations in these special services Sunday.

HISTORIC RAINBOW CHURCH RECEIVES MEMORIAL TO FRANK C. HOOKER

Rainbow church on the Hookerton Charge recently received a steeple and bell, the gift of Mrs. Frank C. Hooker of Kinston in memory of her husband who was a loyal and devoted member of Rainbow Church for many years. Mrs. Hooker presented the memorial gift at a worship service, and Rev. C. E. Vale, pastor, conducted a service of dedication.

The story of the bell is unique. For some time Mrs. Hooker had sought unsuccessfully to purchase a bell for the church. E. R. Buchan, president of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad, offered to give her a bell which was not being used by the railroad at that time. "So just as the bell announced the arrival of the trains in the past," Mrs. Hooker writes, "it now serves to announce the arrival of the Lord's Day, calling people to gather to worship God in His Holy Temple."

On the wall of the church is a bronze tablet in memory of Samuel C. Hooker, charter member and co-builder of the first church which was organized around 1783.



The present building, a brick structure, is the fourth building on the same site.

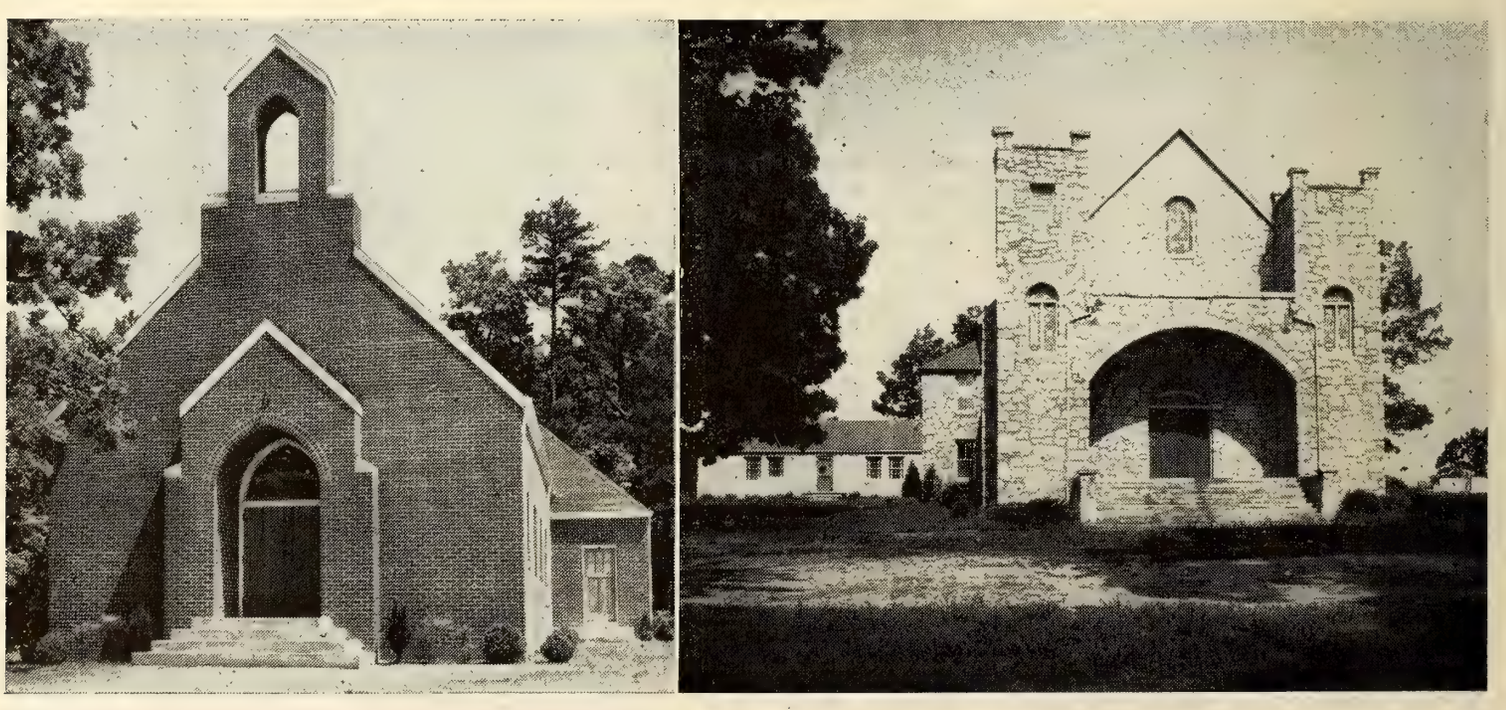
Rainbow Church has had many members whose lineal descendents have entered the ministry. Among those living are Dr. G. Ray Jordan of Atlanta, a great-great grandson of Samuel C. Hooker; Dr. J. L. Cunningim, of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. J. M. Ormond of Durham; and Rev. Kern Ormond of Benson, whose forbear, William Cunningim, was a local preacher of the community.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING ATTRACTS LARGE CROWDS

LAKE JUNALUSKA.—Closing a successful meeting here last week, the Southeastern Methodist Historical Society voted to place a triple panel stained glass window in the recently erected Memorial chapel here. The window will commemorate the life and work of founders of Methodism, John and Charles Wesley and Bishop Francis Asbury, first Methodist bishop in America and organizer of American Methodism in 1784.

An exhibit of Methodist relics in charge of Drs. Elmer T. Clark and George Ehlhardt of Duke University attracted a large crowd. On account of the interest shown it was voted to make the exhibit a regular feature of the annual meeting of the Historical Society. The exhibit consisted largely of manuscripts and first editions of the writings of the Wesleys, Lady Huntingdon and George Whitefield, leaders in the beginning of the Methodist movement in England. Among the items which attracted the largest crowds were copies of hymnals written and autographed by Charles Wesley, and a collection of baby clothes, reputed to have been worn by both John and Charles Wesley. The clothing collection, which is the property of Duke University Divinity School, was originally donated by Sarah Wesley, a sister of John and Charles, to be sold at an auction for charity in London. It was brought to America by a late member of the Heinz family.

Guest speaker Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, who is president of the International Methodist Historical Society, told of plans for a meeting in London in 1951. Cooperation in the gathering was voted by the Southeastern Society.



David's Chapel Church (Left) and St. Peter's Church and Youth Center. Dr. W. A. Stanbury (Left) and Rev. J. T. Bowman.

News in Brief -- Personalities

BORN: To Rev. and Mrs. Clyde L. Collins, Route 3, Canton, N. C., a daughter, Ava Jacquelyn, on August 7.

WEST END CHURCH, Thomasville, has just completed a seven-room parsonage at 228 Moore St. The pastor, Rev. William Bobbitt, Jr., is now occupying the new home.

REV. LEE F. TUTTLE, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, was the speaker at the Waterside Theatre at Manteo last Sunday for the regular weekly Lost Colony religious services.

REV. AND MRS. DANIEL LANE of Fairmont have just returned from Colorado where they visited their daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Bickell, who have been living in Hawaii. The trip involved 4100 miles and many interesting sights.

OLD FORT CHURCH will observe homecoming Sunday, September 11, with the program beginning at 11:00 a.m. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to join the congregation on that occasion. The church has recently installed an electric organ and completed a new garage.

REV. R. C. GOFORTH of Gastonia recently carried a group of twelve boy scouts on a 31-mile hike through the Smokies. The preacher, an ardent hiker, explained that the trip this year was unusually rugged, with more rain and other obstacles making the trip more hazardous. In most places the group could make about one mile an hour. Following the trip, Mr. Bradley gave an account of the hike before the Gastonia Optimists Club.

MISS MARY ELLEN HARRELL of Elkin will become director of Christian Education at First Church, Salisbury, on September 15. A graduate of W. C. U. N. C. Miss Harrell for the past two years has been director of womens' and girls' work at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A., Elkin. This summer she is in Italy under the auspices of the Youth Division of the World Council of Churches to help build a Protestant youth center in northern Italy.

THE DUPLIN CIRCUIT plans revivals as follows: September 4-9, Unity Church; September 11-16, Magnolia Church; September 18-23, Friendship Church. Rev. Murrell K. Glover was appointed to the charge of June 1, transferring from the Church of the Brethren. A native of Maryland, Mr. Glover is a graduate of Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va., and expects to complete work for the Bachelor of Divinity degree at the Duke Divinity School next semester.

THE MYF OF TRINITY CHURCH, Fairmont, brought to a close an enjoyable, enriching and successful week of activities Friday evening August 19. Miss Jo Ann Snead of Wilmington, a junior in Greensboro College, and Miss Barbara Wilson of Rose Hill were in charge of worship and recreation. Miss Dixie Lee Fisher, former MYF Conference president, now a S. E. Jurisdictional officer, Albert Fleet Fisher, present Conference president, members of this church with the two visitors, had charge of the Sunday evening service. Monday evening the Lumberton Sub-district met with the group in a picnic fellowship. The speaker was Rev. Eugene Purcell of Fair Bluff. Rev. Paul Edwards of Bethesda was the speaker Friday evening. The week closed on a high note with a communion and consecration service.



Dr. W. L. Stidger

DR. WILLIAM LEROY STIDGER, one of Methodism's most widely known minsters, died suddenly in his home in a Boston suburb Sunday, August 7, as he was about to leave for a preaching engagement. He was 64 years old. Services were held in Copley Methodist Church, Boston. Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, president of Boston University, officiated, assisted by Bishop John Wesley Lord, Bishop L. O. Hartman, Dean Walter G. Muelder and Prof. Edwin Booth. Prof. Charles M. McConnell gave the eulogy and Prof. James R. Houghton, with whom Dr. Stidger has been associated in network broadcasting, sang "O God, our help in ages past," Dr. Stidger's radio theme song.

REV. LEON COUCH, pastor of the St. Paul church, Durham, has been invited to give the two opening addresses at the Missionary Institute, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, August 23rd. He will also serve as an instructor in the three-day institute. He will also speak on the subject, "The Church's Opportunity in the City" at the Thursday evening session of the School of Missions, Sam Houston State Teacher's College, Huntsville, Texas.

DR. EDMOND H. BABBITT, who has been educational secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church in Chicago, will become vice-president of Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan, on Sept. 1. In his new post, he will be in charge of finance for the Methodist-related college. He succeeds Rev. William A. Rush, who now heads the new department of finance of the Division of Educational Institutions in the General Board of Education in Nashville.

WEDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH will observe its annual homecoming day and celebrate the 125 anniversary of the founding of the church on Sunday, August 28. Dr. C. M. Pickens of Charlotte, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference and now Counselor at the Methodist Home for the Aged, will preach at the morning hour. A picnic dinner will be served at the noon hour. In the afternoon a special service of singing and recognition of the history of the church will be held. All former pastors, former members and friends of Weddington church are cordially invited to attend the special occasion.

RALPH JACKS, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, will receive his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Friday, August 26.

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL BUREAU OF ARCHITECTURE is now at Room 808, 300 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. Removal from rooms rented from the Federal Council of Churches became necessary because of the expanding work of both the Council and the Bureau.

THE NEW BERN DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY will be held at Atlantic Beach August 29 from 2 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Extensive plans are being made for an unusually fine rally, and every charge is urged to send a large representation of young people. Each person is asked to bring a picnic supper. W. D. Caviness, District Director.

PARK STREET CHURCH, Belmont, will observe homecoming Sunday, September 4, with Rev. J. R. Warren of Monroe, former pastor, bringing the message at eleven o'clock. Picnic lunch will be served. All former pastors and friends are invited and will be given an opportunity to speak at the afternoon service at two o'clock.

AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCHES are now planning to spend one billion dollars for new churches and improvement programs, according to Dr. E. M. Conover, director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture. Dr. Conover advises churches contemplating building programs within the next several years to start immediately their program and financial planning.

THE CHADBOURN YOUTH CONFERENCE, sponsored annually by the Chadbourn Council of Churches, will be held August 28 throught September 3 at the Presbyterian Church. Teachers include Miss Carolyn Orr, who will teach a course, "How I Study the Bible;" Rev. C. J. Andrews, who will teach, "Building a Christian Home;" and Rev. Ernest W. Glass, who will offer a course on "Planning a Life."

SAMUEL V. ASHLEY, 57, a native of Fairmont, died at Thompson Hospital, Lumberton, of a heart attack on August 15. He leaves two sons, Lane and Hugh, two grandsons, his widow, Mrs. Myrtle Legette Ashley, two brothers, Bob Ashley, of Louisburg, and Cliff Ashley, of White Oak. one sister, Mrs. P. M. Brooks of Rocky Mount. He was a veteran of World War I. He was chairman of the Board of Stewards of Trinity Methodist Church, Fairmont, a most faithful and beloved Christian husband, father and highly esteemed citizen.

ANN STREET CHURCH, Beaufort, has been presented an excellent set of chimes by Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Hatsell, of Norfolk, Va., in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hatsell and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis, formerly prominent in the religious, social and civic life of the community. The gift came as a surprise to the minister and the congregation of Ann Street church. The manually-played chimes are by Deagan, and the recording equipment is by Norton. They have a two-mile range, when played from the belfry, and both the manually-played and the recordings can be heard in the sanctuary or from the belfry. The tone is clear, the overtones blending perfectly into the solid, resonant prime-notes. Plans are now being made for dedication.

Chambers Discusses Recruiting in the Rural Church; Missionary Writes on Communist Threat in East

THE RURAL CHURCH AS A RECRUITING STATION

By M. R. Chambers
Research Secretary Commission on Town and Country Work, N. C. Conference

Previous studies have indicated that the urban churches' gain in membership by transfer is a constant drain on rural churches. A study of population and church membership has been made for the purpose of determining the extent to which this is true. Caswell County was selected for this study, since it is entirely rural. Its only incorporated town, Milton, has a population of less than 500 at the present time. The county is in no way unusual; it is taken only as a random sample of what is believed to be a general condition.

Caswell County has lost population since 1930. Data compiled by the Department of Rural Sociology at N. C. State College show that between 1930 and 1940 the farm population decreased 12.8%, or 1,049 persons. During the same period, the non farm population gained 542 persons. This is due partly to the establishment of small industrial plants in Yanceyville, the county seat, and partly to the employment of an increasing number of North Carolina residents in nearby Danville, Va.

The population continued to decline heavily from 1940 to the end of the war, but it has increased since that time. Accurate figures cannot be obtained until after the 1950 census. There are indications of a decrease in the percentage of the population belonging to the white race.

There has been a huge excess of births over deaths in the county each year of the period studied, from 1930 to the present. Here again there must be some guessing because of the proximity of Danville hospitals; both births and deaths formerly were reported where they occurred regardless of the place of residence. Beginning with 1939, however, vital statistics have been reported by place of residence, giving a more accurate picture of the overall change. Figures from the National Office of Vital Statistics and the N. C. Board of Health show that between 1930 and 1938 (reported by place of occurrence) the county lost an average of 61.3 white persons by death each year and gained 209.6 by birth. The average for 1939-1949 (by place of residence) was 70.4 and 215.9, respectively.

Even from these incomplete data, it is found that on the basis of natural increase the white race alone gained more than three times the net number lost in the entire county by migration. White births have exceeded deaths by 147 persons each year. This is the net manpower produced and sent out every year as Caswell County's contribution to society.

The record of the Methodist Church in the county is a matter to which one can point with pride. Three charges, each consisting of five churches, are located in the country. They are Leasburg, Milton, and Yanceyville. Three churches of the Leasburg charge are situated in another county; on the other hand, three other Methodist churches in the county are served by ministers living in other counties. Since reports by churches in the Conference Minutes are incomplete, the reports of these three charges may be taken to represent the county as a whole.

In 1930, the combined membership of these charges was 1,458. Between 1930 and 1948, they received a total of 1,148 members on profession of faith, an average of more than 60 persons per year. During the same period, they lost 243 members by death. (Figures adjusted for those years in which all losses were reported as a single item by applying death rate for years in which loss by death was reported separately.) The natural increase, therefore, if no members had been transferred in or out by certificate, was 905, or 62% of the 1930 membership.

In the meantime, 840 persons, or 44.2 average per year, were removed by transfer. These charges received 577 members by transfer during the period, leaving a net loss of 263 by transfer. A previous study of the Conference Minutes showed that approximately one-fifth of the members who are dismissed by transfer are eventually lost. This still leaves well over 200 persons who have begun the Christian life in a single rural county and have been given to other churches in a period of 19 years. There is also a net gain of 642 members, or 44.0% of the 1930 membership.

The average membership of these 15 churches is 141 at the present time. Yet it is in churches such as these that people are converted who are to become leaders in both town and country churches.

The number received on profession of faith has declined in recent years. Probably a change in policy will become necessary, group ministry, smaller charges, or some other approach, if these churches are to continue their service to society; outside aid may be needed in the face of declining population. In fact, many churches are already beginning to lose members. But the manner in which most of them continue to hold the line on the frontiers, even in the midst of increasing difficulties, commands the admiration and support of the entire Church.

PRESENT COMMUNIST THREAT COMPARED TO MOSLEM INVASION OF DARK AGES

By Rev. Harry J. Harwood
Rangoon, Burma

We missionaries in Burma can't help seeing and feeling that there are massive forces moving in Asia which must continue to alter radically the situation as we have known it. Materially speaking, our various bits of work seem like small specks in the face of an avalanche, and we are about as unable to control the issue as we were back at the end of 1941 when the Japanese started to invade Burma.

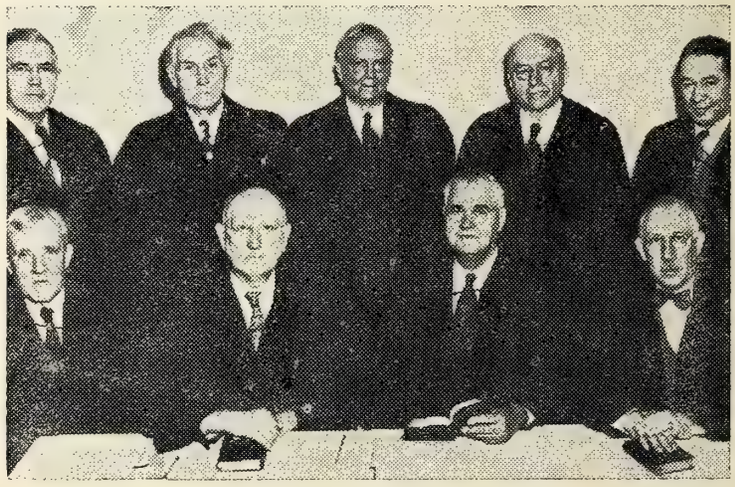
Some way the long-time trends of civilization and the slowly and painfully won gains of the human enterprise will reassert themselves, but it is not possible at this point to show precisely how that will come to pass. It looks as if the upheaval of materialistic Communism is like the Moslem threat of the Christendom of the Dark Ages and Medieval times rather than like the flood of crude Germanic nations that swept over the Roman Empire.

That is, the Moslems were out to destroy an old order and militantly to establish a new one which was radical and uncompromising while the barbarian invasions of Rome were effected by people who had some respect for what Rome represented and wanted the fruits and ways of civilization for themselves. They were teachable and malleable to a degree that Islam and Communism are hard and intransigent.

Communism has such serious shortages and is so doctrinaire and at variance with the long range of human experience that one feels it is not apt to sustain itself for a long period as Islam has done.

THE GENERAL COMMISSION on World Service and Finance of the Methodist Church will convene in annual meeting at the Congress Hotel in Chicago Sept. 20 and 21, with Bishop Clare Purcell, Birmingham, Ala., presiding. Mr. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte is a member at large and will attend the meeting..

Secretary Charles A. Jones, Columbus, Ohio, has notified special committees of meetings to be held Monday, Sept. 19, as well as during the two-day meeting.



The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, shown at their recent meeting in Chicago, are: seated, left to right—Judge Martin E. Lawson, Liberty, Mo.; the Rev. Dr. Waights G. Henry, Anniston, Ala., vice-president; Judge Marvin A. Childers, San Antonio, Texas, president; and the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Ketcham, Alliance, Ohio, secretary. Standing, left to right, are: the Rev. Dr. John Taylor Alton, Columbus, Ohio; Judge Henry R. Van Deusen, Scranton, Pa.; the Rev. Dr. Walter A. Stanbury, Gastonia, N. C.; the Rev. Dr. Walter C. Buckher, Glendale, Calif.; and Attorney J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago.

Moriah Dedicates Unit Sunday; Bessemer Completes Expansion Plans; Discusses Religious Controversy

MORIAH CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Sunday, August 28, members of Moriah Methodist Church near Greensboro will dedicate the new Moser-Cox Memorial religious education building. The pastor, Rev. Jarvis P. Brown, will officiate at the dedication ceremony assisted by a former pastor of the church, Rev. John F. Cagle of High Point.

This program will highlight the observance of the annual homecoming. This event, a yearly tradition with the exception of 1948 when the event was postponed due to the local polio epidemic, has been observed since the early days of the church when members and friends came from miles around by horse and buggy.

This year the 120th anniversary of the founding of Moriah church will be celebrated. Organized in 1829 by a group of the Methodist Episcopal Church who had been influenced by a movement known as "Mutual Rights," this movement was introduced to the Moriah community by a Rev. Gilbreath under whose leadership the church was founded.

With an initial membership of 34, Rev. John Coe was chosen as the first pastor of the newly organized church. The small group worshipped in a log school house then located just across highway 421 from the present church building. Soon after the founding a new edifice was erected by the members at the present site. This building, destroyed by fire, was quickly replaced by a frame building which, until 1948, was used as church school class rooms. The present church auditorium was erected in 1914.

The first annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was held at Moriah in November 1856. The cornerstone of the present building contains records pertaining to this first conference together with a list of the original members, important and historic church records, and copies of the Methodist Protestant Herald and The Greensboro Daily News of Feb. 12, 1914.

The new Moser-Cox building replaces the old church building used as church school class rooms. The new building joins the existing auditorium at the east wing. The second floor assembly room roof is supported by the original hand hewn and pegged trusses that were in the original building. One of the workmen found the date 1856 crudely carved in one of these trusses.

The new building is of modern construction and containing six large class rooms, a large assembly room, and a modern kitchen. Two stories are required for this space. The building committee consists of Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, Sr., Mrs. Fred Meacham, Mrs. Coleman Underwood, Mrs. Charles E. Moser, George L. Glenn, W. Macon Moser, Worth Moser, L. B. Taylor, Sample Glass and W. A. Sherrill.

Moriah has one of the most beautiful cemeteries in rural Guilford County. In this cemetery rest the bodies of a large number of its founders including the first pastor, Rev. John Coe.

The program Sunday will include church school at 10:00 a.m., regular worship service at 11:00 a.m., at 1:00 p.m. a picnic lunch will be spread under the stately oak trees. The afternoon service will include the dedication program and other special events of an interesting and inspiring nature. The following week will be taken by a series or revival services conducted by the pastor.

The friends and all former pastors of Moriah are cordially invited to all events Sunday and the following week.

W. A. SHERRILL

BOWIE DISCUSSES CATHOLIC-PROTESTANT FEUD

The Catholic-Protestant feud broke into the open today with the bald charge by Dr. W. Russell Bowie, dean of the Union Theological Seminary, that religious and civil liberties of all Americans will be jeopardized if the Roman Catholic Church succeeds in its stated purpose of making America Catholic.

Dr. Bowie, writing in the September **American Mercury** on the "Protestant Concern Over Catholicism," charges that the Catholic hierarchy is responsible for the growing religious tension in America.

"The fundamental reason for that tension," Dr. Bowie stressed, "is that Roman Catholicism, as it impinges upon the community and the State, is totalitarian."

The eminent and often-quoted Protestant clergyman pointed out that in every country where the Roman Church is strong enough, it controls education, the laws concerning marriage and divorce, and regulations about morality generally, not only for its own communicants but for the population generally.

"If it cannot destroy Protestant organization, worship and opinion," says Dr. Bowie, "it will lay upon them such harassing and arbitrary limitations as to make them, as nearly as may be, impotent."

Dr. Bowie points out that in March 1949 the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in arguing the need for religious people to stand against the persecution of religious leaders in Communist countries, went on to say that "We cannot be silent about the fact that in Spain, the Argentine and elsewhere, there are today grievous abridgments of religious freedom."

Citing as examples the current situation in Italy, the Argentine and Spain, he says these "are not sporadic accidents. They are backed by the Roman Catholic authorites beginning with encyclicals of the Pope. In his encyclical Immortale Dei, Leo XIII declared, 'It is now lawful for the State . . . to hold in equal favor different kinds of religion.' In a catechism put forth by the Roman Catholic Church for use for religious instruction in Spain, 'freedom of conscience, freedom of worship and freedom of the press' are listed among 'the principal errors condemned by the Church.' "

Here in America, charges Dr. Bowie, the Roman Church is trying the same tactics. He quotes from a book written by Father Paul L. Blakely. "Our first duty to the public school is not to pay taxes for its maintenance. We pay that tax under protest. The first duty of every Catholic father to the public school is to keep his children out of it."

Dr. Bowie concludes that the only hope for religious democracy in this country is if the Catholic hierarchy will sit down with Protestant leaders to "find out the reasons for the friction and whether they can be allayed."

BESSEMER CHURCH COMPLETES BUILDING PROGRAM

A $55,000 building program consisting of a new educational building and renovation of the old building has been completed at Bessemer church, Greensboro. This expansion program began three years ago with the building of a fully equipped playground which joins the church property. The second step was the erection of a scout hut which is now used by four troops. The present program included the extension of the present sanctuary and the erection of a religious education building. The new building, 78 ft. x 38 ft., consisting of four assembly rooms, 15 classrooms, restrooms, and a small chapel with a seating capacity of 65. The sanctuary has been painted, carpeted and extended to increase the seating capacity by 25%, with another fourteen feet extending into the Education Building for the new pulpit and a new choir loft which seats 35 people.

The gift of a Hammond organ was recently made to the church by Robert, Clarence, Clinton, and the late Emsley Lowdermilk as a memorial.



Bessemer Methodist Church, Greensboro

Two Camps Enroll 190 Intermediates; 42 to Enter Full-Time Christian Service; Offices Remodeled

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INTERMEDIATE CAMPING

The story on intermediate camping for three of our districts comes from Rev. Willis R. Stevens, pastor of the Rosemary church, Roanoke Rapids, who was dean and general manager of the camp sessions for the Rocky Mount, Raleigh, and Durham Districts. The two sessions of one week each were held at Fishers Landing Camp near New Bern. The story comes to us at the conference office in a letter from Dean Stevens, as follows:

"Dear Jim: I had hoped to get a report of our camp program to you earlier but things developed again that called me away. I have just returned from Tennessee where we were called a few weeks ago to the bed-side of my wife's father who passed away last week.

"I feel that we had a good camp for the Rocky Mount, Raleigh, and Durham districts the two weeks of June 13th and 20th. We had a very cooperative and capable staff. Everything seemed to move along as smoothly as any one could expect. The staff was composed of the following: J. K. Ormond, F. D. Hedden, L. C. Vereen, J. T. Maides, J. K. Bostick, O. L. Hathaway, P. F. Newton, W. R. Stevens, Mack Hale, Joe Flythe, Miss Frances Hedden, Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Mrs. P. F. Newton, Mrs. Mack Hale, Miss Margaret Bradley, Miss Hazel Elizabeth Stephenson, Mrs. O. L. Hathaway, Mrs. M. L. Martin. The Junior Counselors were: Arnold Pope, Stewart Cobb, Monte War, Ruffin Johnson, Ivey Gilliam, Taylor Hooks, Charles Herbert Davis, Elizabeth Gillett, Nancy Hobbs, Clara Ellen Frances, Faye Ogden, and Jerre Denning. The Adult and Junior staff members gave their time voluntarily, and to them we express our gratitude.

"We were fortunate in having a kitchen force of one colored man as cook and two colored girls who did an excellent job. To Mr. Davis Cosart of New Bern, we wish to express our appreciation for bringing us a fine program on each of the Wednesday evenings concerning his work with you and in youth camps in Germany.

"The enrollment of intermediates for the first week was 98 and for the second week, 92. At the communion and consecration services Friday evening of each week, dedication cards were signed as follows: reconsecration of life to Christ 168; consecration of life for church membership 16; and consecration of life for full-time Christian service, 42. This is certainly the chief purpose and high light of any Christian assembly.

"A well rounded program was carried throughout the week and I feel that we had two successful camp weeks. I appreciate the opportunity of serving as camp dean and hope in some measure that our efforts were worthwhile.

Fraternally yours, W. R. Stevens."

MANY THANKS TO WILLIS AND STAFF

Our annual conference is thankful to Willis Stevens and to every member of the camp staff. Brother Stevens took over for J. E. Garlington this summer at Brother Garlington's request for such assistance after five years during which Dean Garlington has given a great deal of time to the camping program. The work of Dean Stevens and his staff is another indication of the wonderful spirit in our conference to serve our youth. In spite of the disappointment over not having our conference camp available for the summer of 1949, this three-district staff carried on with capacity enrollment and splendid results. Willis and Mrs. Stevens will have everyone's sympathy on account of the death of Mrs. Stevens'father. Besides illness in the family circle there was, and is, a very impressive church building program on at Dean Stevens' church. We recently viewed the beautiful stone exterior and looked over the evidence of interior inspiration and usefulness at this church. This long dreamed of church and church school building is going to be one of our finest. We would like for all of our young people to realize the responsibilities our pastors are carrying, and thereby appreciate all the more the sacrificial efforts made on behalf of youth by our pastors and their wives. Dean Garlington and Mrs. Garlington have done a great work in building up our camp program and continue with us in our scheme of camping for intermediates.

THE REST OF THE STORY

In the near future we will give the story of the camping activities for the coastal districts under the leadership of Dean C. Freeman Heath, and for the Fayetteville District under Dean C. P. Morris. It is a source of much gratification when the program of this nature thrives in spite of many difficulties. It was impossible to tell far enough ahead whether or not we could use our conference camp. Our leaders were put under the maximum difficulty in working out their camp programs for this summer. But the total conference program did not suffer in numbers or effectiveness.

THEY DESERVE THE CONFERENCE CAMP

Our camp leaders and our intermediates have surely demonstrated the fact that they deserve the cooperation of the conference in completing Camp Don-Lee. When we consider the very rapid development of camping as an educationalal program in both secular and Christian education, and the splendid success of churches and other groups in completing and occupying their camp facilities, it is impossible to doubt that our great conference with magnificent crops and vast resources will complete our camp for use in the summer of 1950.

DOINGS AT DURHAM

Here in our staff headquarters our minds are almost completely occupied right now with an activity which is most gratifying even though quite confusing. In connection with interior improvements being made in the East Duke Building, our office space is getting a complete going-over. The walls are being painted light green. The wood-work is being varnished and the floors sanded and varnished. In connection with alterations made in the old literary society hall, converting it into a beautiful small chapel, our offices were presented with two large closets for storage space. This is the first time we have had storage space available and our visitors will no longer be impressed with the fact that our floors must be almost covered with materials and equipment for the lack of anywhere else to put it. These storage closets, with shelves and floor space, will be quite adequate and our work will be very much helped by the new arrangements.

THANKS TO DUKE UNIVERSITY

We are very thankful to Duke University for these improvements. Duke, in this service and in many other ways, is rendering assistance to Christian education and to the general program of the church in North Carolina beyond the imagination of anyone who has not given careful study to what is going on. It is always gratifying to hear students from other regions of the nation, as well as visiting ministers and teachers, remark on the unusual participation of Duke University in the spiritual life of the Methodist Church and of the churches as a whole in the state. All who read this page will please imagine us doing our work with all of our equipment and materials scattered up and down the hallways of the second floor of the East Duke Building. The staff of the North Carolina Council of Churches is helping us a lot by inviting us to use their assistance and facilities during the next few weeks. For about two or three weeks we will spend most of our time trying to imagine where this or that is, and in helping to get our offices refitted for most effective service. You will please take notice of that in thinking of us.

METHODIST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The service being rendered to our Board of Education by Duke University is a reminder of the many indispensable connections the church has with church-related colleges and universities. In this connection there rises the welcome thought that the institutions of higher learning related to our conference are doing great work for our church, our state, and the world, and that they need our help in doing this. No doubt it is quite unusual for an annual conference to work with four such institutions, all entirely free of debt and making progress in their development. That much is fine, and right along with that thought comes the other that church-related schools have no other way of holding their own and making further progress without a new kind and degree of interest and financial support on the part of our Methodist people. It is doubtless true that we have received more from our Methodist schools than we have put into them. That helps in a way, but it is not good business, and we now see that help must be strengthened in the direction of our schools.

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EVELYN STRADER SAILS FOR INDIA

Miss Evelyn Strader sailed from New York on the Queen Mary on August 12, and expects to arrive in Bombay, India, around September 3. Her address after reaching India will be: Girls' High School, 73 Cantonments, Kanpur, United Provinces, India. In a recent letter, Evelyn says: "As I begin the journey and my work as a missionary, I should like to express my sincere appreciation to all who have had a part in making a dream become a 'reality.' "

The sincere good wishes and prayers of our people all over the Conference will follow this sweet young girl as she takes up her work in India and we are sure that many will want to use the above address in writing to her. We are justly proud of the number of young girls from our Conference who are entering work in foreign fields.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

Miss Lilian Walker, conference secretary of missionary service has supplied us with a list of missionary projects which are available and which we hope will be used soon. Miss Walker says: As a distinctive part of the "Advance" of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church, secretaries of missonary education and **service** find a greater opportunity than ever before to take part in the total program of the Advance for Christ and His Church.

Study and projects go hand in hand toward advance. As we study Japan this year, or if not this year, then in 1950, be sure that you think of some definite work your society can do as an outgrowth of the study. That applies to all the studies. Do not have a study course and then place the book on your bookshelf and say, "Well that is over with," but do think of a project as an outcome of the study. "A Missionary Project is a portion of the work within the appropriations of the Woman's Divsion of Christian Service—such as a scholarship, the salary of a worker, a share in the maintenance of an institution—for the support of which a Society may take all or a part of these projects." Projects are for three or more years.

Projects Available in the Foreign Field

Africa Central Congo Conference. Wembo Nyama: Girls' School.

Philippines—Evangelistic—Deaconesses.

Mexico—Central Conference, Mexico City: Deaconess Training School.

India—Delhi Conference: Institute, Agra Mutta—Holman; North India Conference: Bijnor District, Lois Lee Parker School; South India Conference: Bangalore District, Boarding School, Kolar.

Japan—Hiroshima: Girls' School.

Home Field Projects—Bethlehem Centers: Winston-Salem and Charlotte; Alaska: Community Center, Nome, and Seward Hospital, Seward; Hawaii: Susannah Wesley Home, Honolulu; Puerto Rico: George O. Robinson School for Girls.

These are just a few of the many projects available. One thousand new missionaries, deaconesses, and other full-time Christan workers to help meet the needs of the world is one of the goals of our Advance program. Investment in Christian missions is one of the finest investments that can be made. Let's ask ourselves the question, "Is the measure of my giving a worthy measure of my caring?"

To which would a Christian rather contribute, to the building of good will among peoples through extending the Christian message, or to the support, maybe, of another war? These are timely thoughts for each of us. Are you willing to help? Now is the time.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING—STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Following a luncheon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Poston at Mooresville, the executive board of the Statesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service held a business session July 28. Mrs Bruce McLaughlin and Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle were joint hostesses. Visitors were Mrs. Edd Kipa, Mrs. Joe Thompson, Mrs. Claude Kipa and Mrs. J. M. Varner of Mooresville and Mrs. Neil Brawley and Mrs. Paul Harwell of Shepherds.

Mrs Ralph Sherrill, president, presided over the meeting and Mrs. T. V. Goode and Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle gave reports of their studies taken at Lake Junaluska. Mrs. Sherrill reported on the School of Missions at Pfeiffer College.

In addition to routine reports from the various secretaries, including that of Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, conference secretary of children's work, dates were set for the fall sub-district meetings.

Present for the meeting, in addition to Mrs. Goode, Mrs. Sherrill, Mrs. Rhyne and the hostesses, were: Mrs. Ross Bunch, secretary of missionary personnel; Mrs. Forest Sharpe, treasurer; Mrs. Floyd Rash, children's work; Mrs Mack Goforth, status of women; Mrs. Fred Mayes, literature and publications; Mrs. John B. Steele, missionary education; Mrs. Edd Gardner, youth work; and Mrs. J. C. Holmes, Mrs. Wade Lefller, and Mrs. Moore, sub-district chairmen.

CANDLELIGHT DESSERT GIVEN BY MARION WESLEYAN

One hundred twenty-five persons from four Marion churches attended the "Candlelight Dessert" sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church, Marion, held at the community building. The main floor was decorated with a variety of multicolored summer flowers. Sprays of greenery were arranged in the windows and on the mantle with pink tapers completing the arrangement. Individual tables also held pink candles.

The guests were welcomed by Mrs. Arnold Pyatt, president of the Guild, and Mrs. R. I. Corbett had charge of the program and introduced the musical performers who delighted the audience with beautiful music. Those rendering vocal selections were: Mrs. Carl W. McMurray, accompanying herself on the autoharp; Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., accompanied at the piano by Mrs. E. W. Parker, Jr.; Mrs. Ray Cline also accompanied by Mrs. Parker; Miss Ruth Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. Everette Carnes; Miss Taylor and Mrs. Carnes, accompanied by Mrs. Parker; Albert Hewitt, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Parker; and Rev. James B. McLarty, accompanied by Mrs. Carnes.

Two humorous musical readings were given by Eunice Burnette and Nelle Burnette of Pleasant Garden, pupils of Mrs. R. K. Davis, who accompanied them at the piano. Mrs. R. K. Davis and Miss Margaret Ann Davis played piano selections during the serving of a dessert course.

The net profit for this delightful evening's program was $65 for the Guild.

ATTENTION—VICE PRESIDENTS

The following information and suggestions are being sent out by Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., vice-president and program chairman of the Western N. C. Conference:

One of the most important duties of your office is to serve as chairman of the program committee. If the second goal in our Advance program is to be reached, we need to feel anew the responsibility of our office. As you perhaps have learned, the secretary of the status of women is now a member of the program committee. You can readily see how helpful she will be on the committee, for she will endeavor to have a card filled out for each member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and know what each woman is capable of and is willing to do.

I trust that each of you has the packet containing the monthly program material and worship booklet. The theme for this year is, "Christ Jesus Himself the Cornerstone." Much prayer, thought and work has gone into preparing these materials. Be certain to use them together. Before those who prepared each worship service were permitteed to do so, they were required to study carefully the program for that given month. So you see how closely related they are.

Remember that the program committee is responsible for planning the entire educational program in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the society meetings, study classes, circle meetings, and special days.

Be certain your programs are correlated. For example, if you are planning to have the study, "Japan" in October, substitute the March monthly program, "Christian Advance in Japan," for the October program that it may serve as the spring board for this study. It is our privilege to "adopt and adapt" the programs. We have the privilege of using only ten of the twelve programs if we wish, so that it is possible to have one program on the World Federation of Methodist Women or have a program on the purpose and work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, or a program on the status of women. Sometimes it is helpful to have a guest speaker, but the speaker should be requested to speak on one of the subjects for our monthly program. As you see, we are endeavoring to correlate the entire program.

COUPON CAMPAIGN

Center Methodist Church, Welcome, heads the list of those reaching 600 in the campaign for coupons to pay for the fence around the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem by sending in 608. The fence, costing $2,170, has already been installed and Mrs. Wooten has received for the first shipment of coupons $145.40, which shows that we have a long way to go yet to reach the goal. Societies are urged to make a special effort to get coupons between now and the first of the year, since some coupons will have double value. She will make another shipment about the first of October. If you want acknowledgement of coupons sent in, please write your name, or that of your church, plainly on the outside of the wrapper. Mrs Wooten has received some which did not have the sender's name, or which was so blotted that she could not read it, and she would like to acknowledge all she receives.

Group Visits Wilmington; Three Charges Pay Quotas; German Girls Visit Home; New Duties Assigned

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

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A BUSY DAY IN WILMINGTON

On Saturday, August 6, the superintendent motored to Wilmington with a car load of children. Part of our group were entertained in the city and the others at the beach

At the church school hour a program was given at our Sunset Park church. At eleven o'clock we had charge of the service at Grace church.

A picnic supper was served at our Carolina Beach church and a worship program followed in the church auditorium.

At each church, the superintendent and the children were graciously received. Saturday night, the writer was the guest of W. B. Cooper and at lunch the superintendent was in the home of one of our trustees, W. A. McGirt.

The Methodist people of Sunset Park and Carolina Beach have lovely new buildings in which to worship and carry on their inspiring program.

The members of Grace church have begun the construction of a handsome new sanctuary and education building.

To all of our friends in this city by the sea, we offer our thanks and sincere good wishes.

HOME TIES MAINTAINED

When a child is admitted to the Orphanage, who is responsible for the boy or girl? This question was asked in a letter to the superintendent this week. When a child is placed in the care of our home we accept certain obligations and exercise authority in dealing with the young people.

Each staff member works with, and for the best interest of the boy or girl under his, or her, direction. The child, or youth, learns to take orders and accept correction when rules are broken. It is confusing sometimes when too many are telling a child what he is to do. As a rule we are united in our policies and strive to work as a unit in our training of the children.

We are aware of the fact that the child does not belong to the Orphanage or the parent. We must use the possessive pronoun with reservation. The young person is entrusted to the care of the parent, or the institution. Each child has certain human and divine rights that should be recognized and respected.

When the home can no longer provide for the child, the Orphanage serves as a partial substitute. When the mother or father is living and can be relied upon for cooperation we seek their influence and support. It is not our desire to come between a child and any relative who has the interest of the child at heart.

Many in the Orphanage use a parental term in speaking to the superintendent and the wife of the superintendent. This does not mean that we take the place of the real parent. This practice draws the members of this home into closer fellowship. It gives to many children a feeling of personal security. The task is great enough to call forth the best that is in our staff and in the relatives of each boy and girl.

GERMAN GIRLS VISIT HOME

One evening recently Mr. and Mrs. John Park brought two girls out to visit with our children. Our boys and girls assembled in the chapel and were thrilled to hear these girls from abroad tell of their experiences in the occupied zone of Berlin and their trip to America. Doris Hillenbrand, 14 years old, will attend Peace College this fall. Ute Reinsch, 19 years old, will attend Duke University. They speak English fluently.

When asked about their impressions of America they talked of how many things the American children have to enjoy. They were asked about the places they had enjoyed most since coming to the United States. They put first their visit to the White House in Washington and second their fellowship with the children here at the Orphanage. "This institution does not look like an Orphanage but a large happy family." This was their comment regarding our home.

HOW DUTIES ARE DETERMINED

Many of our readers have played the game "Fruit Basket Turnover." When this signal is given everyone must find a new place to sit down.

At this time each year every young person who is old enough to do some special type of work is given an assignment for the coming year. The head matron has been in charge of making these assignments.

This year, we are giving each girl a voice in choosing the duties she will assume. A questionnaire was handed out listing the following places of service—dining hall, kitchen, laundry, infirmary and house work. Each girl checked her first second, and third choices.

The laundry is the most popular place to work. Those in the laundry have the week-end free, while those in the kitchen and dining hall are serving seven days each week.

Virginia Williamson has a keen sense of humor. She wrote on her report "It makes no difference, it all means work to me."

These young people rotate their duties unless there is some special reason for "staying put" and their attitude is splendid. We follow their preferences as far as conditions will permit. They know that each job is important and deserves their best effort.

CHURCHES IN FULL

We are happy to add three more churches to the Honor Roll. These have paid their Orphanage apportionment in full:

Princeton Charge—J. E. Sponenberg, pastor.

Hillsboro—Chas. S. Hubbard, pastor.

Mebane—T. B. Hough, pastor.

To these ministers and their members we would express our deepest appreciation.

A SALUTE TO SALMON

Wade Salmon, a 12-year-old boy, was permitted to attend the Durham Y. M. C. A. camp this summer. When Wade returned he brought with him a lovely bronze trophy bearing the inscription "Little Chief—1949."

This was presented to Wade in recognition of his conduct and achievements at the camp. J. T. Smith of Burlington made possible this summer outing for this splendid youth. We all rejoice when one of our boys receives an honor of this kind.



A GREAT RIDE
Our boys lack no ingenuity when it comes to finding ways to ride. Here Dan Thompson and Tommy Allbright ride down the hill toward Glenwood Ave. on their home-made wagon.

Sunday School Lesson for AUGUST 28

Exalting the Word of God

Psalms 19:7-14; 119:1-16

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Some over-zealous defenders of the Holy Scriptures make claims for the Bible which it does not make for itself; and when in the progress of human knowledge these claims are discredited, people foolishly suppose that the Bible itself has been discredited, which is far from the truth. In defending the claims of the Bible for itself we are behind an impregnable Gibraltar.

The psalmist says, The law of the Lord is perfect, not teaching geology, but restoring the soul. When a man has lost his character and his nerve, if he gives the Bible a real chance at him he regains both character and nerve. There is no doubt of this whatsoever.

The testimony of Jehovah, says the psalmist, is sure—not teaching chronology, but making wise the simple. Let a man habitually and prayerfully study and apply the Scriptures, and he develops a poise of character and a practical sagacity to which we do an instinctive reverence. Note how he sees through the shams of religious mountebanks.

And says the psalmist, the precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart. See that look of peace on the face of grandmother after a season of meditation on the old Book. Every day all over the round earth the Scripture is fulfilled in the lives of people who have learned the importance, in the midst of the rush and pressure of busy days, of having their quiet time with the Word of God.

Moreover, says the Psalmist, by the Scripture is thy servant warned just as he is about to do something silly or wicked, the man who has stored up the word of God in his heart suddenly remembers a scripture which, like a red light on the highway, warns him of the danger. Jesus experienced this in his own temptation (Matthew 4:1-11), and promised the Holy Spirit to bring all things to our remembrance whatsoever he had said. O, the rash folly, when we all might have an internal radio, of neglecting to install one by failure to store the teachings of Jesus in our memory!

Interestingly enough, the Holy Scriptures do not tie us to the past. The biblical writers were all of them brave, adventurous pioneers in their thinking. They challenge us to follow their example and be so alert to observe the signs of the times that we also may be able to discover new truth. Jesus said, I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now; howbeit when he the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth.

The man who is saturated with the Bible is saved from the folly of following mere religious fads, but at the same time is made a prospector on the mountains of God to find gold mines in unsuspected places, and like the old psalmist to rejoice as one that findeth great spoil.

The Psalmist realizes that without the aid of the Spirit we cannot apply the Scriptures to our lives. Who can understand his errors? Only the Spirit can save us from that self-righteous complacency to which we are so sadly prone.

The Bible all leads up to and centers in the living Christ who himself is the way, the truth, and the life. His example tells us what to do; he manifests the ultimate realities of the universe; and, thank God! he also gives us the vital power to carry out his principles. If ye abide in me, says Jesus, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will and it shall be done to you. But note that he said his word is to abide in us, which means a constant, joyful and eager rehearsal of his teachings so that we shall ask and desire no foolish thing, but only the great blessings which he came to impart.

MISSIONARIES TO GO TO OKINAWA

(*Continued from page five*)

buildings on the islands. When the American forces landed on Okinawa in wartime, they did not realize the extent of the Christian community in that area. Soon chaplains and Christian GI's discovered several thousand Protestant Christians believing as they and holding the same beliefs as theirs. The Christians of the Loo Choos who had banded together in a united church for self protection and mutual inspiration during the war, found encouragement from the American chaplains. They are now united in one Protestant body, the Church of Christ in Okinawa.

Life in the Rhykyus is now getting back to normal with the reduction of military and naval personnel to garrison status. Nevertheless, the towns and villages were so extensively destroyed during the war, that a revival of pre-war church activities is impossible until the economic and social life return to normal.

CHRIST AND THE SUNSET OF LIFE

(*Continued from page four*)

the ugly in people and things. Which of the two we dwell on determines whether we are pleasant and draw a circle of friends around us, or drive people from us to be left alone and lonely. Once long ago I drove for two hours behind a slow horse with an old minister. For one hour he poured out a stream of incidents of how people had slighted or wronged him. And then I said, "Now tell me some of the lovely things people have done for you." He saw the humor and for an hour he dwelt on the lovely things people had done for him. It was the difference between happiness and misery for us both. So we may make our sunset a thing of joy and beauty, or of gloom and misery.

4. Find how to keep busy at something worthwhile; work, play, reading, writing, studiously making and cultivating friendships, finding how to do deeds of kindness, and above all taking time to cultivate a companionship with Christ. In such ways some find how, even on beds of pain, to pass their sunsets joyfully, giving out sunshine to others, and leaving a sunset glow behind them after they are gone.

REV. SAMUEL H. HILLIARD DIES

Rev. Samuel H. Hilliard, 89, a retired local Methodist minister, died August 13 at his home in Asheville. Funeral services were conducted at the Thomas Shepherd Memorial Chapel in Hendersonville by Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor of First Methodist Church, and interment was in Oakdale Cemetery.

A native of Asheville, Mr. Hilliard was the son of the late Dr. W. L. Hilliard and Mrs. Margaret Love Hilliard. He was ordained about 1881. He served the Hendersonville church when it was part of a circuit. Other appointments included Brevard, Oakley, Greensboro and High Point. He retired about 25 years ago, and made his home at Hendersonville until recently. He married Miss Mamie Lee Justus of Hendersonville in 1889.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Campbell and Mrs. Robert Foster; and a brother, Howard Hilliard, all of Asheville.

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The Little Pig

In a nice, clean pen with a warm little house lived old Mrs. Pig and her little pink pig family. Every little pink pig had a little curly tail and a sharp little nose, but one little pink pig had a small black spot just back of his ear. He was called Spotty.

Mother Pig found Spotty a difficult child to manage. When she called, "Come, children, Farmer Brown is bringing the pail of nice warm milk," the four other little pigs trotted up to the trough and poked their noses in and drank as little pigs should. But Spotty pushed and shoved and squealed and put his foot in, which was very bad manners, indeed. When dinner was over, Mrs. Pig said: "Come, children, it is time to lie down in the nice clean straw and take a nap, for little pigs grow when they are asleep." But Spotty lagged behind and was the very last one in. Then he walked over his little pig brothers and sisters to get close to his mother's warm side.

One day he refused to take a nap at all, but went up and down beside the fence, poking his sharp little nose into cracks and holes. At last he found a place where he could see under the fence. Then he found that by pushing and scrambling he made the hole larger. He wriggled and squeezed and pushed until his fat little body slid through.

How lovely it was out in the world. The sunshine was warmer and the breezes softer than he had ever known. The clover blossoms were sweet along the lane, and down at the foot of the hill he saw—what did he see? It looked like a patch of the sky. He trotted right down to find out about it.

When he came to the edge he looked in and saw a little pig about his own size. He walked right in to be with that other little pig, but for some queer reason that other little pig was gone. He found himself all cool and wet, so he came out and went on up the hill. I am thinking he must have looked like a mud pie on four fat legs.

At the top of the hill he came to another fence with a hole under it. Once more he pushed until his fat little body slid, wriggled and squeezed through.

This time he was in the orchard. The sun peeped through the wide-spreading trees, the bees hummed, and the butterflies sailed overhead. Altogether it was a wonderful place for a little pig to venture into. After a time he came to the old yellow harvest apple tree. Do you know how yellow harvest apples smell when they are just ripe enough to fall? Anyway, it is a very special smell and very delicious. Spotty tried one. It tasted better than it smelled. He ate another and another and ever so many others.

Then he began to feel very full and very, very sleepy. "Well, I have had a beautiful time, but I think I had better go back now." When he came to the fence he had some trouble finding the hole, and when he found it, that hole looked much smalled than it did before. He put his nose in and he wriggled and squeezed and pushed, but his fat little body would not go through. So he squeaked and squeaked. "Wee! Wee!" until he had no breath. Then he rested some, and then he began again. So he went through the long summer afternoon.

When Farmer Brown came up from the fields at night he stood at the barn door and said: "I think I hear a pig squealing." Then he took care of the big tired horses and came out again. "I'm sure I hear a pig squealing," he said. So he visited Mother Pig and found that Spotty was missing.

When Farmer Brown found the little runaway pig squeaking and squealing under the orchard fence, he pulled him out into the pen. Poor Spotty was too tired to complain of his tummy ache, so he snuggled into his straw and slept till morning. When he got up he ran right out to his hole under the fence, but Farmer Brown had found it, too. He had filled it with a good-sized stone, much too hard and heavy for little pink pig noses, and Spotty had to content himself with one adventure.—Christian Observer.

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August
Hillside-Merrimon, 7:30 26
Tryon, 11 28
Saluda, 3 28
Edneyville, 6 28
September
Ecusta, Oak Grove, 2 1
(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 14)

Charlotte District
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August
Ansonville: Concord, 11:00 28
Morven: Sandy Plain, 3 28
Thrift, 8 28
Spencer Memorial, 8 29
St. Johns, 8 30
St. Paul, 8 31
September
Davidson-Fairview, 7:30 1
Morris Field, 8:00 2
(Complete schedule will be found in issue of May 26)

Gastonia District
W. A. Stanbury, D. S.
606 S. York Street, Gastonia, N. C.

August
Belwood, David's Chapel, 11 (Dedication of Church) 28
St. Peter's, 2 (Dedication of Hut and Q. C.) 28
Shelby, Hoyle Memorial, 7:30 28
Cramerton, 7:30 29
Bessemer City, Bethea, 7:30 30
J. M. Odell Memorial, 7:30 31
September
Belmont, Park Street, 7:30 1
McAdenville, 7:30 2
(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 21)

Marion District
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August
Elk Park, Elk Park, Night 25
Forest City, 11 28
Mill Springs, Lebanon, 3 28
Henrietta, Henrietta, Night 28
Table Rock, Oak Hill, Night 29
Old Fort Ct., Ebenezer, Night 30
Valdese, Night 31
September
Bostic, Salem, Night 1
(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 21)

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328 S. Church Street, Salisbury, N. C.

August
Woodleaf; South River, 11 28
Memorial, 5 28
Midway, 8 28
(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 21)

Statesville District
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Statesville, N. C.

August
Hiddenite: Center, 11 28
Statesville Circuit: Chapel Hill, 3 28
Maiden: Mays Chapel, 7:30 28
Hickory, Westview, 7:30 29
Monticello-Rose Chapel: Monticello, 7:30 31
September
Statesville, Broad St., 7:30 7
(Complete schedule will be found in issue of May 26)

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August
Denton, Central, 11 28
South Davidson: Chapel Hill, 2:30 28
Eldorado, Macedonia, 7:30 28
Denton Circuit: First, 7:30 30
Pleasant Grove, 7:30 31
September
Mt. Vernon: Fairview, 7:30 1
(Complete schedule will be found in issue of June 16)

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August
Macon Ct., Union, 11 28
Franklin, 5 28
Sylva, Dillsboro, 7:30 28
Dellwood, 7:30 29
Morning Star, 7:30 30
Rockwood, 7:30 31
September
Fines Creek, Laurel Hill, 7:30 1
(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 28)

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August
Kernersville Ct., Cherry St., 11 28
Concord—Sharon Ct., Concord, 3 28
Crews—Sedge Garden Ct., Crews, 7:30 28
Burkhead, 7:30 31
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August
Rowland: Purvis, 11:15 28
West Rockingham: W. Rockingham, 8 . 28
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(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 4)

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Goldsboro, Daniels, 11 28
LaGrange, 8 28
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August
Franklinton, 11 26
Tar River: Ebenezer, 8 26
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August
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 11 14
Rocky Mount, First Church, 11 21
West Halifax, Hollister, 11 28
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August
Wilmington: Grace, preaching, 11 28
Kenansville Revival .... Aug. 28-Sept. 2
September
Garland: Centenary, 11 4
Rose Hill: Charity, 7:30 4
District Check-up meeting, Youth Center, 10 6
Southport, 7:30 7
Wilmington: Fifth Ave., preaching, 11 11
Whiteville, 7:30 11
Wilmington: Sunset Park, 7:30 12
Wilmington: Wesley Memorial, 7:30 .. 13
Lumberton: Chestnut Street, 7:30 14
Shallotte: Concord, 7:30 15
South Robeson: Bethesda, 11 18
Hallsboro: Wananish, 7:30 18
Pembroke Parish:
First Church, 7:30 19
Bethel, 7:30 20
Community Center, 6 21
Fairview: Hickory Grove, 7:30 22
Prospect, 7:30 23
Jacksonville, 11 25
Richlands, 7:30 25
Roseboro: Andrews, 7:30 27
Clinton, 7:30 28
Clinton Circuit: McGees, 4 29
Carolina Beach, 7:30 30
October
Elizabethtown: Clarkton, 11 2
Scotts Hill: Hampstead, 7:30 2
Advance Mass Meeting, Raleigh, 10 ... 3
Wilmington: Fifth Avenue, 7:30 4
Chadbourn, 7:30 5
Wilmington: Epworth, Wrightsville Beach, 7:30 6
Wallace, 7:30 7
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Waccamaw: Pireway, 7:30 9
Wilmington: Trinity, 7:30 10
Carvers Creek: Council, 6 11
Wilmington: Grace, 7:30 12
Warsaw: Carlton, 7:30 13
Burgaw: Watha, 6 14
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Book Review

The Devil's Tramping Ground, by John Harden, The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 1949, 178 pages, $3.00.

The average person, seeing a review of a book bearing this title in a church periodical, will immediately conclude that it has some theological significance. Actually, it is a collection of mystery stories based on fact. The title, "The Devil's Tramping Ground,' is simply one of the stories in the series. Although the twenty tales have their setting in North Carolina, all lovers of factual mystery stories will find this unusual volume hard to put down. On vacation, this pious editor did not stop until he had read every story in the book.

Mr. Harden has spent considerable time getting the facts, and the reader gets the impression that he is meticulously faithful to the facts, even though some of the tales might have been more thrilling had the writer added a touch of originality. However, he has been wise to stick to the most reliable sources of information. Each story is well told. The language is vigorous, yet restrained, animated, yet calm. There is no suggestion of melodrama. Originally prepared for radio, the series includes tales from all parts of the state—the history-rich seacoast, the industry-expanding piedmont and the tradition-filled mountains. Some of the stories are well known to the average Tar Heel, but the author tells them so interestingly and with such freshness and clarity that they are read as eagerly as the less familiar. Some of the tales are almost as old as the State itself; others, such as "A Shepherd of the Hills," the story of a retired Methodist preacher who disappeared from his mountain home one evening in 1930, have a ring of modernity.—C. W. R.

American Freedom and Catholic Power, by Paul Blanshard, The Beacon Press, Boston, 1949, 350 pages, $3.50.

Any Protestant who doesn't want to be disturbed, shaken out of his bland lethargy and easy-going complacency, should not read this book. Hard-hitting, pulling no punches, it is a graphic, dispassionate, factual account of the Roman Catholic hierarchy's bid for cultural, social, political and religious control of the United States. It is bound to be one of the most thought-provoking, one of the most controversial, one of the most talked of, books of the year.

The very first words are disturbing. "In two hundred years the Roman Catholic Church in the United States has increased from the smallest to the largest church in the nation, claiming in 1948 the allegiance of some 26,000,000 Americans." Now, Mr. Blanshard is not disturbed simply because one religious group is growing more rapidly than some others. He is disturbed because he knows what has happened in other lands where Rome has gotten a majority. And in twelve disturbing, fully documented chapters, he tells the story of Roman Catholic bid for power.

Mr. Blanshard believes that the Roman Catholic Church is a state, or superstate, out not only to control the spiritual lives of its subjects, but to obtain complete control of their total lives. Its ideas are anti-democratic, anti-progressive, anti-scientific. It seeks to undermine the principle of separation of church and state. It seeks to control the educational life of the people. But it wants the government to pay the bill.

What is the Catholic plan for America? Here is Mr. Blanshard's summary: "There is no Catholic plan for America distinct from the Catholic plan for the world. The hierarchy's techniques of promotion vary from country to country, but the master plan is only one plan and the world-wide strategy is directed from Rome. In a Catholic world every national government would establish the Roman Catholic Church in a unique position of privilege, and support its teachers and priests out of public revenues. That is what the Holy See has always demanded in every country where it has had the power to support the demand with reasonable strength."

Every aspect of the subject is treated. Chapters include "How the Hierarchy Works"; "Church State and Democracy"; Education and the Catholic Mind"; "Public School and Public Money"; "The Church and Medicine"; "Sex, Birth Control and Eugenics"; "Marriage, Divorce and Annulment"; "Censorship and Boycott"; "Science, Scholarship and Superstition"; "Fascism, Communism and Labor"; "The Catholic Plan for America"; "Tolerance, Appeasement and Freedom." If this seems like a long list of topics then just remember that Rome attempts to speak authoritatively, and usually, infallibly, on all subjects.

Many of these chapters appeared earlier in The Nation, provoking harsh criticism from Rome, but staunch support from liberal forces in the country.

Mr. Blanshard is a journalist, author, a former State Department official in Washington. He has made first-hand study of Catholic policies in Italy, Mexico, Spain and in other countries.

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North Carolina Is Reaping Another Bountiful Harvest **(See Page 2)**

Letters From Our Readers; Ormond Discusses Prayer in the Minister's Life; Announcements

ABOUT ANNUAL CONFERENCE DATE

Dear Editor:

Among ministers and laymen of the Western North Carolina Conference I have heard much discussion concerning the time of meeting of the Annual Conference. I want to comment on the urgent importance of having a fairly well-fixed or regular time of meeting. By having a variable date, either in October or in September, we are losing a great deal.

Why not request the Presiding Bishop to set the date prior to September 1? If this were done, there would be at least the choice of two feasible plans:

(1) Conference would meet early in June, either at Lake Junaluska or at one of the colleges related to our Conference, such as Greensboro College or High Point College.

(2) Meet in the last week of August at one of the above mentioned institutions.

If either of these plans were followed, there would be distinct advantages, although, to be sure, there might be some inconveniences. Appointments of ministers would be made so that plans could be effected in the early fall, which, by common agreement is one of the most valuable periods in the local church calendar. Ministers' children would get started in the schools which they would attend, without interruptions. A closer relationship with and appreciation of our institutions would result—something which, in my judgment, is greatly needed if we expect to continue these relationships on a mutually beneficial basis. Most of all, a well-fixed date would insure the advantageous use of one of the most effective seasons.

To be sure, there are other aspects of the whole matter and they should be discussed. Let's frankly face the issue at the coming session of our Western N. C. Conference, get an expression of the convictions of the majority, and proceed on that basis, whatever it may turn out to be.

WILSON O. WELDON
Memorial Church, Thomasville.

INVITES VISITORS

Dear Brethren:

After a sojourn of nearly two years in Chapel Hill, my wife and I expect this week to set up housekeeping permanently in our little home in Durham beside our daughter and her husband, the William Sprinkles. The new address is 2907 Horton Road, Durham.

This is an invitation to our friends to come to see us, especially the preachers of the Marion District. These brethren through their spokesman, Jim Fowler, handed me a generous check as we were leaving the district two years ago. This act was greatly appreciated and the money was earmarked for household furnishings and put away till needed. Now I am reporting that it was spent for beds and chairs. (You sit and lie more after retirement, I find.) Again, thank you, brethren.

C. S. KIRKPATRICK
Durham

PASTORS' REPORTS TO WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Western North Carolina pastors, please send Table 1 of your conference report to your district statistician by September 6. Bring Table 2 to the opening session of the conference. No changes will be made at Conference.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That his effectiveness as a spiritual spokesman and leader depends upon daily periods of regular, unhurried communion with God in private prayer. Such matters as the time and place for prayer; one's posture and the time spent in prayer; and the aids, the method, and the diction used in prayer should be determined by each person who prays. It is, however, essential that every minister engage in private prayer at least once each day, and that it not be left to the mercy of circumstances, which may easily happen in the life of a minister who has heavy and numerous responsibilities. Someone may remark: "Oh well! I pray many times every day as I visit the parishoners, work in the study, and do a thousand other things." This is to be expected. Such offerings of prayer although appropriate, are not a sufficient substitute for the regular, definite daily period of private devotions. Someone has well said: "The only way to pray is to pray, and the way to pray well is to pray much—the less I pray the worse it goes."

Although many experiences during each day may call for brief prayers it seems most essential that we ministers begin every day with quiet, unhurried communion with God. This daily period furnishes us the best opportunity to plan our procedure for useful service, and it is the right moment to seek in deep penitence forgiveness of our many sins. We are grateful that few, if any, of us ministers are guilty of what are known as major sins, such as murder, adultery, or theft. But what a host of evil spirits may beset us, even the best of us! Envy, jealousy, impatience, irritability, inordinate love of prestige, recognition, honor, applause. We are tempted to seek office, income, and privilege. We can so quickly become critical of others, even our own brothers, pessimistic or discouraged about our work. On and on the list runs. Strength to overcome or avoid these evil spirits can best be secured in periods of private prayer. So long as we have them we are un-Christ-like and spiritually impotent.

Georgia Harkness' recent book, **Prayer and the Common Life,** is worthy of a careful reading.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Annual Educational Seminar for the Winston-Salem District Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Ardmore Methodist Church Thursday, September 8, from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

HARVEST SCENE

The scene on the front cover is from the Rock Creek Dairy Farm situated about halfway between Greensboro and Burlington along Highway 70. The widely known Greensboro photographer, J. Harold Smith, visited the farm recently and made a number of pictures, including this one. The farm, consisting of 1800 acres, is cultivated with the latest machinery, with more than one-half of the total acreage in cultivation. More than 900 gallons of milk are produced daily. The farm is owned by the Gibsonville Development Co., A. B. Owen, secretary and manager.

STEPS TO TAKE TO SECURE DISPLACED PERSONS

1. Find housing and employment. These would go together on a farm. 2. Send to Gaither P. Warfield, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y., for Assurance for Resettlement blanks and return them. You will be notified concerning the arrival of D. P.'s. It normally takes about four months from the time Assurance for Resettlement papers are sent in. Prompt action will be necessary to effect farm settlement by the first of next year. When papers are sent in, please send a postcard to Rev. J. D. A. Autry, LaGrange, Conference Secretary of Town and Country Work, so a record may be kept of what is being done in the North Carolina Conference.—Key W. Taylor, Walstonburg.

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Editorial Comment . . .

Methodism and the Common People

The Methodist Church in America can well afford to observe Labor Day by examining its relationship to the common people.

Historically, Methodism is the church of the common people. Its first converts were largely from the underprivileged masses—miners, factory workers, unskilled laborers, tillers of the soil. Most of its early preachers came directly from the ranks of laboring people, schooled only in the university of toil. The Methodist movement in England and in the United States drew mainly from labor for both its ministerial and lay leadership. Everywhere men toiled the Methodist preacher came to proclaim the good news of the gospel. In every mill village, in every tenement section of the city, in every rural community, a Methodist church sprang up. No place where men labored was too hazardous or too isolated or too insignificant for Methodism. A church whose heart was aflame with a missionary passion literally brought millions of people who were largely neglected by older denominations into its invigorating fellowship.

Now, Methodism by its very nature has never been and never should be an exclusive class church. Its ministry should be extended to all people—the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated, the saint and the sinner. It should cater to none and should exclude none. Its fellowship is broad enough to be all-inclusive.

There is a growing feeling, however, that Methodism is in danger of moving away from the common people. There is a growing fear that the people who once made up Methodist congregations do not feel as much at home as they did in other days. There is accumulating evidence that Methodism is not as popular with the masses. Of course, the church is not deliberately moving away from the people, nor the people from the church. The process is so slow and so gradual that it can scarcely be detected in the ordinary situation. But in some of the outposts the trend is becoming quite clear.

For example, in two extreme sections of North Carolina—Hatteras Island and the Cherokee Indian Reservation—one can get a glimpse of what is happening. For many years Methodism was the only denomination on Hatteras Island. During recent years a Holiness group has established several churches, and in certain communities on the island, has made serious inroads on the Methodist Church. At one time Methodism was the dominant denomination among the Cherokees. But from 1932 until 1946 no regular services were held in the five Methodist churches on the Reservation. Methodist members dwindled to about forty. Today, in a population of 3,500, there are still less than 100 Methodists, while the Baptists, who came much later, have about 1200 members. Several other denominations are working with some success among the Indians.

Today Methodism is serving well among the people of the upper financial groups. This is a most important service which must not be lost, and which early Methodism did not render in equal measure. But the fact is that Methodism does not now challenge the poorer people as once it did.—Luccock, Hutchinson, Goodloe, The Story of Methodism.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers unto his harvest.—Matthew 9: 36-38.

In many other places where Methodism was strong a generation ago—particularly in the mountain and coastal sections—there has been a slow but unmistakable retreat. Last year the North Carolina Conference received only 8,006 persons by all methods and lost 6,113, for a net gain of 1,893 new members. The Western North Carolina Conference received a total of 13,104 members, but lost 10,667, for a net gain of 2,437 new members. During the same period the Baptists of North Carolina received more than 60,000 new members. The trend is quite clear. In many fields Methodism, contrary to its real nature, is drawing in the lines, retreating, surrendering, or moving along at a dying rate. Today it is the outposts. Tomorrow it could be the centers of population.

What is the explanation? One obvious reason is the ministerial shortage. There just aren't enough preachers to go around. It is natural that the weaker and less inviting charges will be the first to suffer. Since the pastor is the key man, the trend toward retreat will be stopped only when there are more preachers.

There is another reason why Methodism is in danger of losing the common people. It is the tendency to go highbrow. This is reflected in many individual churches by the trend toward more ritual and formalism in the worship services. In many places the services of worship are becoming more complex and more difficult for the average worshipper to follow. It is also reflected in some of Methodism's literature. Even though there is a definite effort to make the literature more practical and more down-to-earth, still many of our members find it difficult to appreciate much of the literature of our church. It is likewise reflected in Methodism's emphasis on an educated ministry. Now, no one will quarrel with more education for ministers. Unfortunately, however, many modern seminaries have tended to educate ministerial students away from the common people.

The ministerial shortage and the tendency to go highbrow are merely symptoms of a more serious ailment. Methodism is in danger of getting away from the common people because of deep spiritual reasons. Many Methodist people are losing their sense of mission. Evangelistic fires are flickering on many Methodist altars. Our sense of burden for the lost, our feeling of responsibility for those outside our social circles, is on the decline. Our churches are filled with comfortable, middle-class, complacent, lukewarm laymen who are satisfied merely for the church to hold its own. Many of our pulpits are filled with career men, preachers to whom the spirit of adventure and challenge has been lost as they become absorbed in the struggle for position and prestige. The average preacher is made to feel that it is a mark of inferiority to serve the hard and uninviting outposts. Something is happening to the pioneering, crusading spirit of Methodism.

Methodism belongs with the common people. When it loses the masses it loses its right to survive. Therefore, if Methodism is to continue to be the church of the common people it must feel once more its heart strangely warmed, must feel with a new passion a responsibility for the multitude, and regard every out-of-way place as its parish. To have such a church calls for more liberality and witnessing on the part of the laymen and a deeper consecration to God and humanity on the part of the preachers. A church on fire for Christ is a church that wins and holds the common people.

The Ministry of Silence

By D. W. Charlton*

The scriptures breathe a spirit of quietness and confidence. They lead us beside the still waters; we listen to the still small voice; we come apart to the hillsides for rest and restoration. Today, we live in a different world. We are driven by pressing duties or the restless urge of activity. We are inclined to run away from ourselves. We are afraid of solitude. Silence means the deadly disease of boredom. Still we feel the compelling need for the ministry of silence.

In the first place, silence offers a balm for the health and healing of man. The tensions of modern life have taken their toll in weariness of body and barrenness of spirit. The seventeenth century French philosopher, Paschal, said: "All the evils of modern life have fallen upon us because men will not sit alone quietly . . ."

Here was a young girl who was very tense and in mental distress. In the confessional at church, she learned the secret of relaxation and peace of mind. A young man had suffered much from nervous disorder. His case was analyzed by a physician, and he was told that he must relax. But he did not know how to repose in quietness. He had not found release of tension by implicit trust of the heavenly Father, or by appropriating the resources of religion.

Adversity and sorrow await the healing of time. Plunging into work may enable people to forget their troubles momentarily, but one must be alone when the feverish day is spent. And there are times when words seem irrelevant and silence is golden. "No one wants explanations when the heart is broken," said Leslie D. Weatherhead. When John the Baptist was beheaded, Jesus shared the sorrow with his friends in silence, inviting them to a quiet retreat: "Let us go unto a desert place and be alone." God heals the wounds of the soul when men are alone with Him.

When John Oxenham, an English poet, received a message from the War Department that his son had been killed in action, he wandered down the street alone, with the burden of his sorrow. Bewildered, he staggered into a chapel, and there amid the holy silences of the church, in the deepening twilight, he found peace for his soul. Then he wrote the words, which were later turned to music:

'Mid all the traffic of the ways
Turmoils without, within
Make in my heart a quiet place
And come and dwell therein . . .

*Pastor, Goldsboro Circuit.

Amid all the noise and haste of these tempestuous days we must find time for silence and solitude.

In the second place, some quiet moments during the day are conducive to creative thinking and work. Some people have stopped thinking because they do not stop to think. A prominent minister, John R. Ewers, said his best sermons were prepared while he was out amid the hills of the countryside. Undisturbed by telephone and the ceaseless round of parish duties, his thoughts were more penetrative and powerful.

Thoughts lodged in the mind during our wakeful moments may linger in the subconscious mind, even while we are asleep. So mental problems are often solved during the shadowy hours of the night. Following that psychological principle, the last thoughts of the day, ere we fall asleep, should be pleasant; such as, the mental picture of a beautiful landscape or sunset, an exquisite line of poetry, or a good deed done. Hence God may be working in our lives during the silent moments of the night.

An aged father was persuaded to spend his declining years with his son, a noted sculptor. The elder man was also and artist, who did clay modeling. But with failing eyesight and feeble hands, the father put his work aside at night almost in despair. Then the son encouraged his father by working secretly at the clay while his father was asleep. So when the father awakened in the morning he was delighted to find that his work was better than he thought. Thus may God improve the lives of men whose minds and hearts are available to him.

WHY I HATE THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

By E. Stanley Jones

I don't believe I have ever mentioned this to anyone before, and I know I have never mentioned it in public but the reason for my fierce hatred for this abomination, this curse, is that my own family was struck by it. It struck my own father. Our family lost everything. My father having fallen a hopeless victim to the habit finally stopped at nothing to satisfy his awful appetite. He sold our furniture, even our chairs and beds. He was a terrible victim. He and his wife and children suffered unspeakably. Now, you see why I hate it and why I'll fight it with every breath until I die.

(From an address delivered at Wichita, Kansas.)

Why do most of our ministers come from the rural area, instead of the small town or city? For one thing, God seems to be near and real to us in the simple life, away from throbbing machinery and blaring radio. The stillness and beauty of the open spaces have been an inspiration to many people.

A business man affirms that he was able to get along with his men and make democracy work in his industry because of his custom of spending thirty minutes in meditation each day. Artists and men of thought have spent much time alone or in the solitudes of nature. Wordsworth spoke of "that serene and blessed mood" in which the bodily processes seem almost suspended and one becomes "a living soul," and sees into "the life of things."

In the third place, silence is golden for the deepening of our spiritual lives. E. Stanley Jones says that we are trying to do things beyond our spiritual resources. In Texas an oil well was used until its supply seemed exhausted. Then someone dared go deeper, even 5,000 feet, and tapped new resources of oil at lower levels. We must go deeper in our spiritual lives.

The good and great men of the past have found strength for their souls during the quiet moments of the day. "Aspire to live quietly," said Paul (I Thess. 4:11). "The greatest saints used to avoid as far as they could the company of men and chose to live in company with God," according to Thomas A. Kempis. "He, therefore, that seeketh to reach that which is hidden and spiritual must go with Jesus 'apart from the multitude.' " Said the psalmist: "Commune with your own heart in your own chamber and be still." (Ps. 4.4.)

An old Danish peasant requested his son upon his deathbed to sit alone for thirty minutes each day in the best room in the house. Following his father's advice, the son found that his life was steadily inspired by the practice.

The noted Texas preacher, Geo. W. Truett, spent some time alone each day in the presence of a famous portrait of the Christ. Surely God must have poured his power into the heart of that preacher while he waited in holy silences.

A quiet time each day should be profitable in all heavenly things. They should be moments of concentrated meditation and prayer. Scripture verses, the stanzas of choice hymns, the Upper Room or other devotional literature may guide our thinking.

When Samuel informed Saul that God has chosen him to be king of Israel, he said to Saul: "Stand thou still awhile that I may show thee the Word of God." Again, when Eliphaz had his great vision of God's majesty and power, we are told "there was silence and I heard a voice." Surely God has something to say to the man who will be still and listen.

The Best Date for ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By Embree H. Blackard*

In recent years there has been some discussion concerning the best time for holding an Annual Conference. According to the Discipline the Bishop is charged with the responsibility of determining the date. Our Bishops have always been most gracious and have considered the wishes and desires of the ministers and people. In writing this article I am thinking primarily of the Western North Carolina Conference, although the general principles should be applicable to most Conferences in our Jurisdiction. I am firmly convinced that the week after the first Sunday of October is the most propitious date for this Conference to be held.

The arguments for a summer date are not convincing. It is stated that the meeting of the Annual Conference in the fall, after school has started, places a hardship upon the children of school age in the parsonage. As the son of a minister whose Conference always met in November, and as the father of three children who have all gone through high school, I think this argument has been greatly overworked. Moving is not a pleasant experience at any time, but my observation has been that the loneliest children I have ever known are those who move into a new community in the summer period when the schools are closed and many of the children are away on vacation or in camps. With school books furnished by the State, and with a uniform system of education in operation, directed and paid for by the State, a child can transfer from one school to another in our State with little difficulty.

It has also been argued that a move in the fall breaks into the program of one of the most fruitful seasons of the church year. If a pastor returns to his charge for another year, there is no interruption; if he moves, he goes to his new charge with the rising tide. I believe that both pastors and churches should plan their programs as though the Annual Conference would cause no interruption in the work.

Shortly after the first of October appears to this writer to be the ideal time for the Annual Conference. People have had their vacations and have been home long enough to settle down seriously to their church work. With the return of cool weather there is a zest to plan and execute an ambitious program. It is much easier to get our people to undertake a large program in the fall than during the hot and sultry days of summer. September 30 is the end of the third quarter of the year and the end of the Church School year. It is an excellent time for the churches to close their fiscal year. The first Sunday of October is World Wide Communion Sunday. What better day could we find for our people to come to the altars of their churches and make their financial pledges to support the world-wide program of the Church? When the pastor and people have underwritten their budget the Sunday before Conference, they both go to the annual meeting with high hopes and enthusiasm.

An Annual Conference in the summer time would have the tendency to interfere with summer camps and assemblies. A pastor coming to a new charge in June could hardly have time to promote these activities. Those who have been in charge of the summer programs at Lake Junaluska have noted this effect in those Conferences which have turned to a summer date.

Because this side of a pertinent subject has not been presented very thoroughly upon our pages in recent months, and because the arguments presented here are sound and forceful, the editor is giving this article unusual prominence.

The summer time is a difficult period to move. It is enough to ask the good woman of the parsonage to forego the joys of owning her own home, but let us not force her to go to the broiling hot attic in the torrid days of summer to start the moving process. I would advise that before anyone suggests a summer date for moving preachers he go to his own attic and spend an hour moving old trunks and packing materials, and at the same time be prepared to go to the front door to tell the good brethren and sisters the advantages of our itinerant system! I have observed that our connectional men who receive their assignments shortly after the Jurisdictional Conferences usually wait until cooler weather to move their families. A pastor cannot wait! Those who attended the Jurisdictional Conference in Atlanta in June 1944 and in Columbia in June 1948 and sweltered in the heat will hardly favor a summer Annual Conference.

Advantages of an October Conference

The people and the pastor are refreshed after the summer vacation and with the return of cooler weather. A pastor moving in October can launch his program vigorously immediately upon his arrival on a new charge. Frequently the manner in which a pastor gets started in his work is a determining factor in his success. It would be discouraging to a pastor to go to a new charge just at the season when many of his key persons are going on vacations and when the church activity is at the lowest ebb of the year. In spite of the fact that many churches are now handling their finances on a monthly basis, there is no doubt but that when harvest time comes near the Annual Conference there is a greater incentive to give.

We should hold the Annual Conference at that period of the year when it will have its greatest influence. The Annual Conference is not "a necessary evil" to be held at a time when it will interfere the least. It is an occasion of great inspiration when the pastors and laymen of a Conference come together, review the work of the year ended, and launch upon a great program for another year. The sessions of the Annual Conference should send the pastors and laymen back to their work with renewed determination and great inspiration.

Could it not be that one of the factors which has contributed to making North Carolina Methodism so virile has been the inspiration of the annual sessions which have been held at that season of the year when the tide of human energy and spiritual power is rising?

In setting the date for an Annual Conference, we must not overlook the convenience of those who entertain the delegates. The fall is much more convenient for the hostess than a summer date. In seeking to circumvent this obstacle some have suggested holding the sessions at Lake Junaluska. This, however, would localize the conference in one section and would deprive our cities of the privilege of having the great inspirational meetings in their midst.

Unless there be some compelling reasons for changing from a fall date, we should not cast aside all the traditions and associations which have been connected with the Conference at that season. With the first touch of fall thousands of our people turn their thoughts to the approaching sessions of the Annual Conference.

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Western North Carolina Conference to Present Varied Program in Annual Session September 21-26

PROGRAM OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Western North Carolina Annual Conference will convene at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, Sept. 21-26, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell presiding. The program follows:

Wednesday, September 21, 1949

A.m. and p.m.—Meetings of Boards, Commissions and Committees as called by the Chairmen.

5:30 p.m.—Brevard College Dinner: Ardmore Methodist Church; Addresses—Edwin L. Jones, Chairman Board of Trustees of Brevard College, Charlotte; Rev. W. A. Kale, Shelby.

7:30 p.m.—Worship and Holy Communion; Organization of the Conference.

Thursday, September 22, 1949

9:00 a.m.—Devotions: Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

9:30 a.m.—Business session: Minute Questions on Ministerial Relations 16-24. Recognition of retiring ministers.

11:00 a.m.—Conference Brotherhood.

11:30 a.m.—Board of Lay Activities: Address—"Our Greatest Hour"—Dr. Harry N. Holmes, Lay Leader, New York East Conference.

12:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

1:00 p.m.—Laymen's Luncheon: First Baptist Church; Address—"The Price of Leadership"—Dr. Harry N. Holmes.

3:00 p.m.—Preaching Hour: Sermon—Bishop Charles C. Selecman, South Central Jurisdiction.

5:30 p.m.—Emory University Dinner: St. Pauls Episcopal Church; Address—Dr. Charles T. Lester, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Emory University.

7:30 p.m.—The Methodist Publishing House Quartet; Address—Dr. Roy. L. Smith, Publishing Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Friday, September 23, 1949

9:00 a.m.—Devotions: Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

9:30 a.m.—Business session.

10:15 a.m.—Board of Evangelism: Address—"Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and Release"—Dr. William R. Cannon, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga.

11:00 a.m.—Board of Temperance: Report—Rev. R. M. Hauss, Secretary Allied Church League, Shelby.

11:30 a.m.—Board of Education: Address—Dr. A. Hollis Edens, President Duke University, Durham.

12:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

1:00 p.m.—Rural Fellowship Luncheon: Crews Lunch; Address—Dr. A. J. Walton, Duke Divinity School, Durham.

3:00 p.m.—Preaching Hour: Sermon—Bishop Charles C. Selecman.

5:30 p.m.—Duke University Dinner: Home Moravian Church; Address—Dr. A. Hollis Edens.

7:30 p.m.—The Advance for Christ and His Church: Addresses—"Undergirding Ideas"—Bishop Costen J. Harrell; "The Way We Have Come"—Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Executive Director, Advance for Christ and His Church, Chicago, Ill.; "Our Glorious Opportunity"—Rev. Walter J. Miller, President, Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Saturday, September 24, 1949.

9:00 a.m.—Devotions: Bishop Costen J. Harrell; Reception of Class in Full Connection.

9:30 a.m.—Business session: Reports of Boards, Minute Questions, and other business.

11:00 a.m.—Board of Hospitals and Homes: Speakers—Representatives of the Children's Home, Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital and The Methodist Home.

11:30 a.m.—Board of Missions and Church Extension.

12:30 p.m. Adjournment.

1:00 p.m.—High Point College Luncheon: Ardmore Methodist Church; Address—Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, President, High Point College.

Ministers' Wives Luncheon—Robert E. Lee Hotel.

3:00 p.m.—Business session.

4:00 p.m.—Tea for the women attending the Conference.

5:30 p.m.—Forest Hill Dinner: Robert E. Lee Hotel.

7:30 p.m.—Youth Night. Ordination of Deacons: Address—"The Call to the Ministry"—Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, pastor, First Methodist Church, Charlotte.

Sunday, September 25, 1949

9:30 a.m.—Conference Love Feast, led by Dr. E. K. McLarty, retired member, Western North Carolina Conference.

11:00 a.m.—Worship; Ordination of Elders; Sermon—Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

3:00 p.m.—Memorial Service: Sermon—"I Believe in Life Everlasting"—Dr. Clovis G. Chappell.

7:30 p.m.—Evening worship service, auspices the Conference Historical Society; Address—"The History of Methodist Doctrine"—Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Professor Christian Doctrine, Duke University, Durham.

Monday, September 26, 1949

9:00 a.m.—Devotions: Bishop Costen J. Harrell; Business session; Reading of Appointments; Adjournment at will.

SALISBURY PARSONAGE TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

Dedicatory services for the parsonage of Main Street Church, Salisbury, will be held Sunday, September 4. Principals in the services will be Dr. A. R. Keppel, president of Catawba College, who will deliver the dedicatory address at 11:00 o'clock; Rev. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Salisbury district, who will read the ritual of dedication at 1:30 o'clock; and Rev. J. Bernard Hurley, the pastor. A fellowship lunch will be served on the parsonage lawn immediately following the morning's worship, with all members and friends of the congregation invited to attend.

The attractive, seven-room building of brick and tile, was completed in January 1947. The value of the parsonage and property has been set at $14,000. The home which is comfortably heated with a conditioned-air oil furnace, was furnished throughout by the local W. S. C. S.

METHODIST SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP TO BE ORGANIZED

NASHVILLE, TENN.—In response to a general demand for materials for a Sunday evening meeting for all ages, the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, is sponsoring a Sunday night fellowship program to be known as "The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship."

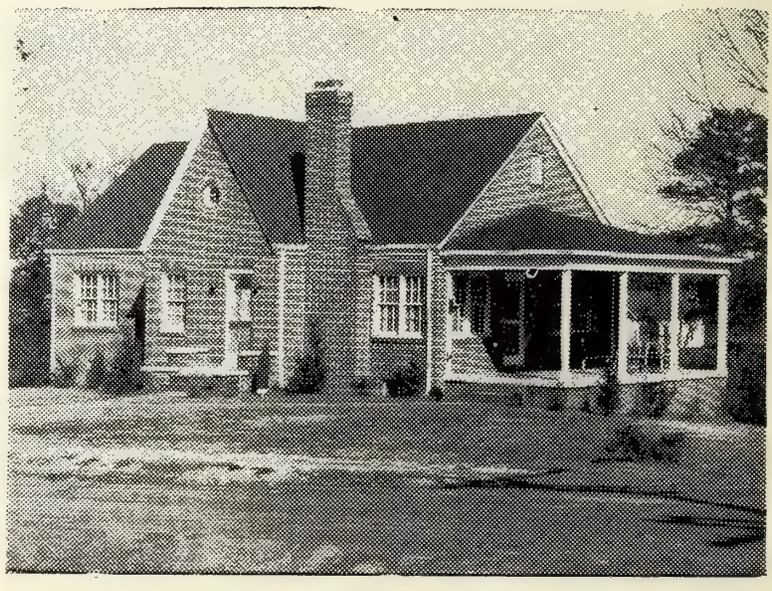
Suggestions for carrying on such a program are included in a "Source Book for the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship" which will be ready for distribution September 15.

"Providentially the Advance for Christ and His Church precipitates the launching of this enterprise this autumn when the booklets on Our Faith will be ready for study in all our churches," said Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division, in commenting on the need for the Sunday Evening Fellowship.

The Fellowship, which is a part of the church school, is designed to bring all members of the family, from little tots to grand parents, to the church on Sunday evening. Churches having a Sunday evening service or a Methodist Youth Fellowship should keep them—and add the features of the Sunday Evening Fellowship.

Bishop William C. Martin, chairman of the Advance for Christ and His Church, expressed his approval of the plan as follows: "I am convinced that the enthusiastic following of the plans outlined for the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship will give new life to a congregation."

In regard to the new enterprise Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director of the Advance, said: "Every changing situation in our world is a call to use more effective methods to advance the claims of Christ and His Church. Our Board of Education is doing this very thing as it offers new techniques for Sunday evening services."



Parsonage, Main Street Church, Salisbury

News in Brief -- Personalities

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Kennedy, Jr., of McAdenville on August 17 a daughter, Sharon Maria.

REV. B. H. ZIGLAR of Fairview has been given a new automobile recently by the churches of his charge.

MRS. COLENDA BARNETT of Manteo has been a subscriber to the North Carolina Christian Advocate since she was ten years old. On her next birthday she will be 73 years old. Thus she has received the Advocate for almost 63 years.

CHADWICH CHURCH, Charlotte, will observe homecoming Sunday, September 11, with the program beginning at 11:00. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to join the congregation in observing this 47th Anniversary.

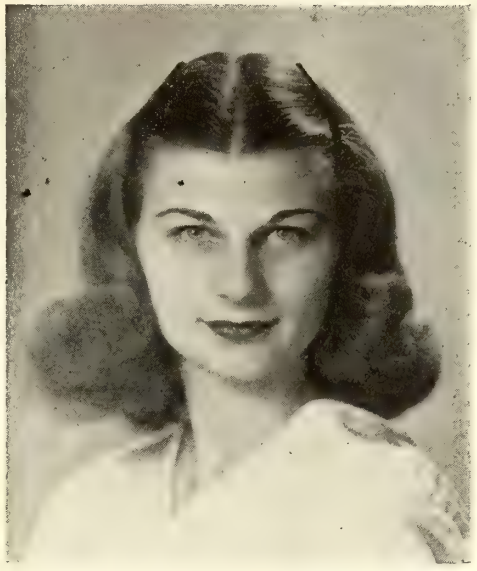
CENTENARY CHURCH, Greensboro, plans revival services for the week of September 4-9 at 7:30 each evening. Rev. Kenneth Goodson will be the visiting speaker and Rev. Samuel Sox of First Lutheran Church will be the song leader.

DR. AND MRS. DENNIS COOKE of High Point College held Open House at their home on West College Drive last Friday morning for the summer school graduating class of High Point College. In the receiving line with Dr. and Mrs. Cooke were Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Hinshaw, and Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Lindley. Mr. and Mrs. Yarborough were at the door.

MISS VERNELLE HALL, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Hall of Leicester, has recently completed two months of service as director of Christian Education at Haywood Street Church, Asheville. During this period she conducted what is believed to be the most successful Vacation Church School in the history of the church, was in charge of a youth recreation program on Friday evenings, and taught classes for children three afternoons each week. She is a teacher in the West Buncombe public school.

MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH, Garner Charge, will observe the annual homecoming Sunday, September 4. Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, the minister, will speak at the 11 o'clock hour. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church ground. The afternoon will feature get-together of friends, singing in the new church, various talks and a general time of fellowship. The revival meeting will begin with the homecoming service. Rev. Kern Ormond of Benson will assist the pastor in the revival. All former ministers and members are urged to attend and the public is invited.

THE MYF OF CENTRAL, Kings Mountain, had a very successful Youth Activities Week, August 21-26. The MYF of Grace, Kings Mountain, was invited to join them. Attendance was good, with an increase each evening. Vespers each evening on "The Marks of a Christian," were conducted by Dorothy Smith. Supper was served daily by the WSCS. Workshop periods were led by the commission chairmen of the MYF, and each commission met separately for planning and projects. Much interest was expressed in the study course, "Our Protestant Belief," taught by Mr. Kelly Dixon, through discussions. The group joined whole-heartedly in recreation under the direction of Mrs. Hill Carpenter. On Thursday evening the young people attended their sub-district meeting at Trinity, Gastonia. A dedication and communion service on Friday evening brought the week to a close.



MISS MARGARET HARTSELL, above, is the new director of youth work at Myers Park Church, Charlotte. A native of Charlotte, Miss Hartsell graduated from Greensboro College this spring with a major in Religious Education.

DR. GILBERT T. ROWE, professor emeritus of Christian Doctrine in the Duke Divinity School, is the guest speaker this week at Duncan Memorial Church, Charlotte. Services will be concluded Sunday.

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF METHODISTS, Bishop Fred P. Corson told a Lake Junaluska audience, are their warm hearts, their clean lives, their hands extended in good works, and their cordial fellowship.

TRINITY CHURCH, on the Beaty Ford Road, Charlotte, will observe homecoming Sunday, September 4. All former pastors, former members and friends are cordially invited. Picnic lunch will be served on the grounds at 12:30 o'clock.

INTO THE GOOD GROUND, a new type of film on the Bible, will have its world premiere showing September 5 at the Film Festival, a feature of the Sixth International Workshop on Audio Visual Education being held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education. Produced by the Pathescope Company for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education under the supervision of Rev. W. L. Jenkins, General Manager of the Publication Division, the film, according to Mr. Jenkins, is intended "to stimulate a renewed interest in the study of the Bible."

REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM N. THOMAS, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Navy for the past four years, will retire September 1, after more than thirty years in the Navy. A Mississippian, born in Rankin County, March 21, 1892, Chaplain Thomas was graduated from Millsaps College in 1912 and received his ordinations into the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1913 and 1915. Meanwhile he had attended Seashore Divinity School and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Before assuming his naval duties, Chaplain Thomas served pastorates in the Mississippi Conference. He was made chief of Chaplains in 1945. He will make his home at Lake Junaluska.

DAN SMITH of High Point has been chosen director of music at Memorial Church, Thomasville, succeeding Richard Van Sciver, resigned.

BROAD STREET CHURCH, Statesville, will observe Family Night Wednesday evening, September 7, with a fellowship supper, games and a showing of the movie, "The Courageous Dr. Christian."

THE BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH on Hatteras Island was badly damaged last week in the gale which swept the coast. The steeple was pushed back into the roof, and cost of repairs is estimated at $1,000.

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, High Point, with a contribution of $3,520 to the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, is leading all churches of the Conference in gifts to this cause during the present Conference year.

DR. E. STANLEY JONES will speak in Durham on September 25 in the course of an extended nationwide tour under the auspices of the Crusade for a United Church of America. His appearance in Durham is sponsored by the Durham Council of Churches and is one of several dozen in selected cities and communities.

TRINITY CHURCH, GASTONIA, will observe homecoming Sunday, September 4, to which all former pastors, former members and friends are invited. Last Sunday evening the choir of Ebenezer church, Belmont, was in charge of a musical program at Trinity Church, with Rev. Jerry Murray, pastor of Ebenezer, conducting the devotional.

WILLIAM TYNDALE FORBIS, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Forbis, Lenoir, has dedicated his life to the Methodist ministry. He will enter High Point College next month. John Kermit Miller of the Maiden charge will enter Lenoir-Rhyne College this fall. Both are men of good calibre and their acts of dedication made the quarterly conferences ones of deep feeling.—J. H. Armbrust, D. S.

WADEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH will hold the annual homecoming services on Sunday, September 18, with E. A. Hilker of Charlotte bringing the message at eleven o'clock and a picnic lunch following. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to join the congregation for the occasion. Members of the church are adding Sunday School rooms to the church.

DR. JOHN R. CHURCH of Winston-Salem will be the guest preacher this year for the Asbury College revival to be held in October. The revival at Asbury is looked upon as one of the high lights of the college year. This is the eighth time for Dr. Church to be in Wilmore for revival meetings. On two different occasions he has held revivals in the First Methodist Church and on five other occasions he has been one of the preachers at the Central Kentucky Camp meeting which is held at Wilmore each year in July.

BISHOP CARLETON LACY from Foochow, China, cabled recently that the Foochow Conference area has been taken over by the Communists. All of the missionaries of Foochow Conference are in Foochow, except Miss Frances Fulton who went to Hongkong on a visit. Dr. Gerald L. Downie of Nanping is also in Foochow. Miss Martha Graf is in Kutien which was taken over some weeks ago. The cities of Hinghwa and Sienyu of Hinghwa Conference have not been heard from yet

United Evangelistic Advance Begins in October; Dedicatory and Formal Opening Rites Set for Sunday

EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE LAUNCHED BY 37 DENOMINATIONS

The United Evangelistic Advance, backed by 37 Protestant and Orthodox denominations with 40,000,000 members, will launch a 15-months program to win America for Christ, at the Lord's Table on Sunday, October 2. On that day millions of Americans, each in his own church, have been asked to participate in a global observance of World Communion Day.

Their participation in the Communion service, itself symbolic of the Christian faith, will signalize the beginning of what is hoped will be the greatest evangelistic movement of the century to revitalize the moral and spiritual forces of the nation.

Behind it are aligned the greatest church forces ever marshaled for a single program since the Protestant churches began doing together what can be done better together than separately.

With the hope that they may carry the message of the Christian gospel to Americans, old and young, in every city, town and hamlet in the 48 states, leaders of denominational and inter-denominational groups are working together under the direction of a 62-member national committee headed by Dr. E. G. Homrighausen of Princeton, N. J.

The denominations include the 27-member churches of the Federal Council of Churches, eight Lutheran bodies and five others. Also cooperating are the International Council of Religious Education, the United Council of Church Women, the Home Missions Council of North America and the Association of Council Secretaries.

This places behind the United Evangelistic Advance a potential force of many millions. The 37 denominations estimate a combined total membership of 40,000,000 and the ICRE counts more than 29,000,000 pupils enrolled in Protestant Sunday schools.

The local parishes number at least 150,000 and there are many more Sunday schools than churches. The latest count shows 232,672 Sunday schools.

Conceivably, with this number of potential avenues available, this united evangelistic crusade during the closing months of the first half century may reach more people, and more communities, with the message of the Christian gospel than any previous effort in the history of American Protestantism.

Starting on World Communion Day, the united program will be formally launched by all the participating denominations in a vigorous "go to church campaign" during the month of October and will gather momentum in the subsequent months of 1949 and throughout 1950.

"Fill the Pews" is the slogan that will be used to encourage regular attendance. The importance of this phase of the Advance is underlined by surveys indicating that only about 30 per cent of the nation's 46,000,000 Protestant and Orthodox church members attend services with any degree of regularity.

Another highlight of the October program will be a widespread observance of Reformation Day, Sunday, October 30. Pastors are being asked to devote their sermons to an explanation of what Protestants believe and why. More than 100 communities have planned interdenominational observances.



BETHESDA PARSONAGE

HISTORIC BETHESDA CHURCH TO DEDICATE PARSONAGE SUNDAY

Bishop W. W. Peele will dedicate the Bethesda parsonage at Orrum Sunday, September 4, with Rev. Paul Edwards, pastor, in charge of the service. The building, a six-room brick structure with all modern conveniences, was completed and furnished at a cost of $18,000.

Bethesda Church, with a membership of 533, is one of the oldest and largest rural churches in North Carolina. The church was founded in 1711, according to the date given o nthe cornerstone, as a community church. Later it became a Methodist church. It was the only church between Lumberton and Marion, S. C., as late as 1850. Until three years ago Bethesda was on the Fairmont charge. In November 1946 Bethesda and Olivet were organized into the South Robeson charge. Since that time the church has become a station, with a greatly increased budget. In addition to building the parsonage, the congregation has purchased an electric organ and is now engaged in redecorating the church.

A brother of Bishop Peele, the late Rev. F. Boyd Peele, was pastor when the present church was built.

WALKERTOWN CHURCH TO BE FORMALLY OPENED SUNDAY

Love's Church, Walkertown, will be formally opened Sunday, September 4, with Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, bringing the message, and the pastor, Rev. J. C. Auman, in charge of the service. In connection with the program of the day, a homecoming and memorial service will be held. A business meeting of the memorial association will be held in the afternoon, and special services will be held each evening during the week, with local and visiting pastors assisting. Members of Morris Chapel church, along with their pastor, Rev. C. M. McKinney, will join in the services Sunday.

Organized for more than a century and a half, the fourth building of Love's church was destroyed by fire on February 2, 1947. For more than a year the congregation has been engaged in the construction of the new building, which is one of the most attractive churches in the State. The congregation has labored courageously to raise sufficient funds to keep the building program going.

CANAAN CHURCH PLANS OUTSTANDING SERVICES SUNDAY

Sunday, September 4, will be an outstanding day for Canaan Church on the North Davidson Charge. At eleven o'clock the new seven-room educational building will be dedicated; at 12:45 o'clock lunch will be served on the church grounds; at 1:30 o'clock a memorial service will be held; and at 2:00 o'clock homecoming will be observed.

In charge of these services will be Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor. Rev. George B. Clemmer, superintendent of the Thomasville District, will bring the dedicatory message and will lead in the service of dedication. Carl Clodfelter will present the building for dedication. Rev. James A. Allen of Winston-Salem, former pastor, will bring the homecoming message.

The new educational building was completed in December last year. The one-story brick veneer structure contains seven classrooms, a pastor's study, a completely equipped kitchen and an oil furnace sufficiently large to take care of the proposed church. Built at a cost of $19,000, the building takes care of its 190 members of the Sunday School.

Canaan Church was begun in 1909 by the former Methodist Protestant Church, with 21 charter members. The first building, a one-room structure, was completed in 1911. A renovation program was begun in 1941 consisting of new pews and a remodeling of the interior of the church. Later, an electric organ was purchased.

Funds for the new educational building were started in December 1944, with a gift of $1500 by G. B. Tuttle, superintendent of the Sunday School. A building committee, consisting of Carl Clodfelter, A. F. Berrier and G. B. Tuttle, was appointed, and the second Sunday in each month was designated as "Building Fund Day."

The church has 185 members and plans are being made for the erection of a new sanctuary.



CANAAN CHURCH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN OXFORD IN 1951

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, recently home from England where he has been planning with British leaders for the 1951 Ecumenical Methodist Conference, reports the dates are set for August 28 to September 7. The place will be Oxford, England, and the buildings of Christ Church, Lincoln and Jesus Colleges have been secured for residence quarters.

While in Europe Bishop Holt, who is president of the Council of Bishops, had frequent opportunity to be spokesman for American Methodism. He reported both in England and on the continent the success of the first decade of Methodist union "We have had problems to solve, and yet we have known no desertions or disaffections," he told various groups. "In a world of hatred, it can truly be said that among the Methodist Churches united in the greatest of all Protestant unions, our principal disagreements have been over the better way to do our common task and our serious rivalries have been rivalries of love for one another."

In an interview for the Methodist Recorder Bishop Holt said, "I believe our greatest need—speaking of Methodism in the widest sense—is for Methodist union on a world scale. This is not a wild dream. It is something toward which it is our duty to work. . . A world Methodist movement can be promoted now."

Bishop Holt exulted in the progress toward closer cooperation between British and American Methodism. "We have done more in the past three years for ecumenical Methodism than in the past sixty," he told a Recorder reporter. He expressed regret, however, that more American Methodists when touring England do not visit Wesley's Chapel and other Methodist shrines.

Books which will develop better understanding are in preparation, Bishop Holt said. He referred to an international Who's Who in Methodism, an Album of Methodist History being prepared by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, and a textbook on Methodism Around the World which he, himself, is writing. The latter is to be used as a study book the fall and winter preceding the coming Oxford Conference. There is also, he said, a project to prepare an Encyclopedia of Methodism which will embrace the scholarship of the Methodist churches around the world.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE GETS READY FOR FALL TERM

With summer school over, High Point College is already well on the way toward filling its dormitories for the winter term. However, according to Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president, there are still a few spaces left for both men and women. There is room also for additional day students. Dr. Cooke is urging those who plan to attend High Point College to send in their applications as soon as possible.

The winter term begins September 16. The registration dates are September 13, for freshmen; September 15, for upper classmen. Classes begin Friday, September 16. The faculty reception for freshmen will be held Friday, September 16, at 8:00 p.m. High Point College will offer classes in the usual academic and specialized courses.

Once we thought work was a curse; then it came to us that it was a necessary evil; and yesterday the truth dawned upon us that it is a blessed privilege.—Elbert Hubbard.

LABOR SUNDAY MESSAGE, 1949

(Approved by the Executive Committee of The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and issued through the Department of the Church and Economic Life.)

Requested to be read in the churches on Labor Sunday, September 4, 1949, or, if preferred, on September 11, 1949

American workers in factory, store, field, and office, with their families, compose most of the American nation and most of the Christian churches. Labor Day calls attention to their rights, responsibilities, and aspirations. We therefore call upon the churches to unite wholeheartedly in celebrating this Labor Sunday.

Everywhere workers are taking a larger part in the shaping of their own lives. They are assuming greater economic, social, and political responsibilities.

Workers want status. They want to feel that they are recognized as far more significant than the machines they operate and the materials they handle. They want to bring the democracy they hear so much about into their work-a-day world. American labor has made great strides toward this goal.

Workers want security. They want an end to the ups and downs of the business cycle. They want a cushion against the hazards of unemployment, sickness, and old age. Within recent years the justice of this demand has had increasing practical recognition.

Workers seek self-expression, both in their work and as citizens. This means wide participation for all in economic and political decisions. In America social changes over the years have resulted in gradual but significant progress, partly registered in social legislation.

A World in Ferment

The world is now in a ferment. Movements that were begun to free the people have been used later to enslave them. Other movements have effected profound social and economic changes without sacrificing civil and political liberties. We should take care not to resist change merely because it is change, nor to condemn that which exists merely because it is not as new as something which is proposed. The strength of democracy is its ability to reinterpret the old, to use the new, to make continuing adjustment between freedom and justice, between individual rights and social demands. We dare not ignore the just aspirations of all people. We must strive to realize them within the framework of a Christian society.

The first step toward this end is to recognize the vast changes that have already occurred in our American life. We have shifted to a large extent from individualism to organization, from comparative self-sufficiency to far reaching interdependence.

With business management this change has taken the form of building up greater corporations and financial groups, representing vast concentrations of economic power. Neither the individual worker nor even the local union can successfully deal with a multi-million-dollar corporation regarding terms of employment or conditions of work. On the part of labor the growth of industrial unions has been stimulated to balance these powerful concentrations.

How Will Labor Use Its Power?

The Church must never forsake its basic interest in individuals. Nevertheless the times demand that it give increasing attention to group action, group morality, and group responsibility in our economic life. Men and women as objects of God's redeeming love are not means to be used by the powerful for selfish end. They are neither slaves to be driven nor statistics to be manipulated. Each as a child of God is an end unto himself within God's purpose.

In America the churches are rightly concerned with the motivation and the social consequences of the increased concentration of corporate power; they face also the great question of the end for which organized labor will use its expanding power. Will it give Christian principles, including social responsibility, a first place in its program? Will the men who guide its affairs exercise Christian humility and justice in their use of power? Will they put the public interest above the special interests of the pressure groups they lead? The answers to these questions depend upon the religious and ethical values held by the people in the ranks and leadership of labor.

The values that Christianity puts first cannot be realized by preaching and the printed word alone. They can most effectively be caught from men who share the problems and strivings of those they would serve. Our churches seek both the organized and the unorganized workers in still larger numbers in their membership and leadership, while they likewise seek to achieve closer contact, understanding, and cooperation with all workers everywhere.

The Task Before Us

Such is the task to which we urge earnest dedication by our churches. This is a task which cannot be done only in the pulpit, in the sanctuary, or where people gather together for prayer and worship. It must be taken also to wherever people live and work. The mission of the churches cannot be separated from the restless masses of humanity who seek justice and freedom.

We cannot escape from our increasing interdependence; rather we must accept its responsibilities and meet its challenges. This means that Christians must be motivated by a purpose to help, never to dominate. Christians must seek a more intimate and sympathetic understanding of the conditions and just aspirations of all working groups in their own communities; and then apply that understanding, rather than ill-informed prejudices, in their judgment and action as citizens on issues that involve labor's rights and responsibilities.

In a changing world, as Christians we not only welcome but seek actively to promote, every advance in human relations toward social justice and human brotherhood under the Lordship of Christ and the love of God for all men.

Church Schools Grow; Funds for Children's Building and Church School Day Received; Literature Listed

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 2

September 25 to October 2 will be observed as Christian Education Week by the major denominations of Protestantism. Even though this date conflicts with our Annual Conference, this observance can be planned and launched during September. The entire month of September is most important in the annual plans for any church school. Many suggestions and program materials may be found in the church school periodicals for August and September.

CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Both enrollment and attendance have increased steadily in our conference since 1944. It is anticipated that the year now coming to a close will show continued growth. Pastors, church school superintendents and secretaries will want to give careful attention to the reports to be submitted on September 6 in Table I.

From the church at large comes the news that increase in Methodist Church School Membership continues even after the close of the Crusade for Christ. The sixty-five spring conferences reporting to date reveal an increase of 107,304. Figures released by the International Council of Religious Education at the end of 1948 and by the Methodist Church as of July 1 show enrollment in several of the larger groups to be as follows:

Methodist	5,762,727
Southern Baptist	4,308,374
National Baptist, Inc.	1,357,493
Disciples of Christ	1,057,092
Presbyterian U. S. A.	1,003,943
National Baptist of America	1,000,100

SCHISLER'S TRIBUTE TO TRAINING

Increase in Methodist Church School membership continues even after the close of the Crusade fro Christ. The sixty-five spring conferences which have reported to date reveal an increase of 107,304. Our total Methodist Church School membership as of July 1, is 5,762,727. Our total Methodist Church School membership has increaser 975,000 in four and one-half years.

We would not take away any credit which belongs to our friends of other churches for their zeal and their spirituality. He who thinks however, that spiritual power is lacking in the church school movement in the Methodist Church is simply unaware of what is taking place in Methodism. The fact that our church has for many years sought to provide courses of study for her teachers and annual conference workers to give them help is to its eternal credit. Teachers are engaged in a delicate operation, awakening the minds of little children so that there may be passage-ways for the light of the Holy Spirit to shine in upon their tender growing spirits. The teacher needs knowledge and skill for this operation, no less than the surgeon needs them for his. I thank God that our church for more than forty years has tried to help its church school teachers to be "workmen who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

THE FRIENDLY METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOL

The purpose of the Friendly Methodist Church School idea is to generate a friendly, spiritual atmosphere among the church schools of our connection. Dr. N. F. Forsythe has prepared three groups of materials. These are: The Poster-Type Friendly Methodist Church School Window Cards, Friendly Methodist Church School Post Cards, and a booklet known as The Friendly Methodist Church School Teacher. These materials are practical and attractive. The three-fold set may be purchased from the Publishing House for $2.25. Secure a supply with your next literature order. Christian Education Week, September 25 to October 2, is a good time to introduce this idea.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION YEARBOOK

"Leading Children in the Christian Faith" is the covering title and major emphasis in the new edition of the Children's Division Yearbook. This forty-eight page booklet contains up-to-date information needed by workers with children in every church. The chief purpose is to bring about fellowship among the workers, improvement in the work, and stronger ties between children and their parents. Order a supply for your workers with children during September and have them on hand for Christian Education Week, September 25 to October 2.

CHILDREN'S BUILDING, LAKE JUNALUSKA

Plans are underway for the Church Schools of Methodism to erect a building for activites with children at Lake Junaluska. Considerable interest was manifested in the Leadership School on August 9 when a financial report was made. Several conferences are raising their funds and will remit with one check later. Contributions received to date from the W. N. C. Conference are as follows:

Pine Grove-Mt. Carmel, $10; Abernethy Mem., Rutherford, $10; Asbury, Lincolnton, $10.50; Asbury-Oak Grove, $2; Boulevard, Statesville, $7.70; Broad Street, Statesville, $6.43; Centenary, Greensboro, $6; Central, Albemarle, $51.49; Central, Monroe, $8.50; Central, Shelby, $15; Chadwick, Charlotte, $3; Clover Hill, Lawndale, $7.45; Cole Mem., $7.50; Dilworth, Charlotte, $25; East End, Gastonia, $40; First, Belmont, $25; First, Forest City, $28.10; First, Hendersonville, $64.66; Francis Asbury, $7.60; Hawthorne Lane, $82.38; Hillside-Merrimon, $6.27; Linwood, $4; Marvin Chapel, $4; Morris Field, Charlotte, $6:52; Myers Park, $261; New Hope-Bethel, $.67; Oakdale, Jamestown, $18; St. James, Charlotte, $21.67; St. Paul, Charlotte, $11.25; Tabernacle (Friendship) $3.15; Troutman, $3.50; West Asheville, $7.76; Spruce Pine, $3; Swannanoa Circuit, $9; Main Street, Gastonia, $10; Commonwealth, Charlotte, $15; First, Rutherfordton, $5; Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, $25; Mrs. W. R. Reed, $20. Total, $853.10.

Totals from other conferences are:

Alabama, $18.50; Florida, $88.50; Georgia, $185.56; Kentucky, $152.52; South Carolina, $1,267.34; Tennessee, $40; Virginia, $20.

All contributions should be designated for the Junaluska Children's Building and should be sent to Carl H. King, Treasurer.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERING

The report of this observance in the Advocate issue of August 18 shows that only one out of four of our schools has responded to this cause. It is hoped that the other 800 schools of the conference will contribute some amount within the next two weeks. Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Box 282, Salisbury, is the receiving treasurer of this fund. Contributions received between August 10 and 25 are as follows:

Davidson, $20; Fairview, $10; Weaverville, $18.17; Bethel, Greensboro, $10; Central Falls, $5; Concord, Davie, $10; Granite Falls, $25; Hanes, $11.10; Trinity, Gastonia, $10; Thomasville Circuit, $57.87; Highland-Fairgrove, $16; Oakdale, $15; Lafayette Street, $40; Belmont Park, $25; Randolph-Grays, $25; Farmington Circuit, $19; Brevard, $20; Brookstown (Lewisville) $3.

OUR WORKBOOK

Our Workbook is designed for use by pastors, church school superintendents, and superintendents of age group divisions in launching the Advance for Christ and His Church in the church school during the next three years. This booklet is available from the Publishing House and the price is twenty-five cents.

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Miss Kathleene Cox, *Guest Editor*

JURISDICTION GUILD WEEK-END

"We thank Thee, Lord, Thy paths of service lead
To blazoned heights and down the slopes of need."

The theme of the hymn is found in the opening lines given above, and each stanza sings of the life of service to mankind closely knit with the life of communion with God, such as the true Christian must daily lead. It is no wonder that members of the Wesleyan Service Guild thrilled to the singing of this hymn, page 458, The Methodist Hymnal, on Guild Night of the Jurisdiction School of Missions, Lake Junaluska. For true guilders everywhere have one great aim,—service, with growth in Christian love.

The most of us had been traveling all day, but upon arriving at this most beautiful spot in the mountains of North Carolina, we took on new vigor, and upon entering the auditorium that first evening we were ready to receive the challenge so beautifully presented by Mrs. F. G. Poole, a former member of the Guild standing committee, as she spoke on "The Mad Imperative."

On Saturday morning we registered for the week-end, and other than this during the morning we were free to use our time as we chose. Most of us attended the classes and workshops of the School of Missions. Your editor today, and others, attended the morning watch hour, the study on "Women of Scripture" taught by Miss Ethelene Sampley, and the service in the auditorium at 11:30 a.m., when Dr. W. B. Selah, of Jackson, Miss., spoke on "Winning the Favor of People, or Being Popular." Others visited the workshop on program building, and saw a play on Japan.

The theme "Toward One World in Christ" with love as the answer, was carried out in all the week-end sessions. Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Mrs. B. R. Stout, and Mrs. W. M. Alexander led the devotional periods. Two of our new approved study courses were reviewed. Miss Dorothy McConnell spoke on "Cooperation for a Christian Nation," and Miss Sally Lou McKinnon, on "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church. Mrs. E. L. Hillman in speaking on the "Guild in the Program of Advance," urged that we get new members because we have something to share—a program of study and action, and that we must set our faces toward what we hope to be in order to reach the goals.

During Saturday afternoon we were fortunate in having Mrs. F. G. Poole again, this time to lead our workshop on program building. Mrs. Poole urged us to work toward Methodism's recognizing the status of women so that women may be fully ordained for the ministry. She also thinks it would be valuable for the Guild to hold occupational clinics, when all nurses, all teachers, or others with the same interests, may meet together to discuss their problems. The Guild programs must reach out to worldwide interests, as well as local. Guild programs are important, because the Guild has everything that other clubs have with the added "spiritual emphasis." A good year's program must be well-rounded, and planned with the needs and abilities of the group in mind; and individual programs must be planned months in advance for best results so that the leaders may have time to think the questions over, get both sides of the issues, and think out a program of action. And above all, Mrs. Poole, stated, we must know that "prayer matters."

Saturday evening one of the highlights was the presentation of the Guild goals in a unique skit. Mrs. J. B. Hughes, as Mrs. Southeastern, was the mother, bringing her children, the different conferences, for a check-up at Dr. Guild's Clinic, where the consulting doctors, Dr. Eye, Dr. Heart, and others, studied the cases and made recommendations. This was one of the best examples we have ever seen on how programs and even dull statistics may be made interesting.

One of our speakers on Sunday morning was Miss Hilda Keng, of China, who has just received the M.A. degree in Religious Education from Scarritt College. Using as her topic "Only Love Sets Free," she told something of her life and how she was able, because of love in the hearts of our missionaries and women's groups, to come to the United States to study. Miss Keng challenged us to plan our programs and give our money, not because we will have a good report and receive credit, but because we have love in our hearts and can recognize individual needs.

Miss Mary McMillan, teacher in Hiroshima Girls' School, was introduced, and brought a greeting. The week-end program closed with the morning service at the auditorium, when Dr. W. B. Selah preached on "Love Is the Answer." To Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Jurisdiction Guild Secretary, we give due credit for a most inspiring and helpful week-end.

N. C. EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS PLANNED

District Educational Seminars for Women's Societies and Guilds are to be held on the days and at places indicated below, all beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Durham District at Hillsboro, September 13.

Elizabeth City District: Swan Quarter, on September 13; Currituck, Sept. 14; and Edenton, Sept. 15.

Fayetteville District, place to be announced, Sept. 7.

New Bern District: Carteret Zone at Newport, Sept. 14; Central Zone, at Wharton, Sept. 15; Tri-county Zone at Aurora, Oct. 12; and Wayne Zone at Eureka, Oct. 20.

Raleigh District: Garner, Sept. 14; Smithfield, Sept. 15; City Road, Henderson, Sept. 23.

Rocky Mount District at Weldon Sept. 8.

Wilmington District at Roseboro, Sept. 1.

MEMORIAL GIFT

A very fitting memorial to the life of Mrs. W. A. Wilson, who gave her active life, money, and prayers in service as a missionary, is the gift of a set of kodachrome slides to be used in correlation with the interpretations in the book, "Christ and the Fine Arts," which the Wesleyan Service Guild of Duke Memorial Church, Durham, has placed in the church Library for the use of all members and organized groups. One of the circles which bears Mrs. Wilson's name, has sponsored the project, and members of the circle as well as friends of the family have made possible this most useful gift. Mrs. Wilson passed away in Durham on May 4, 1949. May God continue to use the influence of her noble life for great good.

MISS GODFREY HONORED

Yes, North Carolina has done it again! Whenever there is a need, there is usually someone in North Carolina who is able and willing to fill that need. This time it is our own Conference Guild Secretary, Miss Sarah Godfrey of Sanford! At the Jurisdiction Guild week-end, Lake Junaluska, Miss Godfrey was elected Promotion Secretary for the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Since Guild work began in North Carolina Miss Godfrey has been active in the work, and has served for several years as Secretary for the Fayetteville district, and last year she assumed the duties of Conference Secretary. In her new duties Miss Godfrey will work closely with the Jurisdiction Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Hughes, of Kentucky, in helping to promote the work, and will edit the quarterly paper, the "Guild-A-Bout," for the Jurisdiction.

The "Guild-A-Bout North Carolina" made its debut when Miss Godfrey became Conference Secretary. It began more or less as an experiment, and its purpose was to pass along constructive information to every Guild in the Conference. Besides this, Guilds were asked to contribute items of interest from their groups, such as special meetings, outstanding guests, honors bestowed, and other activities, so that other groups might get new ideas. Already, with only two issues off the press, the "Guild-A-Bout" has won distinction, not only in this Conference, but in the Jurisdiction. North Carolina is justly proud of its Guild Secretary!

WESLEYAN GUILDS CARRY ON DURING SUMMER

Almost all Guilds have been active this summer as never before. Many fellowship periods such as picnics have been enjoyed also. The wide-awake Guild at Clinton got off to a good start with an impressive pledge service patterned after the service outlined in the Handbook, and a beautiful candlelight installation ceremony led by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Lanning. At the first executive meeting most of the year's work was outlined, and compiled into a very informative Yearbook, small enough to be carried in each guilder's purse. One of the special home projects sponsored by this group each summer is that of sending Youth Fellowship members to Louisburg and Wrightsville Youth Center assemblies.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

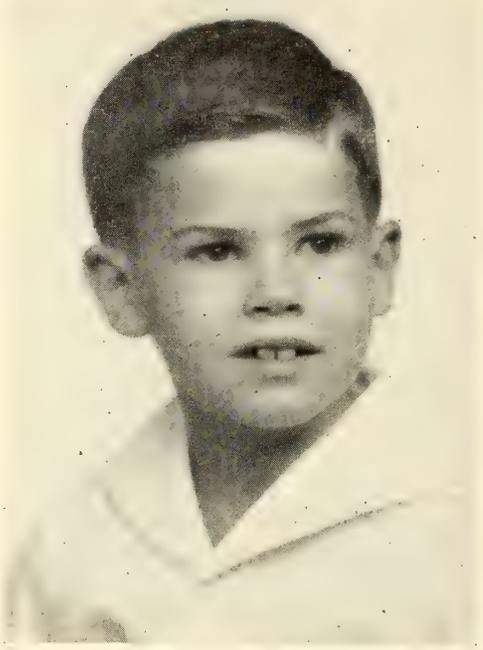
Recommendations for growth in spiritual life have recently been received by Guild Spiritual Life chairmen. Leaders realize that all goals in the Advance may be achieved more fully if we advance spiritually first. Prayer partners and small prayer circles are recommended, for "God is the best problem-solver ever dreamed of, and you can contact Him through prayer." A list of books, and a devotional taken from the booklet prepared by Mrs. B. B. Slaughter and Mrs. J. C. Burwell, were recommended for use for such groups. The value of using the Fellowship of Intercession and Guild Prayer cards, and the approved study, "Women of Scripture" by Moss, were emphasized. Chairmen were also urged to order materials now for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31, and plan for separate or joint meetings with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Children Return from Vacation; Being Outfitted with New Clothes; Crops Being Harvested; Trustees to Meet

By O. V. Woosley

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THE RETURNED CHILDREN

Our children are back from their vacations. All but 16 went somewhere. All but four of these could have gone but they preferred to stay, most of them being big boys who wanted to stay here and work and make a little extra money. Four could not go because of surgical operations. Our plan for vacations is for a great majority of our children and staff members to be away simultaneously. Now that both staff members and children are back we are in the process of readjustment and reassignment of work and getting ready for the opening of school. We would like to say that every child is happy to return, but such would be straining the truth. There are a few youngsters who still long for the personal consideration and indulgences of vacation. Before this appears in print they will doubtless have washed away their homesickness in the swimming pool and in the activities of a happy family.

INCOMING CHILDREN

We have had and are having a large number of additions to our family. The children who came in early summer are already adjusted and feeling a part of everything here. The newer arrivals are offering no adjustment problems. Most of them are so happy to have an opportunity to lie on clean sheets on single beds, have plenty to eat and a lot of children to enjoy. One little boy, coming from a home of indulgences and not understanding why his broken home caused him to be placed here, has stopped saying, "I don't like it here." Already color is coming in his cheeks and happiness to his spirit.

THE WANDERING BOYS

At this writing we have five boys who have gone AWOL. The leader of the gang is in his early teens. I believe this is the eighth time he has left without leave. Along with him went his younger brother, another lad who failed his grade and two little youngsters who were great wanderers before coming here. All of them will return in due time. We may have kept the teen-age boy too long. Our children live in a home of opportunity and not enforced confinement. Those who go without leave generally return with permission.

CUTTING CORN CAPERS

The big farm boys are out this morning, August 25, giving themselves to their first day of cutting and hauling silage corn. It is expected that between now and the opening of school our three big silos will have been filled, settled and refilled. The boys will cut their capers with the corn until 1 o'clock, come in for dinner and then after an hour and a half of rest will go out and work harder on the football field, and call that play. Our first football game is scheduled with Kinston High at Bowman Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem, Friday night, September 2.

LOVED TOO TIGHTLY

The picture this week is that of Fred Tanner, a nine-year-old Clay county boy and promoted to the fourth grade. Fred was one of the ten youngsters Rev. D. T. Huss and his fine Olin people accepted for two weeks' vacation. There was a little dog at the home of Lee Boggs, an old-time friend, which Fred like very much to play with. One time he squeezed the little dog too tightly, causing the dog to bite him on the cheek. Of course the Boggses had the wound carefully looked after and we exhibited no anxiety over the matter when it was first reported. However, since then every precaution has been gone through with here by our doctors. Constant reports from the dog showed that he did not have rabies. Fred, along with the other youngsters, had a wonderfully fine vacation time. The lad is sponsored by the Susanna Wesley Class of Wesley Memorial, High Point, Mrs. R. J. Welch being the correspondent.

MORNING MAIL

Brethren and sisters, you have no idea with what interest we receive the morning mails. We like to open letters containing checks and money orders. We need that money every day and every hour. If your congregation has not done all it can for The Children's Home this is a good time to do it. We are in the conference home stretch. Our friends can make our children happy by providing financial funds for expending for their necessary needs.

VACATION LIABILITIES

It is too much to expect that 350 children away on vacation would escape all hazards. Such is not true when they are here. One little girl had an acute attack of appendicitis and had to be rushed to the hospital for an operation. Another girl swallowed a pin, at least she thought she did, and the family she visited was put to the annoyance and expense of having her X-rayed from top to bottom. The pin was later found in the bed where she was supposed to have coughed it out. Another little girl caught chicken pox and had it over with before returning. A lad was in bed with tonsilitis most of the time he was away. Other than that, a good time was had by all.

SEPTEMBER MORN

The significance of September morn with us is that more instead of less clothes will be needed. Outside of December, September is the busiest month of the year with us. All the children must be outfitted with their fall and winter clothing. Much of the summer clothing will be called in and stored away while the heavier clothing is called out to be worn for comfort. This clothing process has already begun. September will see it consummated.

CLOTHING SPONSORS

Our sponsors of children, and practically all of our children are sponsored, are reminded that their children will be fittingly clothed at clothing time. Whatever financial funds they forward will go to pay for the clothing. We will not wait on the receipt of a payment to provide clothing for a given child. All must be fitted with clothes for going to church at a given time and with sufficient clothing for withstanding the weather when need arises. Let your love money come without hesitation.

SCHOOL DAYS

Our elementary school, the first eight grades, will open on Labor Day, September 5. The high school boys and girls will take to their books a day later as they troop over to Richard J. Reynolds high school. Our elementary school opening is delayed a week because of the failure to have facilities in the new addition to the school building. The children will be looking forward to the new school set-up here in our own building, which can now house all the scholastic endeavors. The Children's Home owns the building and the state of North Carolina and the city of Winston-Salem run the school.

CHILD CARE CONFERENCE

For nearly a half a century the staff members in the North Carolina child-caring institutions have been meeting each fall for mutual helpfulness. The organization is called the North Carolina Conference of Orphanage workers. In former years the conferences were much given to the matter of raising funds around Thanksgiving time and at other times. In later years the conference has turned its attention more to the services to be rendered the children. The emphasis has been shifted from the condition of the child when he comes to what it is hoped can be done for him after he arrives. Emphasis on orphan has turned to emphasis on service. The next conference is to be held at the Children's Home on Tuesday, October 4.

BOARD TO MEET

R. G. Stockton, chairman of our board of trustees, has called the annual meeting of our directors for convening here at The Children's Home on Thursday morning, September 15, at 10:30 o'clock. The meeting will probably be in session about two hours, adjourning for lunch with Mrs. Woosley in the superintendent's home and surveying building sites before returning to their homes. Our board meetings for twenty years, to our knowledge, have been harmonious and constructive.

Psalms of Justice

Psalms 49:1-7; 72; 82

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By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

The Psalmist says, Hear this, all ye peoples. He feels that he has a message for all mankind. That, we may add, is the peculiarity of the Bible in general. It has a needed word for all the sons of men. And as his words will be hard of understanding he will accompany them on the harp. By the way, that is the business of all teachers, to strive to be rhythmic and musical in their utterance, so that when the people do not altogether understand, their attention will be held by the music of their words. How wonderfully this is true of the Psalms and the Prophets, and the teachings of Jesus! There is apt to be in them a marching cadence like the music of a band.

The most baffling problem to the writers of the Old Testament was the fact that the ungodly were often allowed to pile up riches, and to walk around boastingly as lords of the earth, while the humble-hearted and righteous were thrust aside and despised. We today are reassured by the fact that although the most righteous of all men was rejected and crucified, on the third day he rose again from the dead, and from his heavenly exaltation sent the baptism of the Holy Spirit and of power upon all his faithful ones. We bow in wonder before the Old Testament worthies who valiantly stood for the righteousness of God although they had not received a clear revelation of life beyond the grave, and had never heard such teaching as Jesus gave in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, where Lazarus who was allowed to starve to death at the rich man's gate, was immediately carried by the angels to the seat of honor next to Abraham at the heavenly feast (Luke 16: 19-31).

But although the Psalmist had not received this clear revelation of a future life, **he had a great surmise** (49:15). He believed that somehow God would make things right in the future. And he had eyes also to see how little happiness the wealth of the ungodly could buy for him, how with all his gold he could not ransom his brother from death, nor for any price hire God to lengthen his own days.

Moreover he saw that the death of the ungodly rich tragically suggests the death of an animal. Everything about him will rot; even his memory will send forth a stench. God ordained the rulers to be as gods exercising divine functions, rescuing the poor from their oppressors and making them confident that righteousness reigned in the earth. Instead of that they made men feel that the moral foundations were shaking.

How the Psalmist longs for the day when the rulers will enforce justice according to the will of God, and make it easier for men to believe in God's righteousness! For the church today unitedly to stand for the enforcement of justice is an effective method of spreading faith in a good God. It is one way to preach the gospel.

The words of the Psalmist, I said ye are gods, were quoted by our Lord to defend himself against a charge of blasphemy for saying, I am the Son of God (John 10: 33-39). He also reinforced the Psalmist's sense of the possibilities of men by saying to Peter, I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven (Matthew 16:17-19). And he said to the twelve, Ye shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And he says to us all, Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you. But he also says, If the salt have lost its savor it is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

In Memoriam

CLEVELAND L. HARDISTER

Salisbury—On Saturday afternoon, July 9, 1949, God, in his wisdom and mercy so mysteriously took from our midst one of our most beloved friends and loyal church workers, Cleveland L. Hardister.

He was a Christian gentleman, ever putting his church first and uprightly living his religion from day to day. He served on the Board of Stewards nearly twenty-four years and conscientiously fulfilled his duties in every way.

He joined Park Avenue Methodist Church by certificate on December 33, 1916. In his going the church has lost one of its best members, his family, a devoted husband and father, and the community, one of its noblest citizens.

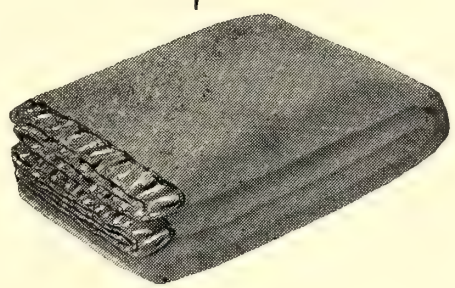
Therefore, be it resolved,

That we, the members of the Board of Stewards of Park Avenue Methodist Church, Salisbury, in regular session on this the 10th day of July, 1949, pay this tribute of respect and admiration to our departed brother;

That we enter a record of our appreciation of being privileged to serve as co-laborers with such an ardent churchman;

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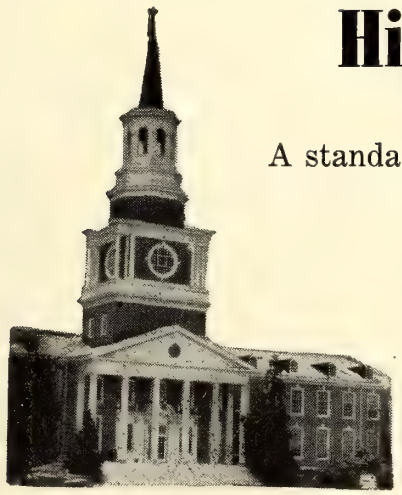
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Beverly Gets Lost

By Mary M. White

The day was hot. Bruce wanted to buy something cold from the ice cream man, but because he had just eaten dinner, Mother wouldn't let him; so he was in a bad humor. When he went out to play with his wagon, he was angry with everybody and everything.

Presently Beverly, Bruce's young sister, went outdoors and, seeing Bruce, she started to jump into the wagon with him.

"No, you shan't play with me," he shouted crossly at her. "Go take your nap. You're a baby, anyway, and boys don't play with babies!"

This made Beverly sad, for she adored her older brother and never before had he spoken so harshly to her. Without a word she went into the house.

A few minutes later Mother came to the door and called, "Bruce, where is Beverly?"

"She's in the house," he answered, and then went on with his play.

Mother couldn't find Beverly anywhere in the house and soon she came back outside and call to Bruce, "See if Beverly is playing with Jimmy."

But Beverly wasn't playing with Jimmy. She wasn't at any of the other near-by neighbors' houses either, and when Mother asked the people who sat along the beach, they all said they had not seen her.

Finally Mother called Daddy on the telephone. He got in touch with the police and then came home as fast as he could.

Bruce didn't know what to do! He turned on the radio and heard a voice describing Beverly and telling everybody to be on the lookout for her. How he wished he hadn't been so cross!

He didn't like to be alone, so he went over to Jimmy's house. The two boys tried to play, but nothing was fun anymore.

A screaming police car came to a stop in front of the house. Bruce looked up, expecting to see Beverly get out of the car, but she was nowhere to be seen.

Hoping to find some comfort, Bruce went in search of his mother. She was lying down in her room and when he reached her door, Daddy, who was sitting beside her bed, looked up and said, "Go back outside, son. Mother mustn't be disturbed."

Bruce slowly walked back outside and sat down on the front steps beside Jimmy. The boys looked in every car that passed, hoping to see Beverly. What it she should never come back!

At length, Jimmy suggested that they play with their skates on the sidewalk. He thought they might watch for Beverly at the same time. Bruce didn't want to, but hoping it might keep him from thinking about Beverly, he went into the house to get his skates.

He usually kept his skates in the large closet under the front stairs, and there he soon found one of them. The other was nowhere in sight. The closet was long and dark. Bruce, thinking his other skate might be back in the closet, started crawling through the dark. And there, out of sight from the door, he found Beverly sound asleep.

He cried out real loud and happily and Beverly immediately awakened.

"I didn't take my nap today," she said, looking up into Bruce's face. I'm not a baby any longer."

Bruce crawled back out of the closet and as fast as he could go he ran to tell Daddy and Mother about Beverly.

After the excitement was over, and supper was through Bruce and Beverly got ready for bed.

Mother was tucking the covers over Bruce when he pulled her head down close and whispered, "It was my fault that Beverly hid. I called her a baby because she had to take a nap."

"Oh, Bruce, that wasn't kind at all," answered Mother.

"I know it, Mother, and I am sorry. I was angry 'cause I couldn't buy any ice cream, and so I said all those mean things to Beverly. Never, never will I ever do such a thing again. Please forgive me!"

"Of course I'll forgive you, Bruce. I think you have had enough punishment already. But after this you must always remember to follow the Golden Rule, 'Do unto others as you would be done by.' "

"I'll try to remember always,Mother," replied Bruce.—The Herald of Holiness.


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Central, 7:30	7
Asbury Memorial, 7:30	8

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 14)

Charlotte District

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	September
Davidson-Fairview, 7:30	1
Morris Field, 8:00	2
Asbury-Oak Grove, 11	4
Monroe Circuit: Trinity, 2:30	4
Moores Chapel, 7:30	4
First, 7:30	5
Waxhaw, 7:30	6
Chadwick, 8:00	7
Central Avenue, 7:30	8

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Gastonia District

W. A. Stanbury, D. S.
606 S. York Street, Gastonia, N. C.

	September
Belmont, Park Street, 7:30	1
McAdenville, 7:30	2
Gastonia, East End, 11	4
Boger City, 5	4
Lincolnton, First, 7:30	4
Shelby, Central, 7:30	5
Belmont, Ebenezer, 7:30	6
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30	7
Cherryville, 7:30	8

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Greensboro District

(See page two, issue of August 25.)

Marion District

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S.
P. O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.

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Nebo-Clinchfield, Nebo, Night	4
Cross Mills, Cross Mills, Night	5
North Morganton, Night	6
Morganton, First Church, Night	7
Marion Circuit, Providence, Night	8

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 21)

Salisbury District

Walter B. West, D. S.
328 S. Church Street, Salisbury, N. C.

	September
Rocky Ridge, 11	4
Kerr Street, 5	4
Forest Hill, 8	4
Albemarle: First Street, 8	5
China Grove, 8	6
Salisbury: First Church, 8	7
Long Street-Yadkin: Long Street, 8	8

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 21)

Statesville District

J. H. Armbrust, D. S.
Statesville, N. C.

	September
Statesville, Broad St., 7:30	7

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of May 26)

Thomasville District

George B. Clemmer, D. S.
11 Mock Street, Thomasville
Telephone 304

	September
Mt. Vernon: Fairview, 7:30	1
Seagrove: Seagrove, 7:30	2
Asheboro Circuit: Cedar Falls, 11	4
Coleridge: Concord, 3	4
Randolph-Gray's: Bethel, 7:30	4
Randleman, First, 7:30	6
Thomasville, Memorial, 7:30	7
Trinity: Hopewell, 7:30	8
Farmer: Farmer, 7:30	9

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of June 16)

Waynesville District

C. N. Clark, D. S.
400 Brenner Ave., Waynesville, N. C.

	September
Fines Creek, Laurel Hill, 7:30	1
Robbinsville, 11	4
Bryson City, 3	4
Whittier, 5	4
Waynesville, 7:30	6
Canton Central, 7:30	7
Highlands at Cashiers, 11	11
Cullowhee, 7:30	11

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of July 28)

Winston-Salem District

H. G. Allen, D. S.
898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem

	September
Ardmore, 7:30	6
Centenary, 7:30	7
Mt. Airy—Central, 7	13

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Richmond Area
Bishop W. W. Peele
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Annual Conference, Steele Street, Sanford, November 2-6

Durham District

E. L. Hillman, D. S.
114 Watts St., Durham

	September
Burlington, W. Burlington, 11	4
Burlington, Glen Raven, 3	4
Swepsonville: Salem, 7:30	4
Durham, Trinity, 7:30	6
Burlington Ct.: Mt. Vernon, 7:30	7
Durham, Branson, 7:30	8

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 4)

Elizabeth City District

J. Herbert Miller, D. S.
Elizabeth City, N. C.

	September
Mattamuskeet: Amity, 11	4
Stumpy Point: Mann's Harbor, 3	4
Swan Quarter: Providence, 7:30	4

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 4)

Fayetteville District

Walter C. Ball, D. S.
1019 Hay Street, Fayetteville, N. C.

	September
Raeford: Raeford, 11	4
Laurinburg, 8	4

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 18)

New Bern District

B. B. Slaughter, D. S.
New Bern, N. C.

	September
Atlantic, 11	4
Beaufort Ct.: Merrimon, 3	4
Marshallberg, 7:30	4

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 4)

Raleigh District

H. B. Porter, D. S.
1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

	September
Lillington, 11	4
Kipling: Cokesbury, 3	4
Fuquay, 8	4

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 18)

Rocky Mount District

A. J. Hobbs, D. S.
803 Sycamore Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Telephone 2804

	September
Northampton: New Hope, 11	4
Conway: Conway, 8	4

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Wilmington District

Chancie D. Barclift, D. S.
1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
Telephone 34835

	September
Garland: Centenary, 11	4
Rose Hill: Charity, 7:30	4
District Check-up meeting, Youth Center, 10	6
Southport, 7:30	7

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 25)

In Memoriam

Mrs. George H. Turner

Albemarle.—Mrs. George Hatley Turner passed away July 27 at the age of 71. She was a charter member of Tabernacle Methodist Church. She was faithful to her Church and the Missionary Society to which she was elected to life membership. She will be greatly missed in her Church, home and community.—Mrs. T. A. Still, Pres.; Mrs. Bruce Hatley, Sec'y.

J. Glenn McAdams

Burlington.—The members of the Philathea Class of Front Street Methodist Church School, of Burlington, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved teacher, Mr. J. Glenn McAdams, who passed away May 23, 1949.

In his going our class has lost a leader who taught from a rich spiritual experience, coupled with intelligent Bible study. His life was an inspiration, his memory a benediction.

In appreciation of his consecrated life and valuable service we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and extend sympathy and love to his devoted wife, Eleanor Sargent McAdams, and four fine sons, J. Glenn, Jr., David, Richard, and Bobby.

RESOLVED: That this tribute be entered in the records of our class, a copy sent to the family, and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. —Mrs. W. T. Williams, Chm.; Miss Florine Robertson.

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"GET THE BUSINESS"

By
BISHOP WILBUR E. HAMMAKER
Executive Vice-President of the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church

That slogan fits the latest whiskey advertising exploration like a glove fits a hand. No matter what the cost, "Get the business."

Forget the proprieties and the promises. Put them away as outworn. "Get the business," no matter what usages of decency may be brushed aside.

Schenley's is setting the pace. They are, according to the New York Times and Advertising Age, negotiating with the broadcasting companies. Thirteen years ago, the Distilled Spirits Institute adopted a resolution declaring radio advertising to be "out of bounds" for the makers of distilled liquors. Schenley, although not a member of the Institute, has followed this policy.

But now comes Schenley, doing a "right about face." Reason: the need of more business. Decreasing sales has caused this large company to cast about desperately for new ways and means to jog memory and imagination, to the end that more whiskey be consumed. A man's home is no longer his castle. He is to be cornered at his own fireside by the importunate pleaders for the use of more liquor. His children, too, must hear the high-pressure presentation of the values and virtues of Schenley's liquor.

It is an arrogant procedure. Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, Chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the Senate, recently wrote a vigorous letter to Honorable John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, concerning this new threat. As head of the Treasury Department, Mr. Snyder has general supervision of the Alcohol Tax Unit. The Senator asked for the exercise of authority by the Tax Unit to prevent this outrage, which he characterizes in different parts of his communications as "blind" and "selfish" and "vicious."

It is all three of these—also "stupid." "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad," is an ancient saying. It is still true. Liquordom can go too far. Becoming mad (that is, insane) in its greed for gain, it can go beyond the long-suffering patience of the people. Far-seeing thinkers in the liquor group see this and sound forth intermittent warnings to their fellows. Their refrain is "Do not tempt the American people to take drastic steps because of our excesses."

To advertise whiskey on the radio and by television involves jeopardy. Good advice is, "Better think twice before such a dangerous step is taken." It will be the clear and complete repudiation of pledges and promises made by liquordom across the years, beginning with the days of "Repeal" agitation back in the late 20's and early 30's. Greed can over-reach itself.

A similar indirect caution to the broadcasting companies was voiced in a letter written by Senator Johnson to Honorable Paul Walker, Acting Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. In this communication, the Senator suggests that the Commission consider the total implications of the proposed whiskey radio advertisements and issue a warning. It would be as unseemly for the broadcasters to take the money as it would be for the distillers to give it. Common decency should restrain both crowds. If they are without self-imposed restraints, then it may be necessary for the people, through government, to take a hand. Distillers and broadcasters had better "stop, look, listen."

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

The assassination of Mahatma Gandhi "saw the collapse of the religio-politico parties that were the canker in the body politic of India," out of that suffering and penitence came a "cleansing of the heart of India," and the heart and mind of the Dominions have been "opened to the Christian gospel as never before." This is the belief of Miss Sarah Chakko, Indian Christian leader and president of Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow. Miss Chakko urges, because of this new situation in India and Pakistan, that Christian schools and churches emphasize the "production of men of probity of character" which is one of their great needs as independent nations; that the churches assist the government in the latter's plans for public health and medical relief; and that the church assist in bettering rural village life.—News Release, Board of Missions.

"A drunkard's life has two chapters: First, he could have stopped if he would; second, he would have stopped if he could."—Frances Willard.

It is absurd to call men to the practice of Christian stewardship until we have first called them to the surrender of life to God in Christ that is demanded in the Christian gospel.—Stewardship Facts.

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—Photo by J. Harold Smith, Greensboro

Tomorrow's World Builders Return to the Classroom.
(See page two)

Beginning a Series of Articles on Methodist Work Among the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina.

Correspondence from Our Readers; Thomasville Circuit Tops Advocate List; Announcements

METHODISM AND THE COMMON PEOPLE

Dear Editor:

To me your editorials are all a source of inspiration. Particularly is this true of the one in the Advocate of Sept. 1, "Methodism and the Common People." It is timely, clear, pointed, and thought-provoking.

Since I have been on the side-lines I have been able to see the trend of Methodism much more clearly than when I was in the rush of pastoral activities. I have often wished that I might effectively sound a note of warning. You have sounded it for me, and you have done it in such a fine way that I feel like I can now rest a little more comfortably.

Your reference to a shortage of ministers emboldens me to say that from my view-point the time is not ripe to draw in the lines in order that a given community may have a full time man even if it is willing and able to take care of him. Big circuits are an abomination and many a good man has been physically wrecked in trying to meet all the needs of the five, six, seven, and eight points on the charge. But now is not the time to go to the other extreme, when in so doing other needy fields are neglected. Listed in the Journal are 98 supplies, 13 of them being retired men who have been called back—all of them doing fine work. Every day we are hearing of some two or four point charge being divided. This is ideal but is it wise?

The neglect of the Cherokee Indians has turned out to be tragic for the church as well as the Indians. Up to the latter part of the nineteenth century Methodism was the only religious body working there. In 1920, while pastor at Bryson, I found a little band of Indians calling for a Methodist preacher. They had been without one for 25 years. I organized a church with eleven members. On a Saturday afternoon appointment I always had a house full. Brother John Church did good work after that, and so did Will Hornbuckle. Somebody blundered.

Present-day Methodism has a great heritage. Let's not lower the educational standard. Rather, let's raise the spiritual standard. Let's demand of our seminaries that they turn out men who will want to go to the people, wherever they are, conscious that any job is too big for them alone.

Robert E. Hunt.

Pleasant Garden.

WANTS PASTOR BACK

Dear Editor:

At our regular meeting of the board of stewards this month our board voted to ask the conference to return our pastor for another year. Rev. Karl Koestline has been with us now two years and the board gave him a gift of appreciation. We have reduced our church debt down to $15,000. Plans are being made for the erection of a new parsonage next year.

Gilbert Rogers, Chmn.,
First Street Church, Albemarle

TO KEEP HISTORY STRAIGHT

The statement has been made both in the church and in the daily papers in connection with the dedicatory services for the educational building at Moriah Methodist Church that "the first annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was held here in 1856." That is subject to two interpretations: (1) That the first Annual Conference to be held in Moriah Church was held in 1856. (The second was held in 1876.) (2) But it is also possible to interpret the statement as meaning that the first Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in North Carolina was held in Moriah Church in 1856. This is an error. The first Annual Conference was held at Whitaker's Chapel, near Enfield, in December, 1828.

As a former Methodist Protestant I'd like to keep history straight.

C. W. BATES

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ENFORCED LYING

Dear Editor:

My friend, C. S. Kirkpatrick, remarks in today's Christian Advocate that since he left the district superintendency he **sits** and **lies** more than he had previously done. To the first part of that statement Nicodemus has an answer: How can these things be? To the latter Paul makes answer: God forbid.

My position is more understandable and excusable as the doctors command me to lie all the time. It is hard to do, not being used to it.

W. L. HUTCHINS

Boonville, N. C.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The forthcoming Conference at Winston-Salem will include: Thursday, Sept. 22, 8 a.m., Rutherford College Breakfast —Cavalier Grill.

Saturday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m., address, Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., The World Outlook, New York.

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OUR FRONT COVER

The alert Greensboro photographer, J. Harold Smith, caught this smiling group of youngsters, his neighbors, on their way to school. They are, left to right, Cecelia, 6; Johnsie, 7; Lannie Ross, 8; and Patsy, 11. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newsome and live at 741 Park Ave., Greensboro. This is a familiar scene all over North Carolina during early September.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Interim District Licensing Committee of the Greensboro District will meet at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, September 12 at ten a.m. All candidates for license, renewal of license, admission and readmission to the Annual Conference will please be present. Will every pastor please assist in this matter?—J. S. Hiatt, Acting District Superintendent; M. Teague Hipps, Chairman.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

His high privilege in interpreting for his parishioners their life's work in terms of God's plan. We think Horace Bushnell was correct in his thesis when he preached that famous sermon: "Every Man's Life a Plan of God." In God's comprehensive plan for human beings there is a place for the farmer, the doctor, the teacher, the housewife, the mechanic, the merchant, and all others who perform essential service for man's comfort and the wellbeing of society. The minister who accepts a divine call and equips himself to be a spiritual pioneer accepts God's (the Father's) authority, trusts God's (the Father's) wisdom, learns God's (the Father's) purpose, and shares God's (the Father's) responsibility. One of the minister's major obligations is that of interpreting for his parishioners God's plan for their work and life. Although the minister's commission includes different responsibilities, laymen may just as certainly be called of God for the kind of service they can best render.

Suppose every person who performs a legitimate and essential service should make his vocation conform to God's plan rather than to serve his own selfish ends, what a heavenly community ours would be! Too often laymen do not consider God's purpose when they choose their vocation, hence **Justice,** which is God in social relations, is never seen and often grossly abused. Social ills of all sorts in communities and in nations wait for the wider and more universal adoption of God's plan for all of human life and work. The minister has a grave responsibility and a glorious privilege at this point.

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E D I T O R I A L

Why Can't Christians Sit Together as Equals?

Father John Courtnay Murray, eminent Jesuit theologian, writing in the September issue of American Mercury, has touched perhaps the heart of Catholic-Protestant differences. Replying to an article in the same issue of that periodical by Dr. W. Russell Bowie, dean of Union Theological Seminary, Father Murray states that Protestants "are not seeking official papal assurance that Catholicism will never become in the United States the religion of the state, in the Spanish sense; they seem to want the pope himself to take his seat, as an equal among equals, at the table of the World Council of Churches." The Catholic writer declared emphatically that "this refusal will continue to be made; for it is the obverse of an affirmation cardinal to the Catholic faith."

Father Murray is wrong if he doesn't think that Protestants are disturbed about Catholicism becoming the religion of state in America. The Roman hierarchy is doing everything in its power to bring this to pass. It has succeeded through intimidation and boycott to control or silence large sections of the secular press. It has been able to control many political leaders. It is now trying to get its hands into the federal treasury for parochial schools. The Roman church wants to control the schools, and thereby control the nation.

But Father Murray is dead right when he says that Protestants want to sit down with Catholics as equals. How else can Christians sit together? On what other terms can the followers of the lowly Nazarene meet? He never gave any of his followers a preferred status.

Protestants are disturbed over the bold political machinations of the Roman hierarchy. They are more disturbed over the arrogant, supercilious, intolerant attitude that has characterized Roman Catholic leaders for centuries. Unless and until the Roman hierarchy is willing to sit down together with Protestants as equals and as real brothers in Christ, there can be no basis of reconcilation. And just as long as Catholicism maintains its impervious, medieval, stubborn insolence just so long will the barrier between these two branches of Christianity be unsurmounted.

In a world that needs so much the gospel of love what a pity it is that Christians cannot sit down together as equals and as brothers in Christ!

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Strong drink is not only the devil's way to man but man's way to the devil.—Adam Clarke.

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Strong Drink Wins More Women Victims

Distressing and alarming is a report on women strong drink victims made recently by Miss Mary B. Ervin, vice-president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Miss Ervin told the organization's executive committee that women alcoholics and habitual drunkards in this country have reached an all-time high—800,000—and are increasing at the rate of 120,000 a year. She also pointed out that according to Census Bureau figures for last year one out of every four of the 37,303 alcoholics admitted to institutions last year was a woman.

Among the reasons the temperance leader listed as the causes of increased drinking among women are: Advertising that describes drinking by women socially smart and glamorous; congestion of bars and liquor stores in residential neighborhood shopping streets; alcoholic beverage departments in grocery and drug stores; and kitchen and basement barroom drinking in the home.

It is tragic enough when fathers and potential fathers become the victims of alcohol. It is a hundred times worse when mothers and potential mothers fall prey to this iniquitous disease. No greater calamity can overtake home or nation.

Advocates of legal control made all kinds of promises when they were campaigning for the repeal of Prohibition. Not a single promise has been kept. The net result of the legalization of strong drink is an ever-enlarging number of victims of alcohol with all the tragedy this means and ever-increasing profits for those who deal in liquor. If anybody has any misgivings about the serious intentions of the liquor industry to promote temperance, all he needs to do is look at its sordid record since 1933.

This growing threat to our womanhood—and to all people, for that matter—should arouse the church to do all in its power to combat this sinister and deadly enemy and to give support to every agency of temperance and sobriety. Meanwhile, all church members—women and men—can begin their fight against strong drink by leaving it severly alone.

Faith Can Withstand The Avalanche

Rev. Harry J. Harwood, Methodist missionary in Burma, a few weeks ago wrote: "We missionaries in Burma can't help seeing and feeling that there are massive forces moving in Asia which must continue to alter radically the situation as we have known it. Materially speaking, our various bits of work seem like small specks in the face of an avalanche, and we are about as unable to control the issue as we were back at the end of 1941 when the Japanese started to invade Burma." Mr. Harwood, of course, refers to communism, which he compares with the Moslem invasion of the dark ages.

The missionary expresses a fear that grips many hearts today. There are massive forces moving throughout the world today, so revolutionary and so devastating, that they threaten to change the course of history. As Christians sometimes our labors seem about as effective as mere specks in the path of a mighty avalanche.

But we believe there is a force that can stop this avalanche. It is the gospel of Christ. It is the mightiest force in the world. Its chief weapon is not physical, but spiritual. It does not conquer with violence, but conquers with faith and love. It is the only force that can stop communism or any other false doctrine. It gives men courage to stand in the face of the avalanche, and it gives them the incentive and the power to build a better world.

Many years ago another Christian, in the midst of hardship and persecution and disaster, wrote from his island refuge: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:1-4.

In the face of the avalanche men find strength to carry on through the Christian faith.

The Story of the Cherokees:

A TRAIL OF TEARS

By C. W. Robbins

In the extreme western part of North Carolina, deep in the rugged, picturesque Smoky Mountains, live the Cherokee Indians of the Qualla Reservation. In a tiny village, along sleek paved highways, up winding trails and wildly beautiful coves, and far back in the timbered silences, they dwell—as mysterious and as solemn as their mountains. They are a motley group, a strange mixture of the ancient and the modern. There are silent, sad old people who live largely in the nostalgic past, speaking only the language of their ancestors. There are the middle-aged and the young who, like the children of these times, have taken on the customs and the speech of the secular world. The colorful Indian garb they occasionally wear is exclusively for the benefit of curiosity-seeking tourists.

In the 63,000 acre Reservation that covers a large portion of Swain and Jackson counties, and in Graham county, are found about 3,500 Indians, about one half of whom are full blood Cherokees.

The story of no people on this continent is sadder or more tragic than that of the Cherokees. Once they were a populous, powerful people, roaming the Alleghany territory from the Ohio river down into Georgia and Alabama. They were carefree, happy, living most of the time at peace with their white neighbors. Then one day an Indian boy sold a gold nugget he had found to a white trader. Soon it was reported that gold had been discovered in the mountains. White men, crazed by the lust for gold, began to pour into the Indian territory. The whites demanded that the Indians give up their homes and move west. The Indians protested, but in 1838 the United States government sent General Winfield Scott with 7000 troops to remove the Indians



Chief Henry Bradley, Elected by People

to Oklahoma. What happened to the defenseless Cherokees makes one of the most shameful and most disgraceful chapters in American history. Let one of General Scott's own soldiers, Private John G. Burnett, an eyewitness to this barbaric crime, tell the story. "I saw the helpless Cherokees arrested, dragged from their homes and driven at the bayonet point into the stockades," Private Burnett wrote. "And in the chill of a drizzling rain on an October morning I saw them loaded like cattle or sheep into 645 wagons and started toward the West. One can never forget the sadness and solemnity of that morning. Chief John Ross led in prayer and when the bugle sounded and the wagons started rolling many of the children waved their little hands goodbye to their mountain homes, knowing that they were leaving them forever. Many of these helpless people did not have blankets and many of them had been driven from home barefooted. On the morning of November 17 we encountered a terrific sleet and snow storm with freezing temperature and from that day until we reached the end of the fateful journey on March 26, 1839, the sufferings of the Cherokees were awful. The trail of the exiles was a trail of death." And along that trail are 4000 unmarked graves!

But all the Indians did not go West. Some hid in the mountains; other escaped from the soldiers. All in all, about 1100 stayed behind. At last the soldiers returned for these. Aware of the difficulty of their task, the soldiers promised the Indians that they would be permitted to remain in the mountains on one condition: their leader, Tsali, and his sons, must surrender. Then occurred the most heroic deed in this whole sordid undertaking. To win the right for his people to remain in the mountains they loved better than their own lives, Tsali and his sons voluntarily surrendered. To impress the hapless Indians with their desperate plight, the white men forced the Cherokees themselves to shoot their leader and his sons.



An Indian Home

Students today don't get this chapter of American history from their textbooks. Unfortunately, it is just as real and just as true as Valley Forge. The mute, stark evidence is still there in the mountains—on the sad, forlorn faces of the descendents of Tsali and those who fought for their homes.

Then began the slow, bitter task of rebuilding the homes that had been destroyed or taken over by the white man. The Indians were outcasts in their own land. For many years they fought their battles alone, ignored by both the federal government and the state. Finally, in 1875, the eastern band of Cherokees became wards of the government. Through the years the hardy, persevering little group has planted themselves indelibly in the majestic mountains. They seem as much a part of the lofty



Scene at Soco School. Rev. D. H. Dennis, Methodist pastor, in the background.

peaks and the winding valleys as the pine and the rollicking streams.

Life on the Reservation is still simple. Poverty is everywhere. The federal government makes no direct grants to the Indians, and the income of the average family is reported to be between $250 and $300 a year. Agriculture is the chief source of income. Farmers cultivate tiny plots of land in the valley and on the mountainside. Corn is their main crop, and the method of cultivation is chiefly by hand and oxen. However, other crops are grown, such as hay and sorghum and food crops, and some of the farms are surprisingly prolific. Only about 5000 acres on the Reservation are suitable for cultivation.

Many of the Indians supplement their income by cutting and selling timber, much of which is sold as pulp wood. Women make baskets and pottery and beads. Some of the men have craft shops and show rare skill in their creations.

Opportunities are limited on the Reservation, and returns for labor are extremely small. The average Indian finds it so difficult to enter business of his own because he has nothing to start with. Most of the shops in the village are owned by white people.

Hunting and fishing still provide a great deal of food for the Indian's larder. Bear meat, which is canned, is preferred to pork and beef.

The homes, in the main, are tiny two and three room cabins, dark, poorly constructed and in a bad state of repair. Overcrowding is quite apparent. However, some of the homes are modern and comfortable and extremely well-kept.



Indian Woman Pounds Corn into Meal



Watty Chiltosky at work in his small shop

The federal government is doing an excellent job in its educational and health program for the Indians. There are several elementary schools and a large central high school at Cherokee which has twelve grades. Children are given academic, industrial and vocational courses. Busses bring the students to school. The pupils average in intelligence and ability about as highly as the ordinary white students with the same advantages. Many graduates go to college, and make excellent records. There are several Indian teachers in the local schools.

A new hospital, with a competent staff, provides free medical service and hospitalization to citizens of the Reservation. Free dental service is provided for the children.

The Indian Bureau of the federal government fixes broad policies for the Cherokees, but they are permitted local self-rule. They have a council house where all business of the tribe is carried on. A chief, a vice-chief, and twelve councilmen, representing six townships, compose the governing body. A tribal fund, which is collected from those who cut the timber, and other sources of income, provide assistance for the aged, the sick and the needy. All land is held in common and cannot be sold. Definite acreages are assigned tenants who, with permission from the tribal council, may trade his improvements to another Indian, but not to a white man.

The coming of the highways and business enterprises, such as stores, cafes, inns, and the schools and churches, are bringing about rapid changes on the Reservation. Some of the older and more conservative Indians still cling to ancient tribal customs. Methods of agriculture and industry are still mainly primitive. The ancient custom of carrying the papoose on their backs and pounding corn by means of mortar and pestle are still widely practiced. The older women wear long dresses and both older men and women appear stoical, reticent and wholly indifferent to strangers. Yet the younger Indians are taking on the ways of the modern world. They are happier, friendlier, and are adapting themselves to a white man's world.

These Indians are American citizens in the fullest sense of the world. During World War II they provided 331 men, sixteen of whom made the supreme sacrifice. Their contribution to American life, in many respects, is far out of proportion to their numerical strength.

Next Week: Methodism Among the Cherokees.



A Girl Weaves Baskets

Dr. Diffendorfer Retires From Missions Post

By W. W. Reid*

A brief, yet illuminating account of one of the outstanding missionary leaders of our day.

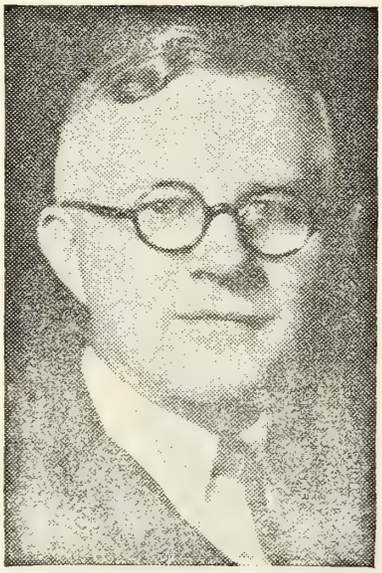
After twenty-five years of unprecedented leadership of the foreign missionary forces of the Methodist Church, and an acknowledged leadership in Protestant mission agencies of the United States and of the world, the Rev. Ralph Eugene Diffendorfer, D.D., LL.D., retired on August 31 as executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, Board of Missions and Church Extension, of the Methodist Church. He has led Methodism's overseas missionary enterprise for a longer period than has any other person chosen for the task in the past century and a quarter.

While the calendar, in cahoots with the regulations of the Board, call for Dr. Diffendorfer's retirement from his official position at this time, he is by no means severing his relations with the missionary enterprise. Recently Dr. Diffendorfer was elected president of the Japan Christian University Foundation, and on October 1 he will assume active leadership of this agency. He will direct the effort to raise some $10,000,000 in America for building and partially endowing the University. Last July he returned from a two-month's visit to Japan, helping organize the institution and its leadership. This is an interdenominational post from which he will continue to give leadership to worldwide missions at one of its most important points today—the training of Christian teachers for the new Japan.

A Horatio Alger might well write the life story of Ralph Diffendorfer, for the rise of the poor farm boy to top place in American missionary strategy, and his early struggle for education, for opportunity to serve his Master and his Church, have all the elements that delighted that biographer of another era. Dr. Diffendorfer was born in Hayesville, Ashland County, Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Diffendorfer. The grind of work on the family farm was relieved on Sunday by attendance at the little Methodist church of the community, where his mother taught Sunday school classes for half a century. And it was in this church and school that the boy first was thrilled by stories of David Livingstone and of Africa, told by a visiting missionary; here that he learned something of the world outside his farm and his village, and was encouraged to think of going to college.

Ohio Wesleyan University admitted him to its halls. That was in the day when this university was the principal center from which the former Methodist Episcopal Church recruited new missionaries for its far-flung mission stations. Here he met for the first time such men as Dr. James W. Bashford, who was later a bishop; Bishop James M. Thoburn; Prof. William F. Oldham, also later a bishop; Dr. Morris W. ("Billy") Ehnes and a host of others who added glory to Methodism's missionary banners. In the summer, too, he helped support himself in college by selling missionary books in Ohio, Indiana and Iowa communities, traveling from conference to conference.

Ohio Wesleyan was followed by theological training at Drew Seminary and by summer work for the Missionary Society of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. Then came a period of varied experiences related to the Church and its missionary work, all good experiences for the post to which he was elected in 1924. In those years he held successive secretaryships with the Epworth League, the Board of Home Missions, the Missionary Education Movement, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Interchurch World Movements, and the Centenary and post-Centenary movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1924, with Dr. John R. Edwards as his associate, Dr. Diffendorfer succeeded Dr. Frank Mason North, then retiring, as corresponding secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church's Board of Foreign Missions. With unification of Methodism, he became executive secretary of the new Board's Division of Foreign Missions.



Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer

The quarter of a century through which Ralph Diffendorfer led Methodism's missionary forces was perhaps the most troubled in all the history of modern missions. The upsurge of Methodism's Centenary Movement was over, the numbers of missionaries and their support by the churches were lessening, and there was disillusionment and fear at home and abroad. Then came the years of financial depression, the years of perplexing political and social problems, especially in China, and India, and Japan; then World War II with internment of some missionaries and curtailment of their services; followed by a wholly new set of problems and needs in the post-war five years. No missionary or mission institution, no matter how remote from the actual scene of conflict, was isolated from the war and its accompanying problems.

For such a day and for such problems, Dr. Diffendorfer seemed the ideal leader. He was young, and he was fearless, and he was quick to act upon his decisions—and even his severest critics agree now that his decisions have been generally proven correct by time. Democratic and a good listener, he was always eager for the counsel of missionaries and nationals, and his decisions usually represented their best judgment. But once the judgment was made he was quick to press toward the goal. In this he had the utmost confidence of his staff, of the missionaries and national leaders, of the bishops, and of his Board.

In the years between 1924 and the beginning of World War II, Dr. Diffendorfer visited practically every mission station of the Methodist Church except those in Central Africa. Some he has visited several times, and some he has visited since the war. He has listened and observed, and counseled; and then, back in America, he has used tongue and pen to make Methodism and the public aware of the problems of unheralded men in lands that seldom make the pages of American newspapers, yet greatly affect the world's well-being. And he has been remarkable in discerning trends among peoples and nations, how those trends will eventuate, and how they will modify the cause that is at his heart—the telling of the Good News and the building of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

Dr. Diffendorfer has left his mark upon every Methodist mission field. Three-fourths of the present missionary staff were recruited, trained, and commissioned during his years of service. Institutions that seemed to give more than usual promise of helpfulness to people were strengthened—often by his own appeal to churches and individuals for funds. Any missionary with a new

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*Board of Missions and Church Extension.

News in Brief -- Personalities

PARKWAY METHODIST CHURCH is the name of the new church which is located in East Albemarle. Construction of the new building, which is to be located on the Badin road, is expected to be begun soon. Rev. Brooks Jerome is pastor.

STEELE STREET CHURCH, Sanford, has secured the services of Miss Denny Lee Bryson as director of music and education. A graduate of High Point College, Miss Bryson has served a similar position at First Church, Morganton, during the past two years.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, Albemarle, held a youth recognition service recently, with Paul Lowder, a ministerial student attending Albion College, Mich., speaker. Other students participated in the service, and a gift was presented to each student attending college this fall by Mrs. J. E. Gantt on behalf of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, Charlotte, will observe its annual homecoming Sunday, September 11. Rev. J. Leonard Rayle, a former pastor and now pastor of Calvary Church, High Point, will be the speaker at the morning hour. A picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour in the social hall of the church. In the afternoon at 2:30, Dan White, an accomplished organist will present an organ recital. All former members, pastors and friends are invited to attend this special occasion.

KILGO CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, will observe its sixth anniversary with spiritual enrichment services beginning Sunday, September 11. At the eleven o'clock service, the pastor, Rev. Sherrill B. Biggers, will preach on the topic, "Consecrated, Lord, to Thee," followed by a fellowship picnic luncheon in recognition of 94 members received this year. Beginning on Monday evening and continuing through Friday, Rev. Walter Miller, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, will be the speaker.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Kannapolis, will celebrate its first anniversary Sunday, September 11, with Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte as the speaker at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. Dinner will be served on the grounds immediately following this service. At 7:30 Rev. C. G. Hefner, pastor of Trinity church and one of the founders of this church, will be the preacher. All friends of the church are invited to attend the day of celebration. Started one year ago as a project of the Kannapolis City Board of Missions, Memorial now has an almost completed church building valued at $40,000 and a beautiful 5 room parsonage. The church now has a membership of 167 with a church school enrollment of 240.

PURCELL CHURCH, Charlotte, will have its annual revival the week of September 11 with the following ministers of the Conference preaching: Dr. E. H. Nease, J. G. Huggin, Jr., John Carper, A. J. Cox, C. C. Benton, Reid Wall, and Leo Pittard. Special music will be heard each evening of the meeting, with several visiting choirs cooperating. The Purcell church is now worshipping in the new sanctuary which has recently been completed, at an estimated value, including furniture, of $50,000. There has been an increase of fifty percent in the membership of the church during the present Conference year. Dr. Nease will also dedicate the new organ on Sunday, September 11. J. J. Powell is the pastor.



DR. E. HAROLD MOHN, above, executive director of the Advance for Christ and His Church, examines the new booklets on "Our Faith," being distributed throughout Methodism this fall.

REV. ROBERT E. BROWN, pastor of Duke Memorial Church, Durham, will assist Rev. W. C. Martin in special evangelistic services at Horne Memorial, Clayton, beginning Sunday, September 11.

REV. JOE SHACKFORD of Greensboro, representing Bishop Costen J. Harrell on the North Carolina CROP committee, in a letter to the ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference, urges continued support of the CROP program. Four points of emphasis he makes are: 1. Study the facts. 2. Give sympathetic support to the program. 3. Serve in places of leadership when necessity arises. 4. Know the collection schedule and inform the community of collection schedules. He particularly calls attention to a statement by Bishop Harrell in the August 4 and an article by O. K. Ingram in the August 11 issues of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

THE WINSTON-SALEM BOARD OF MISSIONS and Church Extension headed by Dr. H. G. Allen, president; James A. Gray, vice-president; Norman V. Stockton, treasurer, has led the Methodists of the city in a program of expansion. The Board successfully conducted a campaign in February to raise $33,000 in the city Methodist churches toward the erection of a church for the newly organized Trinity congregation. Construction of the church, which is to cost $70,000, was started in the spring and is now nearing completion, becoming the first new Methodist church, established in Winston-Salem in over twenty years. In addition to raising the $33,000 for the Trinity Church, the campaign for the first time impressively introduced the City Board to all the Methodists of the city. It also was the first step in creating a sense of responsibility among the older churches for the newly formed congregations. The Board is now working toward the early organization of a new congregation in either the West Buena Vista or Konnoak Hills areas of the city where extensive surveys have already been made.

DUKE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI and friends contributed $154,709.68 to the Loyalty Fund during the academic year 1948-1949.

SOUTH CHINA GROVE Methodist Church, in the Salisbury district, held homecoming services last Sunday, with Dr. L. B. Abernethy of Charlotte speaking at 11 a.m.

BILTMORE CHURCH, Asheville, last Sunday received coin banks which had been distributed earlier in the year to members of the congregation. Receipts from the banks are used for Advance specials, which includes providing literature for a church in Cuba, a contribution to the French Broad Methodist Church parsonage, and help toward the support of a Methodist pastor in Poland.

REV. FLOYD HECKARD of Valdese was one of the 300 candidates who received degrees in summer graduation exercises at Emory University. Heckard, son of Rev. M. W. Heckard of Valdese, was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He was admitted on trial into the North Georgia Conference and transferred to the Louisiana Conference and is stationed at Deerford, La.

THE LAGRANGE CHARGE held a Christian Vocation Service at the La Grange church on Sunday night, September 4. Five young people who are planning to enter full time Christian service upon completion of their education conducted the service. Muriel Dawson, chairman of the commission on community service of Trinity church, and a high school student at La Grange, read the Scripture. The prayer was offered by Hulda Sutton, president of the Hickory Grove MYF and a student in La Grange High School. Jean Stocks, president of the Bethel MYF and a student at Snow Hill High School, spoke on "Why I Want to Enter Full Time Christian Service." Jean Cobb, graduate of Snow Hill last spring and entering Greensboro College this fall, spoke on "Youth Needs God." Bruce Pate, a rising junior at Duke where he is a ministerial student, sang the solo and spoke on the subject, "Learning How to Live." The service proved to be one of the most stirring services ever held on the charge.

THE ELKIN-YADKINVILLE Subdistrict has just closed a successful youth revival at Booneville with Rev. R. W. McCulley preaching and leading the singing. The young people planned, presided at, and furnished the special music for the services. The average attendance was about 135. One of the most inspiring features of the services was the great congregational singing by the young people. Results: Nine young people received by vows. Fifteen young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty volunteered for full time Christian service. Seven of these were choice young men. One high school student came forward last night and expressed what I believe was the feeling of the group when she said: "Before now I have always been frightened to death in revivals, but this one has brought me closer to Christ than I have ever been before." I believe we should continue to use every method of evangelism which will succeed, but the Sub-district, or Youth Fellowship revival, in my opinion, offers a wonderful opportunity to deepen the spiritual life of our young people and lead them to Christ and the Church. Let us try more Sub-district revivals.—H. G. Allen.

Warfield Writes on Needs Abroad; Leaders to Visit Europe; Protestants Plan Weekly Newspaper

METHODIST RELIEF STILL NEEDED OVERSEAS

By Gaither P. Warfield

Members of our church are frequently surprised to learn that overseas relief is still intensely needed in many lands. They have taken it for granted that the Marshall Plan has somehow cared for all the hungry children and that their own considerable payments in taxes have settled the economic problems of most countries. In spite of the remarkable program of international reconstruction undertaken by our government millions of people still suffer acutely during this post war period. Many of these are turning to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and with sound argument showing that we cannot neglect them.

India and Pakistan are a good example. In these two countries one finds 20% of the world's population and only 3% of its income. Here most Christians have per capita less than $25.00 a year. But there are in these lands over half a million members of our own church; that is, about half of all the members outside the U. S. A. With these facts in mind let us see how these peoples of southern Asia have fared during the post war years.

The war brought to them a terrific inflation. The cost of living has increased over 400% since 1939. The price of milk has jumped from 2c a quart to 16c a quart. The wages and salaries of most Christians have not gained commensurately causing shortages in food and other basic necessities.

Following independence occurred the civil disturbances of 1947-48 when nearly a million people died from bloodshed, disease and exposure. Ten times this number lost their homes and property. Even today thousands remain in loathsome camps designed to be simply temporary shelters.

How long the list of troubles seems! Civil war in Kashmir and Hyderabad. Great floods in 1948. And then repeated famines. Three million died in the Bengal famine of 1943. Thousands perished two years ago in North India. A similar number in South India in 1948. And finally the severe famine in Gujarat in Western India during the present year. No one knows how many of our own faith have died during the past decade for lack of their daily bread.

The Methodist Committeee for Overseas Relief has regularly given considerable sums to alleviate the suffering mentioned above. A part has gone to relieve human misery in general. The Christian church played an important role of reconciliation during the civil riots and won just praise for its deeds of love and mercy. M. C. O. R. is happy to have helped make this action possible.

Most of our assistance however has gone "especially to those who are of the household of faith." Over three thousand Methodist workers under the Division of Foreign Missions, as well as under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, have had their meagre income supplemented regularly. Teachers, preachers, nurses and doctors are among those national workers who got the extra few dollars every month. These small amounts made it possible for them to feed their children and remain in the ministry of service.

Other gifts provided food for our Christian boys and girls, over 6600 of them, in our hostels. Recently a North India Conference missionary wrote: "The only reason we have been able to carry on without greatly reducing the number of children in our schools is because of the help we have been receiving from M.C.O.R. funds. If those funds should cease we have no alternative but to send hundreds of children home to starve physically, mentally and spiritually."

Dr. James K. Mathews, secretary for Southern Asia of our Division of Foreign Missions states: "M.C.O.R. has saved the day in Southern Asia. From every quarter comes testimony that without this help the church could have suffered immeasurably and the ministry simply would not have been held together during recent years."

On October 2 of this year, our church with a large part of Christendom will celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday. At this time every Methodist congregation will be asked to take up a collection for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief will receive one-half of all that is given. (The balance is divided equally between the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and the Methodist Committee on Camp Activities.) After reading about our needy brethren in India and Pakistan it is surely not necessary to urge you to be generous. Those of us responsible for this program believe confidently that we shall receive sufficient funds if you and others learn the facts.

WILL MAKE OFFICIAL VISITATION OF EUROPEAN HOSPITALS AND HOMES

Making the first official overseas visitation for the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, two leaders of the church flew from New York City September 3 on a 10-week European tour.

Bishop Raymond J. Wade of Bay View, Michigan, president emeritus of the board, and Dr. Karl P. Meister of Chicago, executive secretary, will visit 12 countries on the continent and the British Isles. Their goodwill tour, authorized by the Board of Hospitals and Homes, is being made in cooperation with the Board of Missions. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Meister.

Bishop Wade was in charge of the Stockholm Area, supervising Methodism's institutions in Europe, from 1928 to 1940, and has been closely identified with the work there in recent years as well.

While in Geneva, Dr. Meister plans to visit the World Health Organization headquarters.

As part of their goodwill mission, they are carrying a goodwill fund to be distributed to some of the needy institutions they will visit. The fund, though not large, represents the sacrificial gifts of staff members and the families of many of the Methodist institutions in America. The largest gift, a check for $1,000, came from the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association, affiliated with Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. As a token of appreciation for the inspiration for founding deaconess work which came to America from Germany, the contribution is being sent by the Cincinnati group to the Deaconess Mother House and Hospital of the Bethany Deaconess Association, Frankfurt, Germany.

Their tour will take them into Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France, and Belgium. They will also spend a week in England visiting the National Children's Home and a few days in Scotland.

JUDGE LYONS HEADS CORPORATION OF NEW "PROTESTANT WORLD"

Judge Leslie J. Lyons of Kansas City, Mo., prominent Methodist layman, was elected president of the Protestant Publishing Corporation at a meeting of its board of managers in Chicago, June 24.

The corporation will publish an all-denominational weekly newspaper to be known as The Protestant World. Action on its editorial headquarters and staff was delayed until a fall meeting of the board of managers.

Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Bay View, Michigan, and Rev. Gertrude L. Apel, general secretary of the Washington State Council of Churches and Christian Education, Seattle, both Methodists, were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the corporation.

Dr. Roy L. Smith of Chicago, one of the publishing agents of The Methodist Church, is a member of the corporation's provisional executive committee. Other prominent Methodists are on the board of managers.



Dr. J. Manning Potts, center, discusses features of the International Number of The Upper Room with: Jose Gomes De Campos, Dean of Institute Porto Alegro, Brazil, who holds a copy of the Portuguese edition, NO CENACULO; Maria Gonzales Ramos, a social worker of Monterey, Mexico, who has EL APOSENTO ALTO in her hands; Wei-Thoo Ling of the Huchow Institutional Church, China, with her copy of THE UPPER ROOM printed in Chinese; and A. S. Muradian with a copy of LOOYS, which is THE UPPER ROOM in Armenian.

Pastor Makes 55,000-Mile Tour of Mission Field; Greensboro College Announces Faculty Changes

METHODIST PASTOR HAS HIGH ESTIMATION OF MISSIONS AFTER 10-WEEK AIR TOUR

Rev. Gerald E. Bisbee of Dubuque, Iowa, has always thought favorably and preached about missions, but he's now giving them number one billing on his church program. Just returned from a 10-week, 55,000 mile air journey that took him into 21 foreign countries, the Iowa Methodist pastor is even more convinced of the importance of Christian missions.

"It far exceeds any conception I had of what The Methodist Church is doing." he said in commenting upon his first-hand observations of the church's overseas fields.

Mr. Bisbee spent nearly a month in India, visiting many mission stations there, and was most favorably impressed with what The Methodist Church is doing with small staffs and limited funds.

In Mamadgi, India, where he preached, the Iowa clergyman was greeted by the entire community and given garlands of flowers. His congregation, the Grandview Avenue Methodist Church in Dubuque, supports a native worker at this place.

While visiting the Middle East, Mr. Bisbee was taken on a government-sponsored tour of Lebanon. He advised leaders on an audio-visual library and on farm implement problems, both of which were familiar subjects.

Among other impressions which grew out of his world tour are the feeling that British Methodism has been revitalized by the war, that the church's position in India is extremely strategic, and that the situation in the Holy Land is a most volatile one. He visited nine European countries and 12 in the Orient and Middle East, making the trip at his own personal expense.

He feels that the church needs to enlist and train more native leaders in India and to raise the salaries of native pastors to a higher level. He has in mind a project to encourage American churches to give Christmas parties for the benefit of leaders of the Indian churches, helping provide some essential food items to supplement their inadequate incomes.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE HAS FIVE NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Five new faculty members have joined the staff of Greensboro College, and will begin their duties in the fall term, beginning September 12, according to Dr. L. L. Gobbel, president. They are Dr. Charles M. Ramsey, Miss Alpha Mayfield, Grady M. Long, Miss Sibyle Mitchell and Miss Phyllis Fraser.

Dr. Ramsey, formerly a member of the faculty of Park College, Parkville, Mo., will be associate professor of philosophy and religion succeeding Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston who has accepted a position in Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

After his high school days in Gallatin, Tenn., Dr. Ramsay attended Berea College in Kentucky, where he received the B.A. degree, Union Theological Seminary in New York, where he earned the B. D. degree, and Duke University, which in 1944 conferred upon him the Ph.D. degree. Before entering the field of college teaching Dr. Ramsey has been director of boys' work, worker with young people, minister to students, and pastor.

Miss Mayfield, a nationally known music educator, has been added to the music faculty, succeeding Miss Ouida Fay Paul, who has accepted a position in the University of Florida.

A native of Macon, Mo., Miss Mayfield earned the B.S. degree at the State Teachers College at Kirksville, Mo., and the M.A. degree at Columbia University. She has also studied at the Juilliard School of Music, Union Theological Seminary and American Conservatory. The honorary degree of Doctor of Music has recently been conferred upon her by the Southern College of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas.

Miss Mayfield is widely recognized as a highly qualified and successful teacher of public school music and director of choral work. Her teaching and supervising experience has been extensive on both high school and college levels, including service in some of the best known teachers colleges and universities, among them the University of Virginia.

Grady M. Long of Rossville, Ga., has been chosen librarian and succeeds Miss Mary Elizabeth Woodcock, who was married recently.

A native of Tennessee, Mr. Long was graduated from high school in Athens. He attended Tennessee Wesleyan College, East Tennessee State Teachers College, and the University of Chattanooga, where he received the B.A. degree, and studied library science at Emory University.

His professional experience has been varied, extensive, and highly successful, including five years of public school teaching and two years in the library of the University of Chattanooga. He served for a time, also, as circulation assistant in the Emory University library.

Two persons have been named to the staff of health and physical education. They are Miss Sibyle Mitchell, of Forsyth, Ga., and Miss Phyllis Fraser, of Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Mitchell, after finishing high school in Forsyth, attended Bessie Tift College, where she earned the A.B. degree. She later attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill two years, majoring in physical education and earning the A.M. degree. Her experience includes camp counselling in Western North Carolina, public school teaching in Florida, part-time employment in Chapel Hill public schools, and a graduate assistantship in the University of North Carolina. Miss Mitchell becomes director of physical education succeeding Miss Bettie Jane Owen.

Miss Fraser, born in Seattle, Washington, attended Fairview, a college preparatory school in Dayton, Ohio, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., where she received the A.B. degree, and the Riding Rating Center of the American Athletic Association at Sweet Briar College. Miss Fraser succeeds Miss Ella St. Claire Lee as assistant director of physical education.

Retired Pastor Shares Honor With Wife



RETIRED PASTOR SHARES HONOR WITH WIFE

Father of the idea of a badge for the wife of a retired Methodist minister, the Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, D.D., of Lakeland, Fla., pins the first badge on his wife, Mrs. Winnifred L. Brownlow, who served with him for many years in the Michigan Annual Conference. Dr. Thomas A. Stafford of Chicago, executive secretary of the Board of Pensions, designed the badge at the suggestion of Dr. Brownlow and has made it available for any retired Methodist preacher to present to his wife in loving recognition of her faithful service with him in the work of the ministry. The souvenir is rich in Christian symbolism, which is explained on an artistic card accompanying it.

HANES METHODISTS PLAN HOMECOMING

HANES METHODIST CHURCH will hold its annual homecoming services Sunday, September 11, with Rev. R. A. Taylor of Gastonia the visiting preacher at the eleven o'clock service. Following lunch, which will be served on the church grounds, Gilbert W. Stamper of Winston-Salem will be the speaker and a special musical program will be presented. All former pastors and former members are invited.

Ministers' Wives Plan Luncheon; Greensboro Church to Have Special Services Sunday

MISS BOOE TYPIFIES SPIRIT IN METHODIST HOME FAMILY

Miss Ruth Booe, of Mocksville, typifies the spirit of those who are members of the Methodist Home. As Miss Booe came to the Home she was a guest of honor at the Mocksville Rotary Club.

"J. K. Sheek paid tribute to Miss Ruth, telling of her spirit and influence in the early days when the local club was struggling to get organized, and also of what she had meant to the town of Mocksville and the local Rotary club during the past years and termed her the most outstanding Rotary Anne and moved that she be adopted as the sweetheart of the local club.

'The Rotary Club presented Miss Ruth a gift in recognition of the esteem in which she is held by the members."

The Mocksville Enterprise, in an editorial, said:

"MISS RUTH BOOE:
A LIFE OF SERVICE"

" 'I never was one to dwell much in the past,' answered Miss Ruth Booe when queried by the author to reveal something of her past life that has been spent serving others. 'I always live for the future and in the present. Whatever little I was able to do in the past was always repaid by the personal enjoyment I received from it. It has been a great pleasure for me to live and work in Mocksville, and it is with deep regret that I leave. However, I feel myself lucky in securing residence at the Methodist Home in Charlotte and feel that I must avail myself of the security and companionship it offers women of my age. I certainly appreciate the interest shown by the people of this community, and all of the nice things they have said and done. I am certain that nowhere can one find any better people than the people of Mocksville and Davie County.' "

Miss Booe herself has expressed her appreciation in verse:

A TRIBUTE TO THE
METHODIST HOME

Miss Ruth Booe, Mocksville, N. C. and
The Methodist Home

There is a place you all should see.
It is the Home, for you and me.

There love and friendship fill the air,
And your Heavenly Father is always there.

We thank you each and every one,
For the wonderful work that you have done.

FALL LUNCHEON FOR MINISTERS' WIVES

The Annual Fall Luncheon of the Ministers' Wives Association will be held at one o'clock on Saturday, September 24, at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Mark Q. Tuttle, 1522 English St., Winston-Salem.

At this meeting a new president, vice-president, and treasurer will be elected.

The present officers and district leaders are as follows:

President, Mrs. Clifford H. Peace; Vice-President, Mrs. Harlan L. Creech, Jr.; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. Harold Groce; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. Teague Hipps; Historian, Mrs. C. Excelle Rozzelle, District Leaders: Asheville, Mrs. C. V. Hall; Charlotte, Mrs. E. H. Nease; Gastonia, Mrs. E. H. Blackard; Greensboro, Mrs. M. V. Thumm; Marion, Mrs. E. K. McLarty, Jr.; Salisbury, Mrs. H. F. Duncan; Statesville, Mrs. J. C. Stokes; Thomasville, Mrs. Y. D. Poole; Waynesville, Mrs. H. M. McSwain; Winston-Salem, Mrs. C. Excelle Rozzelle.

Mrs. H. G. Allen is general chairman of arrangements.

—Mrs. W. Harold Groce

KELLY AND JORDAN TO PRESIDE AT ORGAN DEDICATION SUNDAY

The new pipe organ at College Place Church, Greensboro, will be dedicated Sunday, September 11, at the morning worship service, with the pastor, Rev. Walter R. Kelly, and Dr. G. Ray Jordan of Atlanta, in charge.

The organ, which has three manuals and 1899 speaking pipes, was purchased three years ago at a cost of $15,340. With increased cost of construction, it is valued at over $23,000 now. Installation was completed last spring.

A set of chimes has been installed, a gift of Mrs. J. P. Dillard and her daughter, Mrs. D. K. Ivey, in memory of J. P. Dillard, husband and father.

Dr. Jordan, professor of homiletics in the Emory School of Theology, will preach at the morning service, and will also preach in a series of services each evening at 7:45 o'clock. The special services will close Thursday evening.

Dr. Jordan is well known in North Carolina, having served several pastorates in the Western North Carolina Conference. He was at First Church, Charlotte, when he accepted his present position at Emory.

The value of proverbs is that they serve as pages in the memory to which long trains of moral reflections can be attached. —Ideals.



New parsonage of Coburn Memorial Church, Salisbury, occupied July 1 by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Brendall, and family. The parsonage is English-Colonial architecture, matching the church which it adjoins. Consisting of eight rooms, the building is modern in every respect. The cost was $23,000. The two committees consisted of Ralph Simpson, J. H. Dickson, Dr. S. O. Holland, E. L. Rufty, J. L. Harrington, Mrs. Fred Luther, Mrs. Harry Leonard, Mrs. B. F. Rabon, Mrs. J. C. Ludwig, Miss Elizabeth Whisner, Mrs. H. H. Rink, Mrs. Mae Jordan.

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MATERIALS TO BE USED WITH MONTHLY PROGRAMS 1949-50

From Mrs. D. M. Davidson, conference secretary of literature and publications, we have suggestions for materials to be used with the programs for 1949-50, which is worth keeping for future reference:

Basic "tools" for Program Committee: Guide, annual report of the Woman's Division, program material, map of work of Woman's Division, publications catalogue, The Methodist Woman, World Outlook, approved study materials.

September: Distribute 1948 "Social Creed," free from Commission on World Peace, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill., or leaflet "The Methodist Church," from Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tenn. The first piece of Advance material, "Our Faith," should be off the press. Help the pastor distribute it.

October: Distribute new free leaflet, "Some Facts About Bennett College," from Literature headquarters. Use interest center suggested on page 23 of Program Book, use pictures of various schools found in our magazines pasted on ends of ribbons.

November: Costumes from costume bureau, The Methodist Church, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill. Altar arrangement as suggested in worship book, page 5. Poster using letters in PAKISTAN with meaning (see bottom of page 29 Program Book). No leaflet yet off press.

December: Invitations as suggested page 49 of program book (ideas for decorations from our magazines). Costumes. Refer to Annual Report for name of school and workers to be remembered.

January: Distribute Christian Stewardship Cards (not Fellowship of Intercession Cards). From Literature Headquarters, 1c each, 10c for 12. 75c per 100.

February: Distribute leaflet "Unlocking the Bible," story of Dr. Laubach's work. Free from Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

(Suggestions for the next six months will be continued when space permits.)

GUILD MEETING—EBENEZER CHURCH, BELMONT

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Ebenezer Church, Belmont—Gastonia District—held its August Meeting at the church, Tuesday evening, August 9.

Mrs. Herman Teeter had charge of the worship service, which centered around Burma. Those taking part on the program were Mrs. H. L. Stanley, Mrs. E. E. Sellers, and Miss Ira McAndrew.

Miss Lois Wilkinson, Guild president, presided over the business session. Reports were heard from various committee chairmen. Miss Ira McAndrew, bride-elect of September, was remembered with a gift of silver in her chosen pattern and Miss Thelma Rhyne, first Guild president at Ebenezer, was presented with a life membership pin and certificate.

Following the business session, Mrs. L. S. Hawn, Mrs. L. P. Harris, and Mrs Grady Rhyne, hostesses for the month, served refreshments to the twenty-one members present and the meeting closed with the singing of the Guild hymn.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The question and answer method showing the difference between Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and suggestions for local secretaries in filling out their report blanks has been written by Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, Conference secretary, and part of it appears as follows:

What is the difference between Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities? **Answer:** Christian Social Relations is the study of and work in the community to help extend the influence of the church into all human relations.

What activities should be reported as Christian Social Relations?

Answer: All WSCS, whether small ones or large ones, report one or more of the following during some quarter of the year:

Interdenominational Work—such as observance of World Day of Prayer; study of mission study book; prayer services; help in entertaining a sister church's delegates to meetings by serving dinner; calling on pastor of sister church and his family; giving a party for such pastor and family.

World Service—Sending food packages and clothing to war victims of other lands; contributing money for CARE food packages; contributions to American Bible Society; contributions for Bibles sent by church.

Community Drives — Campaigns for funds for Red Cross, Cancer Control, Antituberculosis, Infantile Paralysis; campaign for funds for local needs.

Community Service—Help with Boy and Girl Scouts; Parent-Teacher Association; W. C. T. U.; petitions for dry elections; work for money for Orthopedic Hospitals, Veteran's Hospitals; Day Nurseries for Negro children; library or recreational center for Negroes. Books and magazines for Negro churches, the Upper Room especially; help with Negro church women's societies; visits to County Home and gifts for those living there.

What are Local Church Activities?

Answer: Everything the WSCS does to support, advance and strengthen the local church and minister to the church family.

What activities should be reported?

Answer: Under "support," work done to improve the church property, including the parsonage, the grounds; to furnish or re-furnish or clean the church, the parsonage and the grounds.

Under "Advance" report all work done to strengthen church family ties, such as: visits to sick and shutin members; sending flowers, food and cards to them and to members who have had a death; help given to members who have suffered a material loss; help or support in sending an orphan to school or to the Methodist Home, or to send some young person to college; sponsoring observance of Family Night; showers for brides or prospective mothers; parties for new members; poundings and gifts to the pastor or members of his family.

Under "Advance" also report help given to the young people and the children of the church such as: Youth Fellowship suppers, help given the pastor in programs for them; contributing to the expenses of a delegate to Youth Conferences; help given in the church school; having a nursery for children so that mothers may attend church.

Under "strengthen," report all activities undertaken to increase the spiritual life of the church, such as: cooperation in revival services; entertaining visiting evangelists and other guests of the church; working to increase Church School and church attendance; visiting new families, inviting them to church, to church school and the WSCS; giving a church party to welcome new members.

All Woman's Societies of Christian Service—country, rural, town or city, have three major interests in common. These are children, schools, health.

A program built around these interests is suggested for your consideration:

First step—**Know Your Schools.**

Invite your school principal or superintendent to the WSCS at a special meeting. Ask him such questions as: The number of children of school age in your district. How many attend school regularly? What is the Negro attendance? How many Negro children of school age? Why are not all in school?

Ask him what the WSCS, as citizens and mothers, can do to help in meeting the problems of the schools. Let him understand that you want to know your schools and then to help.

Second Step—**Know Your County Health Service**

Invite your county health officer, your county health nurse and your welfare worker to meet with your society at different times. Ask them to tell you about their work; how it is financed; what groups of persons are served by them.

Ask each of them if there is any way in which the WSCS can be of help to them. If there is a county welfare worker, she will tell you what help she can use in providing for the destitute old persons; minors under her care. Give the name of the secretary of CSR & LCA to each of these so they will know how to reach your WSCS.

Know your county home Demonstration agent. Ask her to tell you of her work in building stable Family Life.

The Third Step returns to the children.

How many of the children thus served by the community attend any Church School? We have no compulsory Church School law so it is necessary to find out why children do not go to the Church School. What prevents their attendance?

THE COUPON CAMPAIGN

The largest number of coupons sent in for the fence at Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem came from Mrs. Kyle Sink, Rt. 3, Lexington (name of church not given), 964; the second largest came from Shady Grove, Waynesville District, 930. Others reaching 600 are: Emma, Asheville District, 635; Lebanon, High Point, 639; Gilkey, Marion District, 649; Plateau Chapel, Newton, 608. Those reaching 500 or more are: Tabernacle, Greensboro District, 582; Center, Welcome Charge, Thomasville District, 577; Lindsey Street, Reidsville, 516; Asheboro (church not listed), 552; Mrs. M. S. Rogers, Concord (church not given), 518; Liberty, First Church, 519½; Main Street, Reidsville, 510; Providence, Forest City, 515.

As has been announced before, Mrs. Wooten will make another shipment the first of October.

School in Full Swing; Recreation Room Secured; Youth Week Observed; Visit Swepsonville Charge

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

TOMMY IS TRIUMPHANT

Two weeks ago the picture on this page revealed two happy boys riding on their soap box wagon. Tommy Albright was the one wearing the straw hat.

Tommy has had an eye that was out of line since birth. Friday, August 26, Dr. Ballew called for Tommy to come over to Rex Hospital for an eye operation. Tommy was more than delighted. This boy stood the operation well, and seems to be getting along fine.

We believe this work by Dr. Ballew will prove a great blessing to this lovable lad.

AUGUST VISITATIONS

In addition to the vacations our children enjoyed with relatives in July, many were treated to another trip in August.

The following boys and girls were entertained by the churches which sponsor them. Each one visited for a week with friends in the following churches:

Elsie Pridgen, Milton; Rosa Lee Ellis, Carolina Beach; Henry Spence, Troy; Betty Jean Sutton, Graham; Carolyn Catlett, Woodland; Louis Strickland, Garysburg; Frankie Morris, Grace Church, Wilmington; and Ralph Joyner enjoyed a week at camp.

In the fall, many will go for a week-end visit and secure their fall and winter clothing.

CALL FOR CHILDREN

It is not uncommon to get a letter regarding the adoption of little children. We are not prepared to handle cases of this kind, but we have put certain couples in touch with the right agency.

Recently an unusual request came in. The letter ran like this:

"Dear Manager, I want one boy 13 to 14 years of age and two girls 12 to 15 years of age. Please let me **no** at once if you can let me have them."

The people writing the letter live in the country and from the request they are really in need of help. I rather think they are more interested in running the farm than in training the children. Needless to say, I turned down the request.

SCHOOL OPENS

Our elementary and high schools opened last Tuesday, on the same day that the other public schools of Raleigh began work. The children have been out of school since June 10 and many of them were glad to get back to their studies. When a school program is kept functional with many and varied activities, such as we have here, the children are happy in their educational work. We have three new members of our teaching staff who join us with backgrounds of excellent experience and training. Miss Helen Snider will teach in the elementary school, Mrs. Corena McPherson will teach home economics and serve as librarian, and Mrs. John Millard Gilkey will teach English.

TEEN AGE CLUB

We have felt the need for a playroom and a candy counter for some time. When a child had some change and a sweet tooth they would have to cross Glenwood Avenue, or go to a store on St. Mary's Street to make a purchase. They also needed a place to spend their leisure time.

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DIALOGUE WITH DENTIST

A Junior boy named Charlie took his seat in the chair while Dr. Collin prepared to work on his teeth. The dentist asked the boy why he was so rough on his trousers. The unrehearsed answer that Charlie gave ran like this:

"Why, Doc, these clothes are just ragged from age. You know the tobacco crop wasn't very good last year. When the people at my church have a good crop, I get nice clothes. When the crops are bad, clothes are short. You can just look at me, Doc, and see how the folks are doing down on the farm."

Dr. Collin, whose home is at Holly Springs, has spent the month of August at our infirmary getting the teeth of our children in good condition before the opening of school. The boys and girls can overlook the pain because they appreciate his friendship and are grateful for his service.

FINE FELLOWSHIP TEAM

During this past week we have been highly favored in our youth work. A Youth Fellowship Team composed of Curt Gatling, Pat Floyd, Pat Jackson, and Robbin Scroggs have given us excellent leadership with our juniors and young people. Each afternoon and evening were filled with helpful programs. These leaders worked with the juniors and intermediates in the afternoon and with the high school students at night.

These programs have been varied and inspiring. They have received valuable help in building worship programs. During the second periods they discussed the work of each commission. The group singing and other forms of recreation have been greatly enjoyed by all of our boys and girls.

VISIT TO ALAMANCE

On Sunday, August 28, a group of us motored to Phillips Chapel for the Sunday School hour. Helen Whitfield and Peggy Patton provided several vocal selections. Billy Glover and King Gibson spoke on the activities here at our home. Little Bruce Gibson, three years of age, made friends with everyone. His happy smile and big brown eyes captured the congregation.

At the eleven o'clock hour the same program was presented at Swepsonville. The heavy rain did not keep the people away. Both churches were well filled with friends of our children. Phillips Chapel is an old church with a new building, and a progressive spirit. The Swepsonville church has been redecorated and they support every good cause with loyal devotion. A picnic dinner was served at Phillips Chapel.

The pastor, John R. Poe, is providing excellent leadership for the three churches on this charge. Over 100 of the members have visited the Orphanage this summer. We were happy to have them come.



THE SMITH SISTERS

These four lovely girls have made an enviable record in our Home. Reading from left to right, Evelyn, Jane, Sarah and Virginia Smith.

Jesus and the Psalms

Psalm 8:2; 22:1, 16-18; 91:9-12; 103:8-13; 110: 1; 118:22-23; Matthew 21:15-16, 38-42; 22:41-45; Luke 24:44.

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

One is always delighted when the child voices chime in with the minister as he closes his petition with the Lord's Prayer. Their minds have been wandering, but now when he comes to a prayer they all know they join in with him in real devotion.

In the modern atmosphere it is difficult to heed the words of Jesus, Men ought always to pray and not to faint; but if our minds are saturated with the Psalms it will be far easier for us to live a life of constant and spontaneous devotion. Jesus understood that it is not only important to have a desire to pray, but also to be well versed in the language of prayer so that we have words of praise and supplication appropriate to every situation and voicing every mood. And as there is a wonderful breadth of experience and outreach in these Psalms he saturated his mind with them.

Jesus kept calling himself the Son of man. He meant that in a unique degree he entered into the experience of common humanity. His sympathies were so intense and the task before him was so many-sided that there was scarcely an experience which any human being was called upon to suffer that he did not have. The only exception was that he did not have the experience of sinning against God. And even then on account of the intensity of his sympathy he suffered with the sinner (Isa. 53.5).

We have not as yet fathomed the full meaning of that expression, "The Son of man." The breadth and completness of our Lord's identification with all humanity is beyond our power to visualize or imagine. Plainly he expected in saving the world to suffer whatever any good man was called upon to suffer. When he read in the 22nd Psalm, They parted my garments among them, and for my vesture did they cast lots, he probably saw in it a dark foreshadowing of what his executioners would do at the foot of the cross. But when he read in the same Psalm of the sudden reaching down of the divine power to deliver the sufferer he foresaw likewise the certainty of God's mighty deliverance. And when he read, The Lord said unto my lord, Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool, he took it as the word of God to him, predicting his elevation to the right hand of power. And when in another Psalm he read, The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner, he believed that in spite of the murderous conspiracy of the priests to kill him, he had the word of God that he would be made the head of the corner, and be glorified before men as the supreme personality of history.

And he also appropriated its prediction; Out of the womb of the morning thou hast the dew of thy youth, as a prophecy that the youth of the coming generations would rise up as multitudinous as the dew drops to proclaim him the Saviour of the world.

In proportion as we are like Christ we shall also find in the Psalms a description of the sufferings we must endure and the glorification that will follow. The Psalms warn us against all false hopes, but hearten us with assurances of the blessings that are to come in steadfast faith.

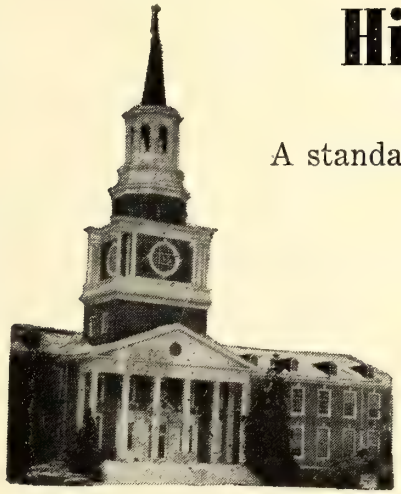
It is a part of loyalty to the Psalmist and to the Bible writers in general to identify in modern literature everything that breathes their spirit. To recognize and honor a modern Christian prophet is to honor Christ (Mat. 10:40).

It would be interesting in our classes for the members not only to call up the Psalms that have been especially helpful to them, but also the words of modern poets and hymn writers that they deem inspired of God.

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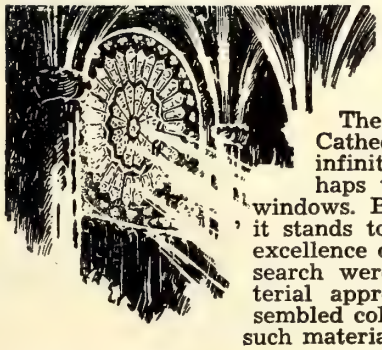
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Children's Storytime

The Little Town of Upside Down

There was once upon a time a good little girl who woke up one morning and got out on the wrong side of the bed. It was a dull, rainy day, instead of a bright, sunny one, and she had wanted to play out of doors in the garden. That is the way things started.

When her nurse wanted to wash the little girl's face, she sputtered and she pouted. When her hair was brushed, she squealed and she cried. She wouldn't let nurse put on her socks, and she didn't want any breakfast. After breakfast she sulked with her nose flat against the rainy windowpane. She was as cross as cross could be if anybody spoke to her.

Well, while she was standing with her nose flat against the rainy windowpane, a little elf hopped out of a raindrop and slipped in through the window ventilator. "Hello!" he said, "I've come to take you to the little town of Upside Down. Come along! All aboard for the Upside Down Place!"

He took the little girl and whisked her off, and the first think she knew she was on a puffy-puffy train that had its engine at the back and not at the front, and the train went backwards instead of going the rightway! The little girl kicked and she screamed, but the train kept on going wrong! "Where are you taking me?" she asked.

"I'm going to show you what the Upside Down country is like," the little elf answered. "You belong there because you've been doing everything wrong since you got up this morning. That's why you belong there, and not with right side up people. That's why I'm taking you to the little town of Upside Down."

So they kept going on and on with the engine at the back of the train and the train going backwards instead of the right way. By and by the little girl noticed that the trees were all upside down, with their roots in the air; the sky was where the ground ought to be; the houses stood on their roofs, and everybody walked wrong side up. She didn't like it at all.

"I don't want to go any farther," she screamed. "I want to go home."

"I can't take you home. You belong in the Upside Down country where the little girls won't let their nurses wash their faces, where they scream and kick when their hair is combed, and where they won't put on their socks or eat any breakfast."

There was nothing to do but just as the elf said. And at last they stopped at an upside down station and got out at the little town of Upside Down. "This is where you belong," said the little elf. "You don't belong where things are right side up."

So the little girl got out at the upside down station and walked through the upside down streets of the little town of Upside Down. It was not at all nice. It was horrid. When she spoke to anybody she met, that person snapped and snarled or else that person sulked and pouted. O, the little girl did not like being treated that way at all. She began to think that that was just exactly the way she had behaved to her nurse. And she said to the elf: "I am tired of this upside down place, and I want to be right side up. Can't I go home again ever?"

"If you do things the right way," said the elf, "then you can go home. But you really belong here." And he looked hard at the little girl. "Let me see how you act when the nurse want to wash your face." he asked. "Let me see what you do when she puts on your socks. Do you feel like doing things right and eating your breakfast?"

So the little girl said: "I want to go home and be right. Please take me home, and I will be good." And she showed the elf how she would behave when she went home again.

"It looks as if you might go home," he said. "But I must be sure you can be pleasant before I take you. Smile."

So the little girl smiled. And they went to the station and got on the train that went the right way and not the wrong way, and they went home lickety-split.

When they reached home, there was nurse waiting for the good little girl; and the good little girl said: "Oh, I'm not upside down and wrong any more. I'm glad I'm home, where everything is polite and right side up. I don't want to go to the little town of Upside Down any more."

And what became of the little elf? That I don't know, but I wouldn't want him to take me to the little town of Upside Down, would you?—Congregationalist and Advance.



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Calvary, 8	22
Monroe Central, 11:00	24
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Marshville, 7:30	24
Anson County Preachers, 10	25

Gastonia District
W. A. Stanbury, D. S.
606 S. York Street, Gastonia, N. C.

	September
Gastonia, Myrtle, 7:30	10
Lowell, Lowell, 11	11
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Greensboro District
(See page two, issue of August 25.)

Marion District
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	September
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Salisbury District
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328 S. Church Street, Salisbury, N. C.

	September
Coburn Memorial, 11	11
Park Avenue, 8	11
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Butner: Butner, 7:30	14
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Elizabeth City District
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Elizabeth City, N. C.

	September
Elizabeth City, City Road, 7:30 (Q. C.)	12
Check-Up Meeting, City Road, Elizabeth City, 10:30	15

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 4)

Fayetteville District
Walter C. Ball, D. S.
1019 Hay Street, Fayetteville, N. C.

	September
Troy Circuit: Lovejoy, 11	11
Mount Gilead Circuit, 3 (Place to be selected by pastor)	11
Mt. Gilead, 8	11

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 18)

New Bern District
B. B. Slaughter, D. S.
New Bern, N. C.

	September
Ayden, 11	11
Vanceboro, 3	11
Grifton, 7:30	11

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Raleigh District
H. B. Porter, D. S.
1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

	September
Erwin, 11	11
Mamers: Spring Hill, 3	11
Moncure, 8	11
Cary, 8	14

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 18)

Rocky Mount District
A. J. Hobbs, D. S.
803 Sycamore Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Telephone 2804

	September
Pinetops: Conetoe, 11	11
Whitakers: McTyeire, 8	11
Wilson, 11	18
Kenly: Lucama, 8	18
Bethel, 8	19

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 18)

Wilmington District
Chancie D. Barclift, D. S.
1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
Telephone 34835

	September
Wilmington: Fifth Ave., preaching, 11	11
Whiteville, 7:30	11
Wilmington: Sunset Park, 7:30	12
Wilmington: Wesley Memorial, 7:30	13
Lumberton: Chestnut Street, 7:30	14
Shallotte: Concord, 7:30	15

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Evangelists' Slates

ROY T. HOUTS, Approved Evangelist
Route 3, New Market, Tenn.
September 11-25—Pocahontas, Va. Write now for fall meetings.

John R. Church, D.D.
Rt. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Sept. 11-21—Firestone Church, Gastonia.
Sept. 21-26—Annual Conf., Winston-Salem.
Oct. 5-15—Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.
Oct. 16-27—First Meth., Herrin, Ill.
Oct. 30-Nov 10—First Meth., Granite City, Ill.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Martha Jackson

Benson.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Benson Methodist Church, wish to pay loving tribute to our beloved member, Mrs. Martha Jackson, who passed away May 20, 1949. In her going our society has lost a faithful and consecrated member. Her loyal devotion to church, friends, and home will ever stand as a living memorial to her beautiful Christian life.

This tribute is recorded in the minutes of our society and copies are being sent to the family and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Mrs. Paul Johnson.

Mrs. T. C. Pegram

Cooleemee.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cooleemee Methodist Church, wishing to express our appreciation of the many years of service rendered by Mrs. T. C. Pegram, do hereby resolve as follows:

First, We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and daughter, and pray God to bless and comfort them;

Second, Mrs. Pegram was a loyal and consecrated worker of our church, an active member of the Society, and for years served as president and held other important offices. Her counsel and personality were important factors in shaping the policy of the church. She was also active in all phases of community activities; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our society, a copy be sent to the family, and copies to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Cooleemee Journal.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, Cooleemee Methodist Church.

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DR. DIFFENDORFER

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idea, or method, or approach that seemed to meet a particular need of a tribe or a nation could count upon his support.

One might go around the mission world and enumerate the advances which came from Dr. Diffendorfer's appraisal of needs or his judgment that some proposal by a missionary was helpful.

The emphasis which he rightly placed upon higher education in China helped launch the Association of China Colleges, instrumental in keeping some thirteen institutions in operation during and since the war. He early perceived the gains to Christianity that would come from the Nationalist Government in China, and in the early days he helped mold American public opinion in favor of it: a new and general Chinese appreciation of Christian missions has resulted.

In India, he made valuable contribution to the conquering of illiteracy and hunger by his support of schools with an agricultural and industrial bias, by his worldwide support of Frank Laubach's literacy campaigns, and by emphasis on the production of Christian literature for the newly literate. A champion of Indian independence, he has helped keep Christian missions close to the basic needs of the people of India and Pakistan.

Japan may well thank him for an appraisal of her national problems that long helped Methodism sypmathize with the nation's social and economic problems, though not with the military ambitions of her rulers. Dr. Diffendorfer's post-war contribution to Japanese-American friendship and understanding has already been mentioned. Too, missionaries of both Japan and Korea thank him for the foresight which made him see that war with Japan was imminent, and cause him to have the Board call home its representatives just before the hostilities started.

His "Voyage of Discovery"—a book detailing his observations in South America—helped Methodism focus its attention upon the secondary schools and colleges of the Church there, upon the need for strengthening the Christian witness through more pastors and churches; and it gave impetus to the development of El Vergel Agricultural School and Farm, and to medical and social work among the long-neglected Indians of the mountain areas. The "Voyage of Discovery" was in fact, a forerunner of the "Good Neighbor Policy."

As we have suggested, Dr. Diffendorfer's influence was not—could not be—confined to the Methodist Church and its missionary activities. He early took his place as a leader alongside Dr. Robert E. Speer, Dr. John R. Mott, Dr. Fred F. Goodsell, Dr. A. L. Warnshuis and many other leaders of other churches. He soon rose to have his own peculiar place as a "spark plug" in the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the International Missionary Council, the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, in the World Council of Churches, and in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Time and again, he set them afire with his own enthusiasms, his own visions—and they lifted their sights and went out to do bigger things for the Kingdom.

Few men since the Livingstone he so greatly admired have done more to point men to genuine and far-reaching service in the mission field of the world than has Ralph Diffendorfer.

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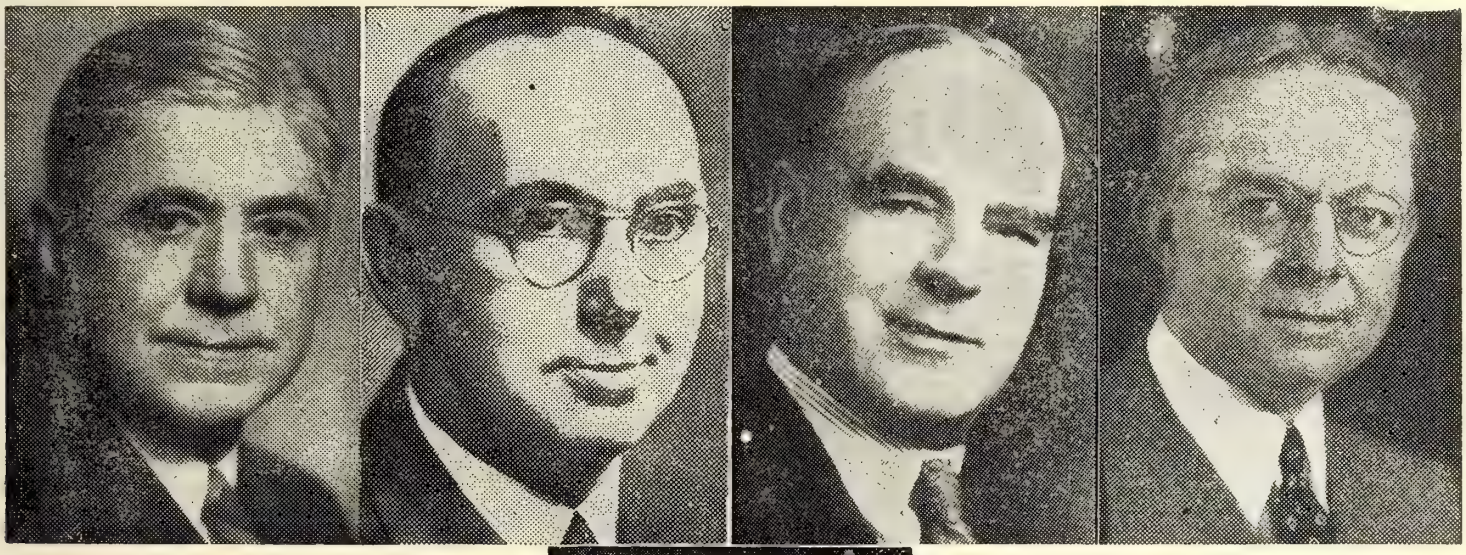
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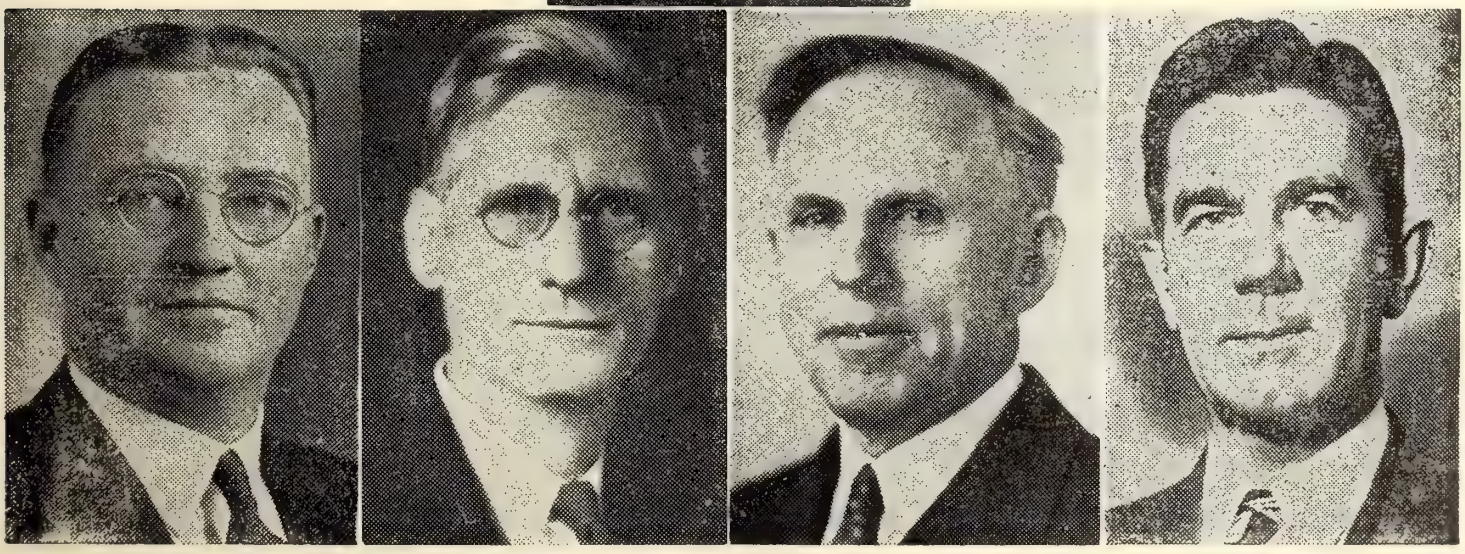


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Conference Groups to Meet Wednesday, Sept. 21; Letters from Our Readers; Mamers Leads in Subs

Western North Carolina Conference Announcements

Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the W. N. C. will meet promptly at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 21st. in the room designated in Centenary Methodist Church. All the men who are already on trial and in the several classes are asked to meet at two o'clock. All the men applying for entrance into the conference on trial are asked to come at three o'clock.

HAROLD R. SIMPSON, registrar

Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors

The Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors will meet in the room designated at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, on September 21 at 2:30 and then at 3 o'clock will be glad to meet with the supply pastors in the same room.—Mark Q. Tuttle, Secretary.

Chaplain's Fellowship

The Chaplains' Fellowship of the WNC Conference will assemble in Burkhead church, Winston-Salem, for a dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, September 24. Dr. Mark Depp will address the group, and a short business meeting will be held. All former Army and Navy Chaplains of the Conference are invited to attend.

The Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet in Centenary church, Winston-Salem, on Wednesday, September 21, 11:00 a.m.—W. A. Kale, President.

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet September 21, at 3 p.m. in Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem.—Ralph Taylor, Chairman; James B. McLarty,Secretary.

Board of Temperance

The Board of Temperance will meet Wednesday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m. at Centenary Church in room designated.—Walter Lee Lanier, Secretary.

Commission on World Service and Finance

The Commission on World Service and Finance will meet in its assigned room on Wednesday morning, September 21, at 10:00 o'clock.

The Committee on Conference Relations

The Committee on Conference Relations will meet at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, September 21, in the room designated.—E. P. Billups, Chairman.

Ministers' Wives' Luncheon

The annual Fall Luncheon of the Ministers' Wives Association will be held at one o'clock on Saturday, September 24, at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, N. C. The price of the luncheon tickets is $1.50. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Mark Q. Tuttle, 1522 English St., Winston-Salem, N. C.—Mrs. W. Harold Groce.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

All pastors in the Western North Carolina Conference are requested to make arrangements for the observance of World Communion Sunday, October 2, on their present charge. This applies to pastors who will be assigned new charges at Conference as well as to those who are returned to the charges they are now serving.—Costen J. Harrell, Bishop, Charlotte Area.

METHODISM AND THE COMMON PEOPLE

Dear Editor:

We read with much interest your editorial in the issue of September 1 on "Methodism and the Common People," and we want to congratulate you on this editorial.

It seems to me in this day that we Methodists have largely forgotten the methods of John Wesley and it also seems to me that we can do great good as we go through life if we will remember the actions of Mr. Wesley and follow them at least considerably more than we have followed them in the last century.

W. B. COOPER

Wilmington

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Dear Editor:

Your editorial comment "Methodism and the Common People" is certainly a clear call to accounting and a challenge to our people.

Such forthright statements should be most helpful in waking our folks up to their duty.

More power to you.

CARL T. HICKS

Walstonburg

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Dear Editor:

I have read with more than usual interest "Methodism and the Common People" on the editorial page of this week's Advocate. This article is timely, pointed, correct, and I thoroughly appreciate it.

Our Methodist Church is supposed to be democratic but we seem to be drifting away from our democracy just as the Democratic political party is departing from the old time principles of democracy.

When this is so, neither the Church or the party can expect to appeal to the common people.

Incidentally, let me also approve Brother W. O. Weldon's letter in this week's Advocate, at least what he says about having a well fixed or regular time for the Annual Conference.

I see no good reason for a variable date. There should be 52 Sundays in every Conference year, otherwise the Church does sustain a financial loss, perhaps more than it knows.

Yours truly,

C. W. RAMSEY

Charlotte.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Lists of 4 or more subscriptions received September 7 to September 12 inclusive.

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Mamers, O. C. Melton	30½
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Shallotte, Richard Braunstein	5½
Branson, Durham, Mrs. E. C. Stone	5½

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

How and where to find God. Although we ministers began with what we think was God's call, and notwithstanding the many evidences of our success expressed in increased opportunities, salaries, official recognition, and else, we have lived always in grave danger of losing the vital sense of the reality of God.

To the vast multitudes of people everywhere, God has no practical significance. Such persons are among the materially prosperous and the poor; among the scholars and the ignorant; among the political masters and subjects. God, to most of these, is lost in the mist. They may speak of "The First Cause," "The Life Force," or "Stream of Tendency;" they may think of a vague, distant "Power" in anthropomorphic or human form, but he is never a real divine personality to them.

Of a long list of high-ranking ministers we've heard in recent weeks, not one of them failed to point out what he thinks humanity needs most in the present state of the world. Those who displayed more homiletic skill emphasized three needs. It seems to us the most universal and desperate need of us all is a vital, actual sense of God. If God comes to be a central reality to us, then whatever we should be or do can be the better achieved. Whether it be an Alfred Lord Tennyson: "I covet above all things else a fresh vision of God," or a wretched sinner in sight of a tragic death: "O God, if there be a God, save me," the deepest yearning is for a God whose personal love and care can be depended upon.

When we find **law** in nature we find God, for God is **law.** When we find **truth** in science we find God, for God is **truth.** When we find **justice** in society we find God, for God is **justice.** When we find **wisdom** in philosophy we find God, for God is **wisdom.** When we find **love** in religion we find God, for God is **love.** When we find **peace** in ourselves we find God, for God is **peace.**

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Is a Change of Pastor or Pastorate the Answer?

With the approach of Annual Conference preachers and laymen alike are showing increasing concern over the appointments of the preachers for the coming Conference year. This is quite natural and proper, for both have a tremendous stake in the appointments.

Some preachers, if at all like this ex-pastor, facing a hard task or an unpleasant situation or serving a charge that does not seem to be responding to their leadership, may be tempted to ask to be assigned elsewhere. Some laymen who feel that their pastor is not ideally suited or whose church does not seem to be making satisfactory progress, may be tempted to ask for a change of ministers.

Of course, there are times when a change of pastors or pastorates is advisable. The time may come when a preacher's best work is accomplished. The time may come when some one else can do a particular job or meet a particular need better than he. There are occasions when a pastor's service may be needed more acutely in another field. Under many circumstances it is entirely proper for either the people or the minister to ask for a change.

Many changes, however, are obviously considered on other grounds. Some preachers seem to enter new fields with their minds fully made up to get away as quickly as possible. Some laymen seem to have their minds set against a pastor before they give him a chance to prove his worth. Unfortunately, many pastorates are terminated hastily and prematurely for superficial, personal reasons. In many cases a change either for people or pastor may seem desirable. It may appear to be an easy way out of a difficult or unpleasant situation. On the other hand, there may be basic personality problems involved that a mere change of pastors or pastorates will not solve, but rather aggravate.

For example, the pastor who seeks to run away from a hard or unpleasant situation will more than likely find the same or other problems in his next appointment. He may escape one difficult situation, but he does not escape the real problem. That problem is the self he has to live with. The longer he puts off facing himself, the harder it will be for him to succeed anywhere. He succeeds only when he learns to succeed where he is.

Laymen who are inclined to find fault with the pastor would do well to look at their own faults. The preacher who may not be suited to their secular ideas may be eminently suited to the needs of their church. The church may fail to go forward because the people are not carrying their share of the responsibility. If they do not like the present pastor, it is likely that they won't like the next one. Some charges get the reputation of being hard on preachers. A change of preachers may offer temporary relief, but it does not solve the basic problem. That problem is spiritual.

In human nature there seems to be a tendency to look for a scapegoat, or to blame others for failures that are actually our own. Laymen may be tempted to blame the preacher; the preacher may blame the laymen; and both blame the district superintendent and the bishop. The result is a growing unrest which is making the stationing of preachers more difficult each year.

Methodism, we believe, has an excellent system of appointing preachers. That system can be greatly weakened by those who make unusual demands upon it. Sometimes the appointing powers make mistakes. But the severest strain is put upon the system by preachers and laymen who take advantage of the system. We believe that many hard problems can be solved, not by the seemingly easy expediency of a change of pastors or pastorates, but by honest, self-examination on the part of congregations and pastors. We believe that both can grow in stature, and the Kingdom of God immeasurably extended, by a spiritual approach to their problems.

The relationship between people and pastor is intensely sacred, resembling in many ways the marital relationship. Every appointment can be a divine appointment. All parties involved in that appointment should hesitate to terminate it hastily or prematurely.

In the supremacy of self-control consists one of the perfections of the ideal man.—Herbert Spencer

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Half of our trouble comes from wanting to have our own way, and the other half is due to our failure to face the facts.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

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A genius is an ordinary fellow with his heart harnessed to his task.—Watchman-Examiner.

Farmington Charge Concludes Successful Year

Farmington Charge in the Thomasville District is evidently closing one of its most highly successful years. According to John Frank Johnson, charge treasurer, this six-point circuit has received 110 new members this Conference year, 86 of whom came on profession of faith. The budget, which was increased $975 over last year, has been paid in full well in advance of Annual Conference. Special days have been observed with good offerings. The congregation of Wesley Chapel has built a beautiful church. Mount Olive church has new Sunday School rooms. Bethlehem church is being redecorated, with new pews and a new furnace installed. Smith Grove church has a new roof and a lovely chancel rail. Other churches on the charge are planning extensive improvements in the near future. More than $1000 has been spent on repairing and furnishing the parsonage. On a quota of 59, the circuit has 72 subscribers to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. In every phase of its program, the Farmington Charge seems to be moving ahead.

We lift this interesting story of achievement from our news pages for editorial comment for two reasons. First, we believe the pastor, Rev. John Oakley, his progressive officials and loyal members, deserve congratulations for their outstanding achievements this year. Such a record does not come by accident. It represents twelve full months of prayer and hard work. Moreover, we lift up this record of the Farmington Charge because we believe its represents the kind of work that is being done on many of our circuits in the two Conferences of the State. Although some of the charges may not have been as successful in some phases of the program and though their records may not be quite as impressive, nevertheless, they are moving forward in a grand way. Pastor and people are caring for every interest of the church. But they are keeping before them the central task of the church—the bringing of new members into the fellowship of the church. The hundreds of small rural churches throughout North Carolina serve as the seed-bed of Methodism tomorrow. As long as children and young people and adults are won to Christ in such large numbers, the future of both rural and urban churches is secure, and the cause of Christ will prosper.

Methodism among the Cherokees . . .

A CHECKERED RECORD

By C. W. Robbins

In 1816, when John Stewart, a Negro, began preaching to the Wyandots of Ohio he officially launched the missionary enterprise of American Methodism among the Indians. A few years later Richard Neely of Tennessee began a ministry to the Cherokees of North Alabama and Georgia. A year later Rev. A. J. Crawford opened a school for the Cherokees. In 1827 Rev. John B. McFerrin mapped out a 400-mile circuit through Georgia and Tennessee, covering the entire territory each month. In a single camp meeting 180 Indians were converted. His most famous convert perhaps was John Ross, for forty years a trusted and beloved chief of the Cherokees. Other outstanding Christian Indians during this period were Sequoyah who invented the alphabet which made Indian literature possible; and Junaluska, who saved Andrew Jackson's life at Horse Shoe Bend and for whom beautiful Lake Junaluska Assembly was named.

Through the help of sympathetic white people and Christian missionaries the Cherokees made rapid progress. At the time of their removal to Oklahoma in 1838 they had a sound and stable government with a written constitution, a printing press and newspaper, several schools and many flourishing churches. The missionaries, in protesting the white man's inhumanity to the Indians and in their genuine concern for the spiritual welfare of the Indians, won the confidence and devotion of the Cherokees. There is no record of the number of converts or of the number of churches established among the Indians. But Christianity was becoming a vital force in the life of the Cherokee nation. It is reported that Methodism was the strongest denomination among the Indians at that time of their removal to the West. This was particularly true in the general area which includes the present Qualla Reservation.

Unfortunately, however, the Methodist Church, like the United States government, for many years forgot this stubborn little band of refugees that clung to their mountain homes in western North Carolina. There is no exact information as to the date Methodist missionaries returned to the Cherokees on the Qualla Reservation. No doubt Methodist preachers made unofficial visits to the struggling little group. The refugees continued to keep alive the spirit of Methodism. But the years that followed were dark and discouraging. And the foundation laid by ardent



Piney Grove Church

Methodist missionaries before 1838 all but crumbled. Finally, in 1921, according to Rev. Dan H. Dennis, present Methodist pastor on the Reservation, the former Methodist Episcopal Church sent Dr. Jesse Gillespie, who served faithfully until his retirement in 1932. Following his retirement, no one was sent to replace him and the three churches built by that denomination—Geiger Memorial, Piney Grove and Big Cove—were without regular Methodist services until 1948, when the present pastor reopened and reorganized them. Meanwhile, the Baptists were permitted to hold services in all three.

The former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, established two churches —Blue Wing (Echoto) and Chapel Oak. Services were held irregularly in these churches, and at one time a period of six years elapsed without the services of a Methodist pastor. Rev. William Hornbuckle did outstanding work among the Indians, and was greatly loved. Other Methodist pastors preached occasionally in the churches.

By 1946, when Rev. D. H. Dennis was appointed to the Cherokee Mission, Methodist membership had dwindled to 43 and consisted mainly of old people who had refused to give up their Methodist faith in spite of the uncertainty of having a regular pastor. Now, after three years of diligent work on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, the membership has climbed to approximately 100. This year 23 persons have been received on profession of faith.

The membership consists largely of old people, children and young people. Relatively few middle-aged people attend Methodists services, the direct result of Methodist inactivity during a long period prior to 1946.

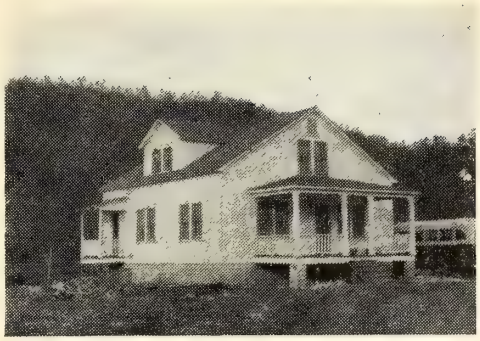
Southern Baptists—though appearing on the scene much later than the Methodists—are by far the dominant religious group on the Reservation. They have a membership of 1200, have several thriving churches, including a lovely stone church and parsonage in the vill-



Interior of Blue Wing or Echoto Church. Mr. Dennis and Sunday School Pupils.

age of Cherokee that represent an investment of well over $50,000. In lay leadership and financial ability the Baptists are preponderantly stronger. Other denominations and their numerical strength include Mormon, 42; Church of God, 14; Episcopal, 11; Free Methodist, 6; Wesleyan Methodist, 3. The Episcopalians have recently completed a lovely little chapel.

The three Methodist Sunday Schools have an average attendance of approximately 150, predominantly children and young people. This summer these three Sunday Schools cooperated in a two weeks Vacation Church School, with 90 pupils and teachers in average attendance. Young people from Gastonia and Salisbury helped in the school, which proved a remarkable experience both for the Indians and their guests. The Youth Fellowship meets on Wednesday evening and has an average attendance of 75, with ages ranging from six months to eighty years. A bus, provided by friends in the Conference, provides transportation to the various services. Otherwise, many people, particularly children, would be unable to attend.



Parsonage

One Woman's Society, composed of women from three churches, meets regularly. With a membership of 18, the Society carries on a varied program.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis provide a well-rounded program for all ages. A recreational program for all groups, a sewing circle for girls, and many other activities are scheduled. The parsonage is the meeting place for all groups.

Finances, of course, present a real problem in the operation of the Cherokee Mission. The Indians, in their poverty, are unable to give much. Their share on pastor's salary is $100 a year. They contribute to other causes on that basis. The General Board of Missions provides $1000 a year and the Conference Board of Missions provides $900 a year, on pastor's salary. The women of the Conference have been sending many gifts. A parsonage was completed last year from Crusade for Christ funds raised in the Waynesville District. These funds were given in excess of the quota assigned to the District.

Next Week: Methodism's Enlarging Ministry to the Cherokees.

Our Supreme Task As Ministers

By Harold Glenn Cuthrell*

We preachers had better pay more attention to the art of contemplation and the practice of the presence of God if our ministry is to be radiant with faith and creative with love in this age of organized infidelity and practical atheism. We must know God in our hearts if we are to proclaim Him with our lips. We must kneel humbly in the silent place of prayer if we are to walk boldly in the market place of men. We must catch the sublime vision on the mountain top if we are to be a shining light in the valley of the world. We must listen to God with humility and patience, stripped of the imperious demands of the self, if we are to show men that the supreme Reality behind the magnitude and complexity of creation is God. If we are to point men to the eternal verities we must have the verity of God in our hearts. If we are to give beauty for ashes and consolation for tears and freedom for bondage we must have the God of beauty and comfort and salvation abiding with us as our personal Friend. If we are to feed the spiritual hungers of our people we must be replenished with the bread of God's truth. Our people come into the sanctuary to hear news from God. Woe unto the preacher who has no news from God. This is our chief business: to listen to God and to receive the joyful tidings from the spiritual universe, and then to tell this glad news to the people yearning for light to shine upon the mysteries and certitude amid the tragic conditions of the earth.

We may have all the wisdom and culture of the world, but if we do not know God experimentally and with an operative certainty our preaching will be only a dull proclamation of platitudes. It will be like a feeble and faltering flame in the great darkness of the world. It will lack authority and persuasiveness, and men will know that we do not know the Author and Finisher of the Faith. Without the mind in us which was in Christ Jesus we cannot communicate the thoughts of God to minds in quest of truth and sick with the maladies of materialism. John R. Mott once said: "The will of God was Jesus' north star." If we are to guide others to the city that hath foundations whose builder and maker is God, we must be guided by the Divine Will which presides over the destinies of the universe.

To listen to God and to receive from Him joyful tidings and to share this glad news with spiritually hungry people is the supreme task of the minister.

It is so easy to become lost and bewildered in the labyrinth of organization and the mechanics of our ministry. There are meetings and conferences and reports and plans and projects demanding our time and attention. These things have their rightful place in our work and ministry. But we must remember that our supreme task is to possess the knowledge of God so that we can communicate this knowledge to the minds and hearts of people hungry for peace of mind and the assurance of God's eternal presence abiding with them in the howling wilderness of this world. And we cannot have this blessed knowledge and operative certainty of God if we do not pay the price through contemplation, prayer, discipline, and spiritual exercises.

God is our abiding home amidst the fluctuating vanities of this perishable world. Against the mortality and transitoriness of man there is set in bold and blessed relief the timelessness and eternity of God. With God as our Friend and Father we can vanquish the principalities of darkness, the tyranny of evil, and the kingdoms of this world arrayed against the Kingdom of our Lord. Through prayer and faith we can practice the Presence of God, and from this Eternal Presence receive spiritual vitality and creative wisdom for a valiant and redeeming ministry among our people.

We need a thrilling and satisfying consciousness of the Presence of God in all our myriad activities and various relationships. Let us never cease to preach John Wesley's doctrine of God and Christ. Wesley once expressed his belief "that God is in all things—that we should use and look upon nothing as separate from God—who pervades and actuates the whole created frame, and is, in a true sense, the soul of the universe."

In his famous letter to Alexander Mather, John Wesley wrote: "Give me a hundred preachers who fear God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen, such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth." Bishop Paul B. Kern writes: "Wesley was so sure of God that he never undertook to prove his existence. Methodism needs today this practical, operative certainty

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Many Speakers to Feature Annual Conference Program at Winston-Salem Next Week

(For detailed program see page 6, issue of September 1)

Final preparations are being made for the 1949 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference which meets at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, September 21-26. A full and well-rounded program has been planned, and the Conference is expected to attract more than 1000 delegates and visitors. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, will be in charge of the Conference, and Dr. Edgar H. Nease of Charlotte will serve as secretary.

Many outstanding speakers will feature the six-day program that gets under way officially Wednesday evening with a Communion service and the organization of the Conference and closes Monday morning with the reading of the appointments of the preachers. Earlier in the day the various Boards, Commissions and Committees will meet.

Bishop Charles C. Selecman of the South Central Jurisdiction will preach at three o'clock Thursday and Friday afternoons. Dr. Harry N. Holmes, lay leader of the New York East Conference, will deliver two addresses Thursday. In the morning he will speak at the anniversary of the Board of Lay Activities, and at noon he will be the chief speaker at the laymen's luncheon. Dr. Roy L. Smith, publishing agent of the Methodist Church, will be the main speaker Thursday evening.

Dr. A. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University, will speak Friday morning at the anniversary of the Board of Education, and will bring the address that evening at the Duke University Dinner. Also at the morning session Friday Dr. William R. Cannon of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will be the main speaker at the anniversary of the Board of Evangelism; and Rev. R. M. Hauss, executive Secretary of the Allied Church League, will address the Conference when the Board of Temperance presents its annual report.

Friday evening's session will be given over to Methodism's quadrennial program, the Advance for Christ and His Church. Featured speakers will be Bishop Harrell, Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director of the Advance program; and Rev. Walter J. Miller, president of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Saturday's program will include the reception of the class into full connection, reports of various Boards, Commissions and youth night, and ordination of deacons with Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, the speaker. Dr. Chappell will also bring the memorial address Sunday afternoon.

The Conference Love Feast at 9:30 a.m. will begin the full program Sunday. Dr. E. K. McLarty, retired member of the Conference, will be in charge. At eleven o'clock Bishop Harrell will deliver the Conference sermon, followed by the ordination of elders. That evening Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor emeritus of Christian Doctrine in the Duke Divinity School, will speak under auspices of the Conference Historical Society.

Bishop Harrell will be in charge of the devotions each morning at 9:30 a.m.

The Brevard College dinner will be held Wednesday evening, with Edwin L. Jones, president of the board of trustees, and Rev. W. A. Kale, of Shelby, as speakers. The Emory University dinner will be held Thursday evening, with Dr. Charles T. Lester of Emory University as speaker. The High Point College luncheon will be held Saturday, with Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president, as speaker.

The Rural Fellowship luncheon will be held Friday, with Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School bringing the message.

The Ministers' Wives Luncheon will be held Saturday.

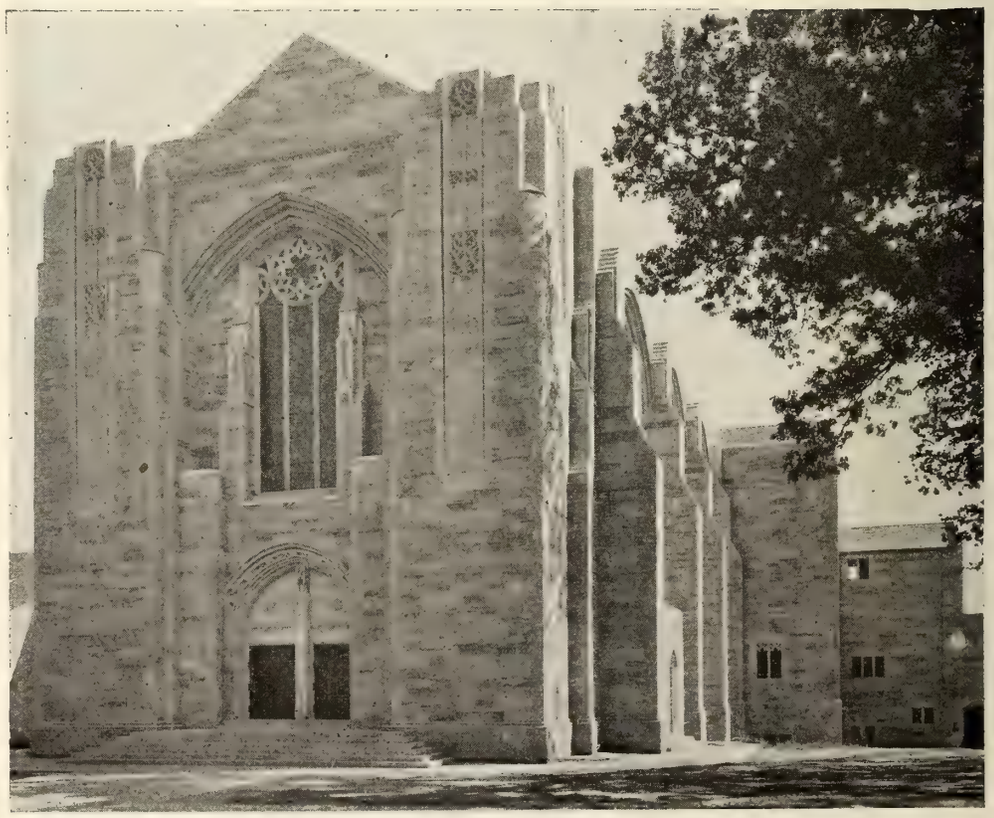
This will be Bishop Harrell's second time to preside over the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. Assigned to the Charlotte Area last year, he is in charge of this Conference and the South Carolina Conference. Bishop Harrell is a native of the State, and has served pastorates in North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee. Prior to his assignment to this episcopal area, he was presiding bishop of the two Conferences in Alabama during the past quadrennium. A strong preacher, an able administrator and a wise churchman, Bishop Harrell has already won the confidence and the admiration of the Methodists of the Charlotte Area. He is well known throughout the Church, and as chairman of the financial phase of the Advance program he has one of the most important and strategic assignments in the entire quadrennial program.



Rev. R. Delbert Byrum



Dr. Mark Depp



Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem

Methodists in Winston-Salem Area Carry on Greatly Expanding Program in Many Fields of Service

By MRS. E. L. BALLARD

When Methodists from the western part of the state come to Winston-Salem for the eleventh session of their Annual Conference, September 21-26, they will find some 14,000 Methodists in Winston-Salem and its environs waiting to welcome them and provide for their comfort in this, the first Annual Conference to be held here since 1941.

Headed by the progressive and energetic district superintendent, Dr. H. G. Allen, with Dr. Mark Depp, popular pastor of Centenary Church, and it's beloved young assistant pastor, Rev. Delbert Byrum, as official hosts, plans have gone forward with speed and accuracy to take care of the more than 2,000 ministers, delegates and visitors who are expected to attend. These leaders will be ably assisted by a staff of about 15 workers at Centenary and the pastors and congregations of 25 or more churches within the city and its outlying districts.

Centenary Church, completed in 1931, stands as a monument to the late Dr. Charles C. Weaver, who planned and supervised the building of this artistic, commodious and convenient place of worship during his pastorate from 1924 to 1933, and is the merged congregations of the old Centenary and West End churches. Its influence is felt throughout the city, not only among Methodists who use it as a central meeting place for various activities, but by other denominations as well. Dr. Mark Depp, versatile speaker and preacher of exceptional power and effectiveness, is rounding out his fourth year as pastor, having come to this field from Pittsburgh, Pa.

A recent addition to the staff is Mr. Louis Potter, an outstanding musician, as organist and choir director, whose services will be used extensively for the worship services during the sessions of the Annual Conference. Mr. Potter has served in this capacity in several prominent churches in Washington, D. C., and came to Centenary from the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Washington.

Educational Growth

Methodists in Winston-Salem and the surrounding communities have one of the most progressive educational programs in the Western North Carolina Conference and practically every church which does not have an adequate educational plant is either building or planning to build. One of the very best training schools for teachers in the Church Schools in the Conference is held at Centenary Church annually, when practically the entire District is represented. For the third consecutive year, successful Rural Workshops have been held which have proven most profitable.

Interest in Missions

Forty-three pastoral charges out of the 47 in the District have assumed "Advance Specials" in home, foreign and overseas relief work. These are of varying amounts and in widely scattered areas and include the support by Centenary Church of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Mansure, who will sail in the near future for work in Africa.

Methodists have responded generously all through the years in campaigns for overseas relief and made large donations to the "Friendship Train" last winter. In addition, they are regularly sending clothing to the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland, and "Care" packages overseas.

Building and Improvements

In addition to an outstanding rural project in the district, called "The Surry Project," and which is generally considered "the apple of his eye," the district superintendent has launched and carried forward successfully a program of building and improvement for churches and parsonages alike and many pastors and their wives are grateful for more comfortable and attractive places in which to live and labor.

Under the auspices and through the efforts of the Winston-Salem Board of Missions and Church Extension headed by Dr. Allen, president; James A. Gray, vice-president; and Norman V. Stockton, treasurer, a campaign to raise $33,000 in the city Methodist churches was launched last February toward the erection of a church for the newly organized Trinity congregation. This was carried through successfully, and within the last few weeks Trin-



Dr. H. G. Allen

ity proudly opened its doors for worship. At a cost of $70,000, this is the first Methodist church to be organized and built in Winston-Salem for twenty years. In addition to this lovely church edifice, the pastor, Rev. James A. Allen, and his family are occupying a modern and attractive new parsonage. This is the first in a series of churches and parsonages the Winston-Salem Board of Missions and Church Extension is planning. It is now working toward the organization of a new congregation in either West Buena Vista or Konnoak Hills area, where surveys have already been made.

Another completely new church edifice is at Walkertown, where Love Memorial, under the leadership of Rev. J. Clyde Auman, held a week of dedicatory services the first week in September in a modern and beautiful building costing about $90,000. This building replaces one destroyed by fire about eighteen months ago.

A $75,000 addition to the educational building has just been completed at Ardmore, where Dr. C. E. Rozzelle labors. Some of the luncheons and dinners for special groups will be held at this church during Annual Conference.



Dr. A. J. Walton

Burkhead is completing in the next few weeks a re-decorated sanctuary, with new ceiling and insulation and a new carpet, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle; First Church has beautified its sanctuary under the direction of Rev. B. A. Culp; Green Street, with Rev. N. C. Williams, Sr., as pastor, has made improvements on both the church and parsonage; as has also Ogburn Memorial, which has made extensive repairs and improvements in the parsonage and the church, where Rev. E. L. Ballard is pastor. Central Terrace, under the leadership of Rev. Dwight Mullis, has made improvements in the sanctuary; and Mt. Tabor, with Rev. R. W. McCulley, pastor, has installed a new heating plant, an electric organ, and made improvements in the building, especially in the sanctuary, at a cost of about $15,000.

Maple Springs, Rev. Cecil Heckard, pastor, has begun a new educational building at a cost of about $30,000 and will build a sanctuary later. Oak Summit, with Rev. G. F. Houck, pastor, has a new $18,000 parsonage, which is modern and convenient as well as beautiful. Elm Grove on the West Forsyth charge is building an educational plant, where Rev. J. Max Brandon is pastor. Marvin Chapel is raising money for an educational building and Hickory Ridge on the same charge is raising money for a new church. Rev. C. E. Murray is pastor of this charge. Rev. T. Glenn Madison, pastor, has led the Crews-Sedge Garden churches in building and improvements. The Crews church is expected to pay off the debt on its new church by Conference and the Rural Fellowship Luncheon will be held there during Conference. Sedge Garden on this charge has installed a set of beautiful chimes in the belfry. Mt. Carmel, with Rev. A. W. Wellons, pastor, has just finished an educational building, and Pine Grove on the same charge is just finishing a $10,000 parsonage. Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Ralph Reed, pastor, is planning a new church to cost around $40,000; and Union Ridge, Rev. W. B. Royals, pastor, is raising money for a new church. Rural Hall is planning a $70,000 church, but has not yet let the contract. Rev. C. E. Ridge is pastor of this charge. Main Street, Kernersville, with Rev. R. E. Bell, pastor, is building a handsome new $30,000 parsonage, and Cherry Street, Kernersville, has almost completed a new educational build-Salem District, Pilot Mountain is enjoying one of the most beautiful churches to be found anywhere. This church was dedi-

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Bishop Harrell Receives Some Interesting Communications from Methodist Leaders in Poland

Since both conferences in North Carolina have accepted Poland as an area to which Mission Specials will be directed during this quadrennium, there will be widespread interest in the two articles that follow. The first is a letter to Bishop Harrell from Rev. Jozef Naumiuk, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Poland; the second is a news letter from Poland written by Rev. Witold Benedyktowicz, secretary of the Poland Annual Conference. Readers of the Advocate are grateful to Bishop Harrell for providing these two interesting communications.

August 21, 1949

Dear Bishop Harrell:

I sincerely hope you will forgive me for not writing much sooner to you. I assure you that this is not due to lack of interest, but simply press of time unabled me to do so. Furthermore, I was not in possession of your address until this morning. Rev. Richard E. Hanson, associate secretary of Advance program of the Board of Missions, has sent me your address upon my recent request.

I know from Bishop Garber of Geneva Area as well as from many other sources that you are vitally interested in the Methodist Church in Poland. This encourages me, and I feel very happy of having this opportunity to write to you.

To begin with, I wish to express my wholehearted thanks to you as the Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference, who with love and great sympathy is supporting our work in Poland. It is useless to try to put our gratitude into words while writing this short letter. Bishop Garber and his home state, North Carolina, have a weak spot in the hearts of every Polish Methodist. It is more than evident that there is a true brotherly tie between the Church in North Carolina and that of Poland.

The recent gifts of your churches indicate that we have one of the best years before us, and I have a good reason to believe that we are on our way towards the first goal. As you probably know that our expansion depends entirely upon Specials. With the prewar budget it would be really impossible to increase our work. Before the last war there were only 14 pastors in comparison to 60 today. Majority of these ministers serve as many as four churches, especially in the Mazurian District. With religious freedom and unlimited opportunities which we face today, we cannot be satisfied with what we have already performed. We must go forward, if not, we are on our way backwards.

I am enclosing a News-Letter from Poland which covers the XXVIII session of the Annual Conference held at Warsaw, June 28th-29th. Perhaps it will give you a general idea of our work in Poland. I will be very happy to supply you with necessary information at any time.

With kindest and personal high regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,
JOZEF NAUMIUK

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Mokotowaka 12, Warsaw, Poland
August 22nd, 1949

Dear Friends:

The 28th session of the Annual Conference was held at Warsaw on June 28th-29th. Our temporary leader, the Rev. Jozef Naumiuk was elected general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Poland for the quadrennium. The reports of the work are greatly encouraging. During the past Conference year 1334 new members were accepted into the church and the present constituency amounts to about 60,000. The contribution of last year was 157% higher than in the previous year. We believe that it will be growing until we become self supporting. There is a great field of opportunity opened before us, which we hardly can manage.

First of all we are in great need of preachers. Nearly 40 charges have no full time pastors. There are churches, prayer-buildings, parsonages, members. But we lack workers. Most of our pastors serve as many as 5 congregations, separated many miles apart. Some of the fortunate preachers have bicycles bought for them by American friends, while the rest have to go on foot.

Our Theological Seminary is preparing young preachers. On June 27, 1949, seven out of the 23 students have graduated from school. The Conference accepted them for first year on trial and appointed them to charges, while the others are continuing their studies. In fall we should accept 40 new candidates, of course, it all depends if we shall be able to secure scholarships for them. All donations for the Seminary will help in spreading the work, as many congregations are waiting for pastors. Besides, we are not resigning to open new churches, especially where God's word has not been yet proclaimed. And to do this we need more preachers.

This year the Conference has accepted 9 brethren on trial and 3 to full connection, 5 deacons were accepted as elders. Among those accepted there are former students of our Seminary, two Lutheran pastors and two gymnasium professors. It is our task to give proper education to our young preachers. There are deaconesses in active work and still studying at the Seminary. Two elders are studying at Drew University. They are: Rev. Konstanty Najder and Rev. Joseph Szczepkowski.

In June we had a guest, Mrs. W. W. Jackson of San Antonio, Texas, who visited us with her daughter, Craig. Our dear friends stayed longer than their transit visas permitted them due to the mistake made by the Travel Bureau, but our government prolonged their visas and made their stay enjoyable and valuable. Mrs. Jackson visited the First Church at Lodz, where she gave a fine address in Polish. She also visited the church at Warsaw and the orphanage at Konstancin. We deeply regret that our friends could not remain for the Annual Conference.

During the Conference days we felt God's blessing in abundant measure. Our chapel at Mokotowska Street with 350 seats had to place 500 persons, who gathered for the services. We had representatives of all Protestant Churches in Poland, who brought greetings from their churches and wishes of God's blessings for our work. We were leaving this Conference with faith that God will be blessing our work and will be adding to the congregation every day those who are to be saved. Realizing our brotherly contact with Methodists across the ocean, we sent a telegram to the Board of Missions in New York: "Let the brotherly love continue." Hebr. 13:1. With the same greetings we end this letter, wishing you God's richest blessing.

We remain in His service,
REV. WITOLD BENEDYKTOWICZ
Secretary of Conference

METHODISM IN AND AROUND WINSTON-SALEM

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cated last spring and the District Conferring.

Beyond Forsyth County in the Winston-ence was held there. About forty other building projects are under way in the District.

About 1500 new members have been added to the church rolls in the District this year.

Institutions

Institutions in and around Winston-Salem sponsored by the Methodist Church and making their individual contributions to the Christian influence in the city are: The Children's Home, Sunny Acres, and the Bethlehem Center for Negroes.

The Children's Home, whose broad acres spread over the rolling hillsides on the outskirts of the city, plays an important part in the life of the city and Centenary Church. Its genial superintendent, O. V. Woosley, is not only past master in understanding children and young people and in helping them to work out their problems, but he leads a busy and happy life as an active member of Centenary church and as a worthy citizen of the community. Centenary is the church home for the more than 400 children, young people and staff of this institution, many of whom have become members there.

Sunny Acres. When Methodists think of a place of retreat, their minds immediately turn to "Sunny Acres," that lovely, quiet place about twelve miles from Winston-Salem, at Lewisville, where small groups may go for week-ends and enjoy good food and rest from the distracting things of city life. The hostess is Miss Hyda Heard. This property belongs to Miss Anna Ogburn, who reserves a part of the building for her own and Miss Heard's living quarters, the rest of which is leased from year to year by the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

Bethlehem House. This institution is owned and operated by the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and is in the heart of the Negro population of the city. It is in charge of Mrs. Marian Wooten and takes care of 60 children five days a week, in addition to the clubs for adult women and children.

WIDOW OF METHODIST PASTOR PASSES

Mrs. Bernice Bagby Willis, widow of Rev. Walter Herbert Willis of the Western North Carolina Conference, died in a Morganton hospital after a heart attack on September 2, 1949. Her father, the late Rev. W. M. Bagby, was also a member of this conference.

Mrs. Willis is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fred Alexander, and a son, Theron Willis, both of Statesville; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Swift of Montezuma, N. C., and Mrs. R. A. Duvall of Birmingham, Ala., and two brothers, J. Willis Bagby of Johnson City, Tenn., and Wesley M. Bagby of Miami, Fla.

The funeral was conducted at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alexander, in Statesville on Sunday, September 4, by Rev. E. W. Fox assisted by Rev. H. L. Patrick and her body was buried by her husband in beautiful Oakwood cemetery, Statesville.

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News in Brief -- Personalities

CRAMER MEMORIAL CHURCH, Cramerton, has received 52 new members this Conference year with 35 of this number coming on profession of faith.

DR. CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, was the speaker at the Men's Fellowship Club dinner last Friday evening at West Market Street Church, Greensboro.

MRS. H. K. BOYER, who has resided at Charlotte, Rt. 7, wishes to inform her many friends in the Western North Carolina Conference that she is now a member of the Methodist Home family, Rt. 8, Charlotte.

MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE in the churches on the Lowesville charge entertained their husbands recently at a picnic supper in the Hill's Chapel hut. A devotional period followed.

DR. E. M. CONOVER, member of the New Jersey Annual Conference and director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, made recent visits to Hay Street Church, Fayetteville; Main Street Church, Gastonia; and Trinity Church, Salisbury.

REV. LEON COUCH, pastor of the St. Paul Church, Durham, is the devotional speaker for the morning worship hour and evening vespers of the board of managers of the Georgia Pastor's School meeting at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, September 12th-16th.

SMITH GROVE CHURCH on the Farmington charge held homecoming services Sunday, September 4, with the morning message delivered by Rev. French Taylor of Virginia, former principal of the Smith Grove school. J. M. Groce was in charge of the service. Following lunch, which was served on the church grounds, an afternoon program was conducted, with the pastor, Rev. John Oakley, bringing the address of welcome.

THE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION, awarded to churches which have met or exceeded their full opportionment for World Service, is being reissued at this time by the Council of Secretaries of The Methodist Church. The certificate, which is 15 x 12½ inches in size, lithographed and lettered with the names of the respective churches, is adorned with gold seals, one for each year of the quadrennium, which is awarded and placed thereon as earned. The issuance of the certificate is made on recommendation of the district superintendent, and his signature is also placed on the certificate at the time the award is made. The certificate may then be framed and hung in the church.

THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service through the department of missionary education and service is sponsoring educational seminars during September. Meetings have already been held in the Thomasville, Winston-Salem, Waynesville, and Asheville Districts. Seminars for the Statesville and Greensboro Districts will be held at Hickory September 15 and at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, September 16; and for the Charlotte District at Myers Park, Charlotte, September 27. Also on September 27 the Gastonia District seminar will be held at First Church, Belmont, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. The Salisbury District seminar will be held at Coburn Memorial, Salisbury, either on September 28 or 29.



MISS BETTY SWOFFORD (above), daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Swofford of Greensboro, began her duties on Sept. 1 as Director of Religious Education at First Church, High Point. Miss Swofford, who is an accomplished musician, will also assist in the musical program at First Church. She is a graduate of Greensboro College and has just received her Master's degree from the Divinity School of Duke University.

FOURTH SUNDAY LEAFLETS issued by the World Service Boards and Agencies for August and September, 1949, bear the titles, respectively, "Human Relations for Christ" and "A Personal Word to You, Mr. and Mrs. Church Member." "Human Relations for Christ" is a small folder printed in blue and black which tells of some of the work of the Board of Hospitals and Homes. "A Personal Word to You, Mr. and Mrs. Church Member," also a two-color leaflet, emphasizes evangelism and how it affects the individual church member, men, women and young people. Both these leaflets will easily fit into a No. 10 envelope, and are supplied to pastors on their order for issuing to members of the local church.

THE ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH held its first annual meeting September 12 and 13 at the Robert Morris Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa., with Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., presiding. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director of the Advance, has announced that a special feature of the conference was a dinner meeting Monday evening September 12. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, who assumes his duties as executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, was the speaker. Dr. Smith discussed his impressions of mission fields in Africa and other countries from which he has recently returned. In the daily sessions, reports on the various phases of the current program were heard. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York City, reported on the preaching and teaching mission; Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, North Carolina, finance; Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn., Week of Dedication; and Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, Pa., missionary special gifts.

BORN: To Rev. and Mrs. LaFon C. Vereen a son, LaFon Carpenter Vereen, Jr., on September 8, 1949, at Duke Hospital.

THE SANCTUARY OF BURKHEAD CHURCH, Winston-Salem, has during the past few weeks undergone extensive repair and redecoration but is now ready for use again and the congregation is enjoying a more beautiful and worshipful sanctuary.

PFEIFFER JUNIOR COLLEGE, Misenheimer, according to President Chi M. Waggoner, has received 550 shares of William R. Warner and Company stock from the estate of Mrs. Gustavus A. Pfeiffer. The college is to receive one-twelfth of the residuary estate of Mrs. Pfeiffer.

MRS. MARY W. COLE is taking advanced training at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., this fall. Sponsored by the Annabel Martin Class of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Mrs. Cole expects to receive a Master's degree in religious education. She was formerly a teacher in the Greensboro City Schools.

THE GATESVILLE CHARGE is planning revivals as follows: This week services are being held at Philadelphia Church, with Rev. J. E. Garlington of Conway the visiting preacher; September 18-23 the revival will be held at Gatesville, with Rev. Jack Page of Elizabeth City the evangelist. Evangelistic services were held at Harrell Church September 4-9, with the pastor, Rev. T. A. Colins, in charge.

LILLINGTON METHODISTS will observe homecoming Sunday, September 18. Rev. R. L. Crossno, a former pastor, and who now is pastor at Warsaw, will be the speaker at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Following the worship service there will be a picnic dinner on the church grounds. All former pastors and members of their families are cordially invited to attend. All members, resident, non-resident, and friends of the church are asked to be present if possible.

BROWNIE HAGER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Hager of Stanley, Rt. 1, is a faithful member of Salem church Sunday school on the Lowesville Charge. When he was just a few days old Brownie was enrolled in the cradle roll, and his parents contributed one penny every Sunday to the Sunday School for Brownie. He has increased his giving a penny a Sunday each year. Now he is eleven years old, and gives eleven cents a sunday to the Sunday school. He expects to increase his Sunday school giving by a penny a Sunday each year.

CALVARY CHURCH, DURHAM, has a very full program for the weeks ahead. Church School Rally Day was held last Sunday; Family and Parent Day will be observed next Sunday; Religious Education Day will be observed Sunday, Sept. 25; World Wide Communion Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, October 2; Visitation Week will begin Sunday, October 9; the annual revival will be held beginning Sunday, October 16, with Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School as guest preacher; Homecoming services will be held Sunday, October 23, with new members to be received. A thanksgiving and celebration service will be held Sunday, October 30, to conclude the Conference year. Sunday morning services during this period of intense activity will be broadcast over radio station WDUK. Rev. Leon Hall is completing his fourth year at Calvary.

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MORGANTON AREA TRAINING SCHOOL

The last three-teacher training school of the present conference year was held at First Church, Morganton, September 4-8, with E. K. McLarty, Jr., host pastor, serving as director of the school. Teachers and courses were:

ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN by Mrs. W. R. Reed, Salisbury; YOUTH AND WORSHIP by Miss Ruth Taylor, Marion; and CHRISTIAN BELIEFS by Dr. Paul Schilling, Westminster, Maryland. The number receiving certificates of recognition at the closing session were as follows from the participating churches:

First, Morganton, 10; Bethel, 2; Bethlehem, 4; Glen Alpine, 7; North Morganton, 4; Rutherford College, 8; St. Matthew, 2; Valdese, 2; Zion Memorial, 9; Mt. Pleasant, 1; Salem, 1; Oak Forest, 1. Total credits, 51.

Ministers of the participating charges were: E. K. McLarty, Jr., C. L. Grant, G. B. Tomlinson, H. O. Huss, W. M. Rathburn, J. W. Parker, W. B. A. Culp, M. W. Heckard, Morris Byers, and E. O. Peeler.

CLASS AT BOONE

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe gave the class in THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS at Boone the week of July 31-August 5 with 58 people in attendance and with 26 completing the course on Thursday evening. Sam Moss, host pastor, was in charge and reports an interesting and helpful study course.

MOUNT OLIVET CLASS

The First Series course on THE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE SMALL CHURCH was taught by I. L. Sharpe at Mount Olivet in July. Twenty-one people attended the class for the four evenings. In reporting the class, the instructor says, "It was the first time any such class had ever been held in the church. Persons attending were eager to improve the program of their church. The main leaders were in attendance and definite improvements are underway." In addition to this course, the pastor, Ralph Reed, has led other groups in Bible study on his charge this summer.

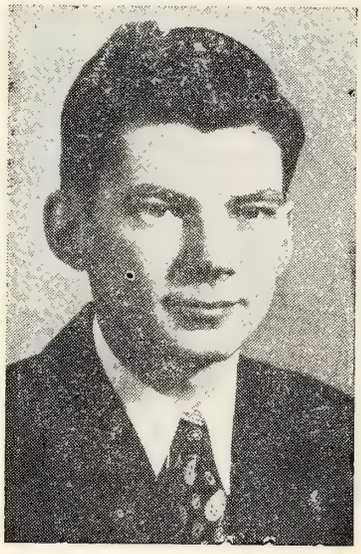
YOUTH NIGHT AT CONFERENCE

The Conference Program Committee has designated Saturday night, September 24, as Youth Night at conference and has secured Dr. Clovis Chappell as the speaker for this occasion. Young people from the entire conference are invited, but attendance will be sponsored specifically from the Winston, Greensboro, and Thomasville Districts and from those sections of the Statesville and Salisbury Districts closest to Winston-Salem. Ministers and counselors of youth are requested to notify their groups to assist in arranging transportation where it is needed.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

The number of Vacation Schools reported to date shows a considerable increase over last year. The largest number is listed from the Salisbury District with the Thomasville District a close second. Tabulations by districts are as follows:

Asheville, 28; Charlotte, 26; Gastonia, 48; Greensboro, 43; Marion, 22; Salisbury, 55; Statesville, 31; Thomasville, 53; Waynesville, 24; Winston-Salem, 47. Total, 377.



Gilreath G. Adams

Gilreath G. Adams, pastor at Weddington, has succeeded Robert H. Stamey as Director of Youth Work in the Charlotte District. Gilreath is a son of the parsonage. He attended Brevard College and later received his A.B. degree from Duke University. He is also a graduate of the Duke Divinity School and has served as a caravaner and as president of the Conference Youth Organization. He was married to Miss Virginia Ellis, Director of Youth Work, Myers Park Church, in June. They attended the Leadership School at Junaluska in August. These two fine young people will give excellent leadership in youth work in the Charlotte District.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 2

The Protestant Churches of America unite annually in emphasizing the place of Christian education in the church. The week for this emphasis this year is September 25 to October 2, culminating with World Wide Communion. Even though our Annual Conference will be in session during part of this period, the twelve thousand men and women who are teachers in our church schools will be devoting considerable time to the organization and program of the church school for the year ahead.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY

Returns from Church School Day have been coming in a fine way during recent weeks. Approximately 350 of our 1100 schools have responded to date. It is hoped that many more of the other schools will respond before the close of the conference. Additional offerings may be taken to conference or may still be mailed to Miss Elizabeth Summersett in Salisbury. All contributions will be cheerfully received and properly credited to the cause for which given. Remittances have been received as follows in recent weeks:

Asheville District—Haywood Street, Asheville, $18.53; Tryon, $18.51.

Charlotte District—First, Charlotte, $80; Harrison (Pineville), $10; Calvary, Charlotte, $10; St. Paul, Charlotte, $10; Bethlehem, $10; Mineral Springs (Waxhaw), $10; Thrift, $8.

Gastonia District—Friendship, $7; Palm Tree, $9; Lawndale, $14; Park Street, Belmont, $25; Bradley Memorial, Gastonia, $20; Lincoln Circuit, $16; Odell Memorial, $10; Central, Shelby, $200.

Greensboro District—Friendship, $10; Ward Street, High Point, $10; Rankin Memorial, High Point, $10; Stoneville, $10; Hickory Grove, $5; Calvary, High Point, $10.

Marion District—North Morganton, $5; Spindale, $5.

Salisbury District—Forest Hill, Concord, $29.83; Midland, $13; Central, Spencer, $10; Main Street, Albemarle, $20; Rocky Ridge, $8; Midway, Kannapolis, $22.11; Gold Hill Charge, $26.22; Park Avenue, Salisbury, $15.40; Yadkin, $8; Norwood, $25; Love's Grove (Stanfield), $6; Epworth, Concord, $19.53.

Statesville District—Nathan's Creek (Laurel Springs), $3; Bethlehem, $5; First, Hickory, $25; Race Street, Statesville, $19.91; Hudson Charge, $15; McAdenville, $5; North Wilkesboro, $25.

Thomasville District—Mount Vernon Charge, $20; First, Asheboro, $30; Shiloh Charge, $35; North Davidson, $22; Trinity-Bethel, $5; Ramseur, $38.34; Archdale, $2.-50.

Waynesville District—Cullowhee, $15; Fines Creek Charge, $1; Dellwood, $3; Maggie, $2; Maple Grove, $10.

Winston-Salem District—Shiloh (Mt. Pleasant), $3; Mt. Olivet (Mt. Pleasant), $5.40; Clemmons, $6; Mt. Tabor, $25; Lewisville, $5; Antioch (Rural Hall), $10; Mt. Carmel-Pine Grove, $20.

JUNALUSKA CHILDREN'S BUILDING

Contributions are being received from over the Jurisdiction for the Children's Building at Lake Junaluska. A few churches in this conference have responded generously. We now have about $1,000 of the $6,000 requested from this conference. It is hoped that this project may go forward in a fine way during the year ahead.

RACE RELATIONS AND METHODIST STUDENT DAY

The second Sundays in February and in June are designated as a time for emphasis on race relations and for student scholarship funds. A few churches in the conference have responded in a fine way. Many, many others have not yet contributed to these two worthy causes. Any contributions yet to be remitted should be sent to Miss Elizabeth Summersett, Salisbury, N. C.

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NATIONAL SEMINAR IN KANSAS CITY

The seventh National Seminar, initiated by the department of Christian social relations and local church activities of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was held at the National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Missouri, this summer. Mrs. J. A. Warren of Chapel Hill, Durham district secretary of Christian social relations, was the delegate from the North Carolina conference.

The theme of the seminar was "The Local Woman Building a World Christian Community," with major attention directed to the four interrelated topics for study and discussion: The church woman serving her local church and community, the church woman influencing the nation, the church woman building the larger world community, and our faith, for building a world Christian community.

The purpose of the seminar, as it was worked out through the study and discussion of the topics listed above, largely related itself to the following: the urgent need for more planning and working together by local secretaries in the use of materials and suggestions related to missionary education, spiritual life and Christian social relations. The relations of home and foreign missions to Christian social relations. The usefulness and adaptability of materials and methods of action recommended to local societies and guilds. The call for resources and methods for personal growth and spiritual enrichment of the local woman. The challenge of the world's needs as the basis for increased emphasis on Goal 2 of the Advance for the Woman's Society and Guild in building a world Christian community.

There was a cross-section of division, jurisdiction, conference, district and local leaders in the membership of the seminar. The membership also represented a wide geographical spread throughout the nation, including 29 states and the District of Columbia. They were selected on the basis of applications received, space available, and geographical spread, keeping in mind the plan for adequate local representation from the W. S. C. S. and the W. S. G.

A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO MRS. EDENS

The seven district secretaries of missionary education presented Mrs. N. P. Edens, the conference secretary and "their Boss," a brief case in token of appreciation for the fine work she has been doing since she has assumed her office. "It was one of the sweetest things," said Mrs. Edens, "that I have ever had done for me. I feel so unworthy. After three schools of missions and all this seminar planning, it really gave me a lift that has meant a great deal to me."

CIRCUIT SOCIETY

Mrs. L. Baggett, leader of the Columbus zone, organized a society of the Waccamaw Circuit, consisting of Pireway and Bethesda. Nineteen women were present for the charter meeting and elected the following officers: president, Mrs. James Gore; vice-president, Mrs. Esther Moses; promotion secretary, Mrs. Catherine Gore; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Faulk; spiritual life, Mrs. Dell Gore; missionary education, Mrs. Edna Williamson; Christian social relations, Mrs. Queenie Reaves; literature and publications, Mrs. Lester Gore; student work and status of women, Mrs. Ruby Frink; children's and youth work, Mrs. Hattie Gore; supply work, Mrs. Tallulah Gore.

ADVANCE MISSIONARY SPECIALS

Special attention is called to the statement by Bishop William C. Martin, as quoted in the pastor's column of the third issue of the Advance Clipper.

"The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church is to be commended for its plan to increase its giving for missionary support in the same proportion that World Service is being increased—which is thirty-three and one-third per cent. This lift in the level of giving is necessary to maintain normal ratio of Advance in the missionary work of the church. The Advance Program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service places upon the local Woman's Societies an obligation which makes it impossible for them to assume the support of 'Advance Missionary Specials' of the Board of Missions and Church Extension."

In a letter from the conference president, Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, it has been noted that a number of the pastors in the North Carolina Conference are asking the Woman's Society in the local church to assume the responsibility of the "Special" of their church. As Christians and as church members all the women will support the church-wide "Special" for the Advance, but as WSCS the thirty-three and one-third percent has already been assumed in the giving and cannot accept more.

Through hearty and loyal support to the general plans of the quadrennial movement in all its various phases, there can be a united Advance for Christ and His Church.

RALEIGH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Raleigh District Executive Board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in late August in Clayton with Mrs. W. A. Davis as hostess. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. T. G. Stem. Mrs. H. A. Davis, promotion secretary, conducted the business and called for the reports from the various officers.

Mrs. W. E. Denning of Benson was elected to attent as alternate for Mrs. Jerome the Southern Regional Council Meeting to be held in Atlanta during September.

It was announced that a meeting of the North Carolina Council of Church Women would be held in High Point on September 13.

Mrs. H. A. Davis was elected to represent the Raleigh District at the assembly in Cleveland, Ohio, next June. Mrs. T. G. Stem was elected alternate.

It was announced that the Annual Conference of the WSCS would be held in Henderson beginning June 22, 1950.

The next meeting will be held at the S & W cafeteria in Raleigh during February. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Sam Maxwell.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET IN RALEIGH

The regular fall meeting of the executive board of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 28 and 29, in Raleigh at the Methodist Orphanage. The first session will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, with Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, the president, presiding.

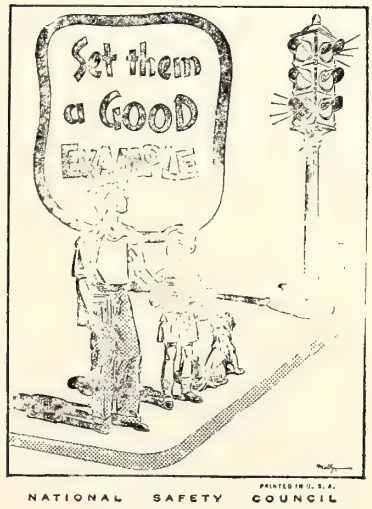
TWO NEW SOCIETIES IN RALEIGH DISTRICT

Rev. Joe A. Wagnon, pastor of the Oxford Circuit, has organized two WSCS on his circuit, Marrow's Chapel and Hermon Church. Mrs. H. A. Davis, promotion secretary, makes the announcement.

Marrow's Chapel Society was organized July 15th with 18 charter members. The following officers were elected at this meeting: president, Mrs. W. B. Sorrell; vice-president, Mrs. John Faucette; recording secretary, Miss Sally Hicks; promotion secretary, Mrs. Norman Greenway; treasurer, Mrs. Roger Munn; spiritual life, Miss Loulye Marrow; literature and publications, Mrs. A. G. Tingen; and Christian social relations, Mrs. Jennie Marrow Glover.

For the Hermon Society, the following were elected: president, Mrs. Frank Wade; vice-president, Mrs. Irving Burroughs; secretary, Miss Rachel Fuller; missionary education, Mrs. Thomas L. Fuller; spiritual life, Mrs. Raymond Matthews; literature and publications, Mrs. Maude Wade. The membership chairmen are Mrs. N. B. Harris, Mrs. Quinton Wade and Mrs. Ray Crews.

The deaconess movement has been growing in Europe during the post-war years, and there is a growing desire that the deaconess be recognized as an officer of the church just as the pastor is. Representatives of 11,000 Protestant deaconesses of the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, England, Scotland, France, Austria, and Switzerland, met this summer in Zurich for conference on their work and their ecclesiastical status. They found that there is a growing understanding and need for the deaconess work especially on the continent of Europe—some of this because of the post-war shortage of clergy, but also because of the peculiar services that women only can render the church. —The Women in the Church.



Schools and Football in Full Swing; Invites Conference Delegates and Visitors to Open House

By O. V. Woosley

IN CONTRAST

This scribe went early to bed last night, tired and worn. There had been a series of heavy days and night challenges, so many and so exacting as to consume about all one had to give to them. During the the night the scribe dreamed that he had no work, no home and no place to go. The awakening was pleasing and this morning one finds himself willing to go to work again.

FALL FRESHNESS

The morning is cool and invigorating. The thermometer registers fifty-four and one feels that he made a mistake when he put on his light trousers. The youngsters are beginning to hurry along to school, chirping as they go. Yesterday's shower has caused the greenness of the grass to be greener. There is a fall freshness here.

SCHOOL DAYS

After a week's delay, caused by a disrupted school building, our elementary school, the first eight grades, began operation Labor Day Monday. Two days later our older boys and girls were registered in high school. This writing finds books delivered, school utensils at hand and regular school schedules in operation. School days with their rule days are good days for us.

FILLING SILOS

We have three big silos. The boys have filled two of them and have the third one well enough along to know the late corn planted near by will fill it. The boys and the rest of us are always glad when the silos are filled, settled down and refilled. this year's corn crop, different from our grain crop, is nothing to brag about. We have, therefore, had to haul corn some distance to complete the silo filling.

FOOTBALL FINDINGS

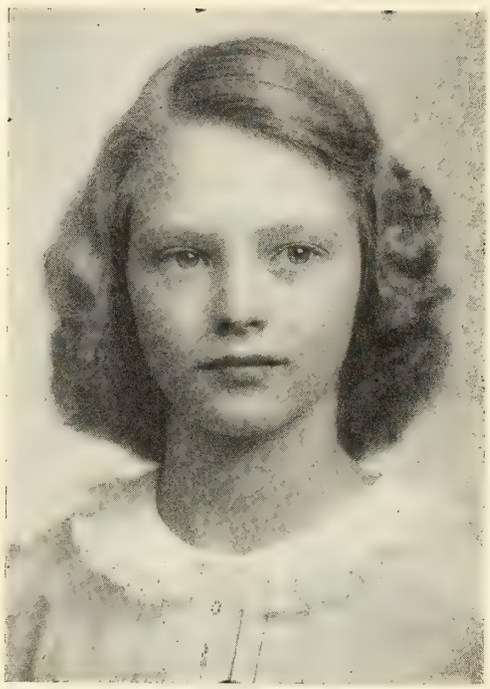
Football is very much in the air and on the ground hereabouts. Our varsity team won its first game against the strong Kinston High team at Bowman Gray Stadium here in Winston-Salem last Friday night before a big crowd, the score being 7 to 0. Since then the boys have been practicing hard for a game with Harding High in Charlotte tonight. The little boys, all the way down to the 80 pounders, have ornamented themselves with football togs and are out tossing the ball around, kicking it high and kicking it low, depending on their kicking ability. Today brings the first tackling. We have 100 boys working hard at football and calling it play.

A YOUNG COOK

The picture this week is that of Ada Reece, fourteen years of age and in the ninth grade. Ada is not only a good student but a good cook, her new assignment being with the cooking utensils in the central kitchen. More than one staff member would like to have Ada's services. This young lady is sponsored by the Men's Bible Class of Broad Street, Statesville, who saw to it that she had a good opportunity to enjoy a week's stay at Camp Fellowship, on the Catawba river, this summer.

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CONFERENCE COMES

A telephone call has just been received stating that the placement committee for locating conference delegates in Winston-Salem homes is to meet today. This is another reminder that conference is coming. There is an exhilarating state of expectancy connected with the coming of any annual conference. This is particularly true with us here at The Children's Home since finances tend to pick up quite considerably as the conference year comes to a close. We have the hope that the coming of conference is only the beginning of our exhilaration.

OPEN HOUSE

We have the hope that the delegates and visitors to our conference to be held at Centenary Methodist Church here in Winston-Salem, will come over to The Children's Home and visit with our big family. We have set Friday afternoon, September 23, as open house, between the hours of four and six o'clock. We will have two of our busses in operation for the use of those who desire to come from the church over to the Home and then back to the church. It has been eight years since we have had a conference open house opportunity.

CHARGE EXHIBITS

Each mail brings requests from pastors asking for an exhibit of the total payments so far made by the units in their pastoral charge. Miss Taylor, our office secretary, looks after this matter very carefully and we are glad to forward the exhibit as per request. Following financial receipts coming before and during conference, we will print an exhibit in our little paper, The Home Chronicle, showing what each pastoral charge did for our family during the conference year just closed.

DENTIST'S DOINGS

We have had a dentist, working under the direction of the State Department of Oral Hygiene, with us for the past five weeks and the teeth of every child on the place have been examined, treated and in some instances a few of them extracted. Children with plenty of good milk and a reasonably well balanced diet grow good teeth. Too often we find a hesitancy on the part of the children to use the toothbrush frequently enough. It can, however, be said that our children have ability to bite food without hesitation.

PICKING PEAS

Some small boys on returning from vacation were given the assignment of picking peas out in the open fields. Sometimes the days were hot and all too long for the little lads and they longed for the vacation days just had. Some of them had such a decided desire for further vacation that they decided to leave without permission, and we have had an epidemic of little AWOL-er's. Too many nights were interrupted by returnees, and after awhile we struck on the paddling pad, causing a cessation of the seceders.

CLOTHING CLADDERS

At this season of the year our clothing department finds itself in the midst of feverish work in order that the children may have warm clothing for attending football games at night, going to school and church during the day, as well as for attending to the early morning work chores about on the place. Our youngsters must be well clad with clothing and shoes. We are very much at this business just now.

FINE COOPERATION

Since practically all of our boys and girls have sponsors and since some seventy-five or more of them leave us every year, there must of necessity be some willingness on the part of sponsors to change their support and loyalty from one child to another as our children changes take place. It sometimes happens that a sponsoring group will make a contribution for having a good photograph made of their sponsored child to be placed in their classroom, and in the run of time this child is no longer at The Children's Home. In such cases the group most often surrenders their photograph and The Children's Home provides them with another photograph of the selected child taken in place of the one formerly claimed. This situation requires a readiness on the part of sponsoring groups to adjust their devotion and help as may be agreed upon by the sponsoring group and The Children's Home administration. It is very infrequent that we run into any hesitancy to cooperate in this matter. We have the feeling that children's needs should best be taken into account without regard to administrative convenience.

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Sunday School Lesson for SEPTEMBER 18

Psalms for Daily Living

Psalms 15:2-5; 24:1-6; 143:8-10

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

One is especially impressed as he studies the Psalms on the Man approved of God, by the fact that they do not contain elements that the progress of the ages has rendered in any sense obsolete. The only statement that might be called in question is the one that says the good man putteth not out his money to interest. But we must remember that in those days men did not borrow ten thousand dollars in order to make twenty thousand, but borrowed money only in times of calamity when their crops failed, their beasts of burden died, or sickness laid them low. The prohibition against taking interest was in essense just simply this: Don't try to enrich yourself by taking advantage of a brother's calamity.

The elemental virtue in the Old Testament is sincerity. The good man speaks the truth in his heart. That is to say, he does not in any of his thinking try to deceive himself or plan to deceive his neighbor. He lives constantly as in the presence of God who searcheth the hearts. The stress of the Bible morality is on living as in the divine presence. The God of the Bible is more than an abstract principle of righteousness; he is the living, personal Creator and upholder of all things. His goodness and power are so great that sin against him is wild folly.

The good man not only refuses to slander his neighbor but he declines to be a sewer pipe to repeat any slanderous gossip that is going around. But on the other hand, he casteth not his pearls before swine. He will not bow down and pay court to a vile man, but goes out of his way to honor even the humblest person who fears the Lord, just as Jesus did when he called the apostles together to point out and honor the poor woman who cast her two mites into the temple treasury, which was all the living she had (Luke 21:2-4).

The good man after he has made a contract and finds that he is going to lose by it nevertheless keeps it. Moreover he cannot be bribed. This applies to more than court officials tempted to take bribes for rendering unjust decisions. It applies to us all who are constantly tempted to favor that which will fill our purses rather than contribute to the general good.

The Psalmist prays, Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning and guide me by thy good spirit. He knows that in the jungle of life he needs special spiritual guidance and he prays that God may give him every morning new assurances of his love and a flash of spiritual inspiration that will help him amid the perplexities that are sure to beset him in the course of the day. Every man needs more than a general knowledge of the truth. He needs to hear a broadcast from heaven impressing upon him the special truth that he will need for that day. It is a matter of elemental morality for all of us to give God an opportunity, by waiting upon him, to flash to us a special message adapted to our special needs.

Jesus said to his apostles, I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come he shall guide you into all the truth. A book of rules is not sufficient because in determining what is right to do, it is supremely important to have an x-ray insight into the people with whom we are dealing, and to be able to read the signs of the times. To be a Christian is more than to remember what Jesus did and try to follow his example. It is in a real sense to follow his present and personal leading (John 10).

Our sensate culture has blinded us to the spiritual significance, the moral imperatives, and the divine purpose of life and the universe. Our worship of Mammon has filled us with abysmal despairs and has produced disintegrated personalities and created an age of frustration and defeatism. Materialism has corroded our spirits, and filled us with an unutterable spiritual loneliness and bereftness. We have become bewildered in the labyrinth of the senses and in the perishable glamor of secular pursuits and ambitions. "Now we are sunk," writes Bishop Kern, "in the commonality of a pervading secularism that scoffs at our ancient Puritanism. . . Greed, self-indulgence, perfumed idleness, the concern for physical beauty, reckless waste, and endless struggle to be rich dominate far too much our modern scene. Our spiritual batteries are exhausted and we have no contact with the power of God."

God deliver us from our complacency, our spiritual mediocrity, our inertia, and coldness of heart. How we need the holy zeal and indomitable fervor of the Apostles. How we need the vital and creative mysticism of Jesus and St. Paul, of Jacob Boehme and William Blake. How we need to be able to practice the presence of God like Brother Lawrence and George Fox. How we need to have our hearts to burn within us, and our souls aflame with a passion for the realization of the kingdom of God in our chaotic and disorganized lives. We need an experience of God dwelling in us, imbuing us with power to perform miracles of faith, to remove mountains of fear, and to have the spiritual mastery as we walk in a world afflicted with spiritual desperation and the homesickness of the soul. We need to have the spiritual vision of Isaiah to behold the majesty and glory of God in the temple of our souls, high and lifted up, dwelling and reigning in holiness and beauty. Through prayer and work and study and worship and spiritual discipline let us seek God until we find God, and after we have stood in the holy place face to face with Him, we shall possess the workable knowledge and humble faith to communicate His blessedness and peace to the hearts of our people.

OUR SUPREME TASK AS MINISTERS

(*Continued from page five*)

of God. I am pleading for a vivid, experimental knowledge of God, for a rebirth of confidence in the saving efficacy of Jesus' life and death and the unquestioning proclamation that the Lamb of God taketh away the sin of the world, and that whosoever will may come."

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The Shetland Pony

Betty and Billy were going to visit cousin Bobby. Betty and Billy were twins, living in the city. Bobby lived in the country.

Mother told Betty that she and Bill would have to sleep two more nights before it was time to go. Betty and Billy could talk of nothing else. They planned just what they would do. They wanted to roll on the green grass on the hillside, play with the kittens that lived in the hayloft, watch Bobby's father milk the cows and see Bobby's mother make butter. But most of all they wanted to ride Bobby's Shetland pony.

Billy had a picture of Bobby on the pony. The Shetland was black with white spots. It looked so nice in the picture they could hardly wait until they could see it. Mother told that it was a nice, gentle pony and said they might ride it if Bobby wanted to let them.

At last the time came to go. Daddy took them to the train. Mother, Betty and Billy were now on their way to cousin Bobby's.

The first thing they asked Bobby when they reached his house was, "What does your pony eat?" Bobby told them the pony ate grass, corn and hay. He took them out to the field where the pony was kept. For a long time the twins watched Bobby ride. He wasn't a bit afraid and they knew they would not be afraid either. Billy could wait no longer. "Can't I ride just once?" he asked Bobby.

Bobby frowned. He was used to playing alone and having things all to himself. He didn't want Billy to ride his pony. So he shook his head and said, "No." Betty and Billy wanted to cry. They wanted so badly to ride the pony, but Bobby would not let them. They lay in the long green grass and watched Bobby.

When they went back to the house, Mother asked if they like to ride the pony. She was very sorry to learn that Bobby did not want them to ride. Bobby's mother could hardly believe her boy would be so selfish.

That night Bobby's father made some ice cream. Real home-made ice cream—very different from the kind you buy in the drug store. Poor Bobby, his Daddy sent him to bed before the ice cream was ready. He said, "Bobby might spoil the fun by not wanting some one to have any ice cream."

Betty ate half of the big dish of ice cream Bobby's mother gave her. It was the best she had ever eaten. All the while she kept thinking of Bobby. Finally she begged Bobby's mother to permit her to take some upstairs.

How ashamed Bobby was when he saw Betty with some ice cream for him. He hid his face in the pillow and wouldn't even look. Just then Billy came in the door. He told Bobby to shut his eyes tight and open his mouth. Then Betty gave Bobby a large spoonful of ice cream.

Bobby opened his eyes. "You can ride my pony all you wish, tomorrow," he said. —Irene E. Londen, in Exchange.

She Spoke to Him

They all came laughingly into the corner drug store. There were five of them —gay little Betty, red cheeked Molly, stately Fern, plump Polly and quiet, brown-eyed Daisy. They were going to have ice cream. They were merrily talking as they gathered about the little tables, when George passed.

He was carrying an armload of boxes. Old George was the colored man about town doing faithfully the small jobs that came to him.

He knew every one of these girls—had known them since they were little children—but as he passed where they were sitting, a stumbling, shuffling old figure with his armload of boxes, no one spoke to him—that is, no one but Daisy.

"How do you do, George?" she said in her sweet, clear young voice. "I hope your rheumatism is better."

George bowed and smiled. "Yes'm, Miss Daisy, yes'm," he replied, "it's much better, thank you, Miss Daisy." He shuffled on with his load, a smile on his old black face.

Fern looked across at Daisy. "What in the world did you want to speak to that old Negro for?" she asked impatiently.

Daisy flushed. "I always speak to old George," she answered quietly. "He's old and sick, and I wouldn't hurt his feelings for the world. I've known him all my life."

And no one said anything more.

Old George's employer looked up as he came out carrying his load. "Well, George," he said, "you seem to be in good spirits. Got some new jobs, or found some money?"

George shook his head. "Jobs and money is mighty good," he replied, "but dey ain't everything. I know something that has 'em beat—kind words." He smiled again. "Miss Daisy, she done just spoke to me," he said proudly.—Exchange.

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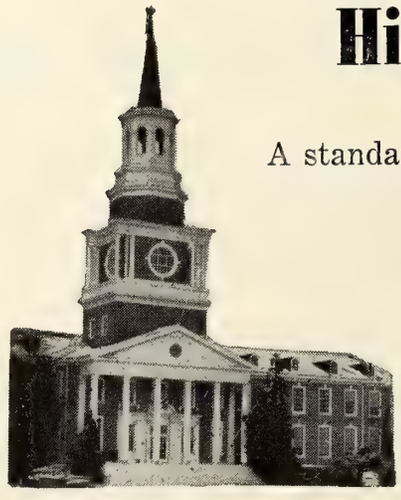
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First Methodist Church, Charlotte

Annual Conference, Centenary, Winston-Salem, September 21-26

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Richmond Area
Bishop W. W. Peele
Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

Annual Conference, Steele Street, Sanford, November 2-6

Durham District
E. L. Hillman, D. S.
114 Watts St., Durham

	September
Roxboro Circuit: Longhurst, 7:30	16
Alamance: Center, 11	17
Mt. Hermon: Mt. Hermon, 11	18
Saxapahaw: Saxapahaw, 7:30	18
Hillsboro: Hillsboro, 7:30	20
Graham: Graham, 7:30	21
Durham, Carr, 7:30	22
Mebane: Mebane, 11	25
Fairview: Fairview, 3	25
Orange: Union Grove, 7:30	25

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 4)

Elizabeth City District
J. Herbert Miller, D. S.
Elizabeth City, N. C.

	September
Williamston: Holly Springs, 11	18
Windsor: White Oak, 3	18
Columbia: Wesley Chapel, 7:30	18
Elizabeth City, First Church, 11 (Preaching)	25
Gatesville: Zion, 3	25
Roper: Pleasant Grove, 7:30	25

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Fayetteville District
Walter C. Ball, D. S.
1019 Hay Street, Fayetteville, N. C.

	September
Troy, 11	18
Robbins Circuit, 3	18
(Place to be selected by pastor)	
Robbins, 8	18
Maxton, 7:30	19
Eastover: Salem, 6:30 (Fellowship Supper Conference)	20
Caledonia: Johns, 11	25
St. John-Gibson: Gibson, 8	25

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New Bern District
B. B. Slaughter, D. S.
New Bern, N. C.

	September
Walstonburg: Wesleys, 11	18
Grimesland: Whortons, 3	18
Riverside, 7:30	18
Aurora: Warrens, 11	25
Stonewall, 3	25
Oriental, 7:30	25

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Raleigh District
H. B. Porter, D. S.
1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

	September
Creedmoor, 11	18
Stem: Bethel, 3	18
Vance: Spring Valley, 8	18
Zebulon-Wendell: Zebulon, 8	19
Princeton, 8	21
Louisburg, 8	23
Granville: Union, 11	25
Henderson, White Mem., 8	25

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Rocky Mount District
A. J. Hobbs, D. S.
803 Sycamore Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Telephone 2804

	September
Battleboro, 8	20
Warrenton (organ dedication), 8	21
Farmville, 8	22
Norlina: Zion, 11	25
Littleton Circuit: Hawkin's Chapel, 3	25
Roanoke Circuit; Shiloh, 7:30	25

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Wilmington District
Chancie D. Barclift, D. S.
1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
Telephone 34835

	September
South Robeson: Bethesda, 11	18
Hallsboro: Wananish, 7:30	18
Pembroke Parish:	
First Church, 7:30	19
Bethel, 7:30	20
Community Center, 6	21
Fairview: Hickory Grove, 7:30	22
Prospect, 7:30	23
Jacksonville, 11	25
Richlands, 7:30	25

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Rt. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Sept. 21-26—Annual Conf., Winston-Salem.
Oct. 5-15—Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.
Oct. 16-27—First Meth., Herrin, Ill.
Oct. 30-Nov 10—First Meth., Granite City, Ill.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Eva Roberson Mitchum

Rutherfordton.—We, the members of Mt. Hebron church respectfully pay tribute to one of our most beloved and faithful members, Mrs. Eva Roberson Mitchum, who passed away June 17, 1949. Mrs. Mitchum was a charter member and our first vice-president of the Woman Society of Christian Service. She always encouraged the work for the improvement of the church and parsonage. Her motto seemed to be: "Make our church and parsonage a place of which we will be proud." In her home Mrs. Mitchum was a devoted wife and mother, and she always gave a warm welcome to friends. Her gracious hospitality made them want to return for another visit. We will always cherish her loyal Christian character and the fine example she set for others. We extend to her family and loved ones our deepest sympathy. — The Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mt. Hebron Church.

Joseph Murry Brady

Greensboro.—God in his wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst a faithful member of the Jordon Bible Class, Joseph Murry Brady, 1561 Lovett Street, Greensboro, a resident of Greensboro for the past 48 years. He was well known and highly respected, and loved by all who knew him. He very readily made friends as he possessed a cheerful disposition.

We, the members of the class, pass the following resolutions:

1, We mourn the loss of Mr. Brady, yet we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well.

2, We are thankful for his kind and cheerful life and sincere devotion to the neighborhood in which he lived.

3, We do express our deepest sympathy to his dear wife and daughter and we do commend them to their Heavenly Father who alone can comfort in time of sorrow.

4, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Christian Advocate, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the Jordon Bible Class.—Jordon Bible Class, Glenwood Methodist Church, Greensboro.

Mrs. Myrtle Senter Bradley

Kipling.—Mrs. Myrtle Senter Bradley (July 4, 1901-August 14, 1949) was one of the most active and loyal members of the Kipling Methodist Church, of which she was a member for almost 35 years. Her loyalty to the church was undeniable and constant. Whether it was as a member of her Sunday School class, or as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or as a member of the church, she was a leader to be praised. Unless providentially hindered, she was always present at the hour of worship, and often expressed appreciation for the experience that brought her near to God. During her illness she expressed again and again an unwavering faith in God and her willingness that God's will be wrought in her behalf. Her sense of humor was delightful, and she was a welcomed companion on all occasions.—F. Roderick Dail, pastor.

Mrs. Lottie C. West

Kinston.—Mrs. Lottie C. West, 84, wife of the late George West of Rt. 3, Kinston, died in Parrott's Hospital at midnight of July 28th after about seven weeks' illness. Funeral service was held at Garner's Funeral Home by Rev. R. H. Lewis, Methodist pastor, and burial was at Bethany church in the Sand Hill section near the home place Sunday, July 31.

She was the daughter of late Lott Croom and Christiana Rhem. She was a former school teacher, and held in high esteem among her friends.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. W. T. Shull, St. Augustine, Fla.; Mrs. Chas. R. Roe, Sparta; Mrs. Robert Johnson, Rt. 3, Kinston; and Mrs. Henry Johnston, Greensboro; six sons, Dr. Jasper D. West of Memphis, Tenn.; Julian West of Philadelphia, Pa.; George E. West of Dover; Lott West, Norman West, and Willie C. West, all of Rt. 3, Kinston; 27 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.—Mrs. Henry Johnston.

Lee W. Erwin

Marion.—The people of Marion and vicinity were shocked to hear of the death of Lee W. Erwin which occured on June 15, 1949. He was an active member of the First Methodist Church.

Lee Erwin was born on September 10, 1895 and spent his entire life in Marion. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Page Erwin; one daughter, Mrs. Ben Martin of Baltimore, Md.; one granddaughter; his mother, Mrs. Issac Erwin of Unicoy, Tenn.; two brothers and three sisters.

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THE BATTLE IN FORSYTH COUNTY AGAINST LIQUOR STORES

By DWIGHT B. MULLIS*

In beautiful Central Terrace Methodist Church I was preaching with fervor and conviction on August 21 when a lady shouted "Amen!" Now let me assure you that this was something unusual at Central Terrace.

What was the matter? The ABC people were trying to establish liquor stores in our city and county.

Listen, Mr. Layman, do you think, as so many do, that the pulpit is cold today and needs warming up somewhat? Well, just let the ABC people start something, and I'll guarantee you that the Methodist preachers will get sizzling hot—and not only the Methodist ministers but those of other denominations which have been the foes of the liquor traffic.

The ABC folk found that preachers and laymen could forget denominational differences and join forces against a common enemy. I have never before experienced such fine fellowship across denominational lines of division as I did in this campaign. The Baptists did not ask if I had been immersed; the Presbyterians did not want to know if I would be happy to be divinely ordained to be damned for the glory of God according to an eternal decree; the Moravians didn't claim any special privileges as pioneers and charter members in this country; the Methodists didn't talk about how big they were in this land. This fellowship across the barriers of denominational restrictions was exhilarating.

Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Dan Drummond, chairman of the county board of education, and co-chairman of the citizens' committee opposing liquor stores, agreed that this was one of the finest aspects of the campaign. It took a campaign against liquor stores to bring the ministers together in a rare kind of fellowship which had not been experienced here in any past campaign. For this a note of thanks should be sent to our ABC friends.

In this battle the dry people were called the "underdogs," but this seems to be the day of the "underdog" in many respects. In a more dignified fashion some call it "the century of the common man." If the so-called powers-that-be had had their way in this election, the liquor stores would have been established here. The mayor was for them. The owner and publishers of our newspapers were for them. The majority of our professional people were for them. With some exceptions our wealthy people were for them. And it seems that the majority of the leaders of our political machine was for them. It was understood that money for the campaign was no problem for the committee working for the liquor stores.

When the 1949 Legislature was in session a committee of 100, composed of civic leaders in this city, sent a bill to the Legislature requesting a city election on ABC. This bill had the blessing of the ruling body of the city, the board of aldermen. This was considered by all concerned a wet bill. Immediately, a group of prohibitionists met, and under the leadership of Charles E. Ader formed the committee of 1000. They sent a bill to the legislature requesting a county vote of the matter. This was considered by both sides a dry bill. Winfield Blackwell and McRae Dalton, two of our representatives from this county, believing that the people of the county were just as much involved in this issue as the people of the city of Winston-Salem, insisted that the people of the county be allowed to vote in such an election. These two Christian gentlemen were told that their position meant political suicide. If these two representatives had not stood with us, Winston-Salem would doubtlessly be wet today. Too much cannot be said for these two men of courage and conviction.

The dry bill, calling for a county election, won; but our county commissioners refused to call an election. It was then necessary to get 15% of the qualified voters to sign a petition demanding a county election. These petitions were run through the churches. There was no difficulty in getting the required number of signatures. The ABC people tried to delay the election in order to get a city referendum only, but they failed.

About two weeks before the election, both sides went into action. The ABC people had an office in the Robert E. Lee Hotel Building, and the prohibitionists had a table and a telephone in the hall of the First Baptist annex. It was reported that the wets had a big office force of some 18 people and the help of a professional advertising company. The drys had two paid helpers, a girl at the telephone and a girl to help with matters of publicity. The drys have published their campaign expenditures, the total being $2001, but the wets have failed to do this although they have been asked to do so.

The prohibitionists won in Forsyth County by a majority of 3,689, and on the same day the drys won in Stokes County by a majority of 1093. Leaders in the Stokes campaign for the drys were Lonnie Williams, son of Rev. George Williams, and Rev. J. M. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist Church in Walnut Cove. The battle in Stokes was rather bitter, and these two dry leaders displayed great moral courage.

Why did we win the battle against the liquor stores? Pete Ivey, associate editor of the Journal-Sentinel, told me that the ministers were the answer to that question. He said that they won by making it a moral issue. Of course, Mr. Ivey is an ardent believer in the ABC system and wrote many editorials for them. He also paid tribute to the ministers as "masters in the art of political strategy."

Why did we win? No account of the victory would be full that omitted the part that Mr. Santford Martin, editor of the Journal-Sentinel, played. Pete Ivey admitted that Mr. Martin was a great influence. The owner and publishers of the papers, of which Mr. Martin has been editor for many years, made it clear in a public statement that their papers were for the liquor stores, but that Mr. Martin would have freedom in opposing their policy upon one condition, namely, that all his editorials against ABC must be signed by him. This was the first time that this distinguished editor had been required to sign his editorials.

Day after day Mr. Martin wrote editorials proving by facts and figures and logic that legalized liquor stores would be a curse to this city and county. I asked Mr. Martin how he explained our victory. He said that it was "an uprising of the plain people," and that he had to run six columns of letters daily for more than a week and then could not publish all of them. He was able to publish all of the letters for the ABC side for they were so few in number. He also insisted that "the ministry was more responsible for our victory than any other influence." With characteristic enthusiasm, Mr. Martin said: "It was the Church in action with banners unfurled, and that makes all hell tremble!"

In accounting for our victory we must take a look at Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church. The pastors of our big churches were in a difficult position. Dr. Herring could not be tempted by all the kingdoms of this world to keep quiet or to play a minor role in this campaign. When he was asked to be city chairman, he accepted with humility and with understanding as to what the cost might be in terms of popularity and worldly success. He was greatly fatigued as a result of a trip to Central and South America. His sermon, "Sheep's Clothing," in which he characterized the legalized liquor traffic as a wolf in sheep's clothing, was a powerful influence. It was published in the papers by three men who paid the bill, and it was printed in pamphlet form by his church. Let no one say that Ralph Herring lacks moral courage. Too much cannot be said for him as a hero in the battle of Forsyth against the liquor stores. Dan Drummond, the county chairman, also deserves great praise for his courage in the campaign.

Dr. H. G. Allen, our district superintendent, who asked me to write this account, published the position of the Methodist Church in the paper, that position being total abstinence and opposition to legalized liquor. He assured the Methodist ministers that he was with them all the way. This should be a lesson for other district superintendents who find such campaigns confronting their ministers and churches.

It would not be right to say nothing about the help of the WCTU and the Allied Church League under the direction of Rev. R. M. Hauss. We were helped by these forces.

On the whole, this was a very dignified campaign in Forsyth County. After the election, I questioned people on both sides, and they agreed that this campaign was free from mudslinging and attacks upon personalities.

Here is one final work in an effort to explain our victory in Forsyth and Stokes. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl of the Moravian Church wrote the following in our paper:

"My own thanks I express first to God, whose spirit must have moved very strongly among our people and with convincing power, for the opposition had almost everything in its favor from the worldly point of view. But I'm quite certain it was weak in prayer, in spiritual conviction and in the sense of righteous purpose. Hence God was not with them."

*Pastor, Central Terrace Methodist Church, Winston-Salem.

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE INTER-BOARD COUNCIL TO MEET

The Inter-Board Council of the North Carolina Conference will meet at First Church, Rocky Mount, Thursday, September 29, at ten o'clock. All members of the Council are urged to be present, and chairmen of various boards, commissions and committees are requested to have reports ready.—T. M. Grant, Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

The annual educational seminar for the Salisbury District W. S. C. S. will be held at Coburn Memorial church, Salisbury, Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Mrs. L. R. Akers, Jr.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PASTOR'S REPORTS

All pastors of the North Carolina Conference are requested to send Table I of the Pastor's Report to Annual Conference to Rev. W. C. Wilson, conference statistician, Mount Olive, N. C., on or before October 15th. Table II, if completed, may be sent at the same time; or any time before the Annual Conference convenes; or filed with the statistician immediately upon registering at Conference.—Thomas McM. Grant, Conference Secretary.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

All pastors in the Western North Carolina Conference are requested to make arrangements for the observance of World Communion Sunday, October 2, on their present charge. This applies to pastors who will be assigned new charges at Conference as well as to those who are returned to the charges they are now serving.—Costen J. Harrell, Bishop, Charlotte Area.

ADVOCATE REPORT

List of 4 or more subscriptions received September 13 to 19.

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ROCKY MOUNT DICTRICT CHECK-UP

The Rocky Mount District Check-up meeting will be held in Rocky Mount on Thursday, September 29, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pastors will please note change in date.—A. J. Hobbs, D. S.

NOTICE TO PASTORS:

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LIKED FORSYTH STORY

Dear Editor:

"The Battle in Forsyth County Against Liquor Stores," in the current issue of the Advocate, is a veritable Temperance At'em Bomb! I think you should have thousands of copies printed in tract form and distributed to all temperance workers in the state (and perhaps elsewhere). Dr. Hauss might be interested. I could use 1,000 copies.

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"A FLOWER FOR THE LIVING"

By Flay Willis

The dedication of the "Youth Center Building" of St. Peter's Church on Belwood Charge. was held Sunday afternoon, August 28. Dr. W. A. Stanbury, district superintendent, gave the address. The building was dedicated in honor of Dr. F. D. Edwards. An address of appreciation was given by Dannie Sain, a young ministerial student of the local church.

Dr. Edwards, a member of Clover Hill Methodist Church on Polkville Charge, lives at Taluca, a small village in upper Cleveland County. He is a prominent citizen, a pioneer in the medical field on community welfare, and benefactor to many by years of service rendered.

Several years ago Dr. Edwards built a small clinic which has steadily grown in size and reputation. He has often been referred to as "Dr. Defoe" of Cleveland County. At present the clinic is operated with the help of several nurses, nurses' aides, and recently a new doctor has been secured for full time help.

Dr. Edwards is a devoted Christian. He attends St. Peter's Church regularly, and we are indeed proud to have him as an honorary member. Through the past 10 years the building program of the church has benefited greatly by his financial help and planning.

The Edwards family is known for their charitable gifts. W. C. Edwards, late brother of Dr. Edwards, along with his wife, gave $10,000 for the erection of a church in Mexico several years ago.

St. Peter's Church is one of the many modern churches in the county. Rev. J. T. Bowman is the present pastor.

MEMORIAL CHAPEL, CENTRAL CHURCH, ASHEVILLE

The picture on the front cover is of the Memorial Chapel of Central Church, Asheville, dedicated August 5. Presiding at the impressive service was Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area. Participating in the service also were Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, pastor, and Dr. R. Dwight Ware, superintendent of the Asheville District; and six bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, including Bishops Marvin A. Franklin, Paul B. Kern, Arthur J. Moore, W. W. Peele, Clare Purcell, Roy H. Short and William T. Watkins.

Built at a cost of $15,000, the chapel memorializes all the beloved dead of Central Church, and especially the following young men who lost their lives in World War II: James Addison Angel, Joseph S. Bartlett, Rufus Hunter Blackwell, Jr., O. L. Edwards, Jr., Ernest Carroll Greene, David F. Haas, John A. Howell, Claude Lorraine Love, Jr., Edwin Francis McCulloh, Louis H. McElroy, Sr., Duke Marion Paul, Howard E. Pearre, Cleveland F. Pinnix, Jr., James Frank Russell, Robert Phillips Russell, Joseph H. Walker.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

How to avoid the misuse of priceless time. Ministers by and large are not indolent or slothful. However, the temptation to kill time is very subtle. Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, in BUILDING BETTER CHURCHES, writes: "A 'job analysis' bears out the verdict that the minister's task is complex, many-sided, delicate, difficult." With this statement we are in hearty agreement. Herein lies a most powerful temptation to kill time. Because of the well-nigh endless number of things he could do—all of which may be of some value—he is strongly tempted to let them go undone. These varied and heavy responsibilities which tax his body and mind are too often neglected in the interest of a pleasant hobby or unnecessary inactivity.

The minister, whether of higher or lower official rank, is a sort of ecclesiastical entrepreneur: "He manages his own affairs and assumes all risk." No fixed hours of work are handed down to him. He starts and stops by his own control. He may fritter away his precious morning and evening hours, leaving highly important duties undone, and no one calls him to account. He should realize, however, that a sad day of reckoning lies ahead. He should read now and then the twelfth chapter of Romans, noting particularly two clauses: "he that ruleth, with diligence," and "not slothful in business." In THE WAY OF THE PREACHER, Dr. John A. Kern wrote this word of wisdom: "The chosen hours for our most exacting mental work are in the morning. Let us guard and cherish them for this purpose."

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

By A. S. Barnes

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A Divided World Needs a United Church

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches at High Point last week, the appearance of Dr. E. Stanley Jones in Durham next Sunday to plead for a united church, and World Communion Sunday, October 2, will remind church people in this area of the growing spirit of ecumenicity taking root in Protestantism. The seeds of ecumenicity, we believe, are so well planted and so virile that no hostile force in the world can uproot them permanently. There are many encouraging signs that the body of Christ, so long torn by strife and division, may eventually become whole again.

Our Lord never intended that his followers should become divided into opposing and competing groups. Sectarianism is of man and not of God. It is the direct result of bigotry and fanaticism and apostasy. Denominationalism has flourished because the church has been untrue to its real mission. The sects sprang up partly because the parent church was failing to magnify the basic things. Our divisions have been over the non-essential things. There is only one gospel, one Saviour and one plan of salvation. The non-essentials are too trivial to keep the church divided. The essentials are so fundamental that they must eventually make the church one.

Humanity today is divided by economic and political and class and racial and national walls. The children whom God created to live in peace and harmony with one another are divided into armed camps. The result can be too awful to contemplate. Our only hope is a force strong enough and radical enough to weld humanity into one great family.

That force, we firmly believe, is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The church literally holds the secret to world redemption.

No denomination that puts its own selfish interests above the larger interests of the Kingdom, and seeks for itself privileges and advantages over other churches, and refuses to cooperate with other branches of the body of Christ, has a place in these tempestuous times. Only the church that is willing to lose itself in the larger good, that thinks in global terms, and is willing to merge into the church universal for the salvation of all men is equal to the hour.

Never let your rightness depend upon another's conduct. Keep your own criteria of character intact and independent. Love even when hated; bless even when cursed. —Harry Emerson Fosdick.

The greatest men of all ages have been lovers of their kind. All true leaders of men have it. Faith in men and love to men are unfailing marks of true greatness.—Sir William Jones.

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Prayer Still a Mighty Redeeming Force

From Ocean Springs, Mississippi, comes a story that reads like a chapter out of the Book of Acts. According to Religious News Service this community of 3,000 people during the past fifteen months has witnessed a transformation of some of the town's worst characters. It all goes back to a tiny prayer room set up for men and boys in the First Baptist Church.

On Saturday night, April 17, 1948, six men gathered in this small room to pray for services scheduled the next day at which time the auditorium would be dedicated. Every Saturday night since then an average of eighteen men and boys have attended services in the prayer room. Following one all-night prayer service in this room 107 men, women and children made decisions for Christ. During January of this year 513 persons entered for prayer.

As a direct result of the prayer room six young men have been licensed to preach, five of whom have already been ordained. One of the town authorities was so impressed by the transformation that he exclaimed: "This (1948) was the driest, quietest, and most sober Christmas in the history of Ocean Springs."

The skeptical may smile at this story. Such could happen, they may admit, in some remote past; but in this sophisticated, scientific age it would be impossible. Prayer, they affirm, might bring a measure of comfort and peace to the individual; but as for transforming the lives of hard-bitten sinners and making an appreciable impression on a community, that is out of the question.

The skeptical just don't know. Pray is still a mighty redeeming force in the world. It is doing more to transform human life than we realize. Prayer is a tremendous force in many communities. The sincere, fervent prayers of the righteous are slowly but surely enabling our Heavenly Father to bring this broken, bleeding world to repentance and redemption.

Protestant Displaced Persons Program Gains Momentum

Protestants who have been embarrassed over the slowness of most Protestant groups to assume responsibility for resettling displaced persons will be encouraged by a report released recently by Church World Service. Early this spring, according to this agency that works with most Protestant denominations in resettling DPs, only 1,200 assurances had been received. To date, however, assurances have been given for 19,085 individuals or families. If all persons who are now eligible under these assurances enter this country, Church World Service will aid about 65,000 individuals. When Lutheran assurances are added—since this body is acting independently—around 96,000 persons will come under Protestant auspices.

A breakdown of assurances by denominations is revealing. Presbyterian USA, 2,500; Mennonite, 700; Congregational, 1,500; Friends, 125; Tolstoy Foundation, 2,000; Moravian, 125; Methodist, 540; Northern Baptist, 1,500; Southern Baptist, 1,500; Episcopal, 1,500; Serbian Orthodox, 3,000; Evangelical Mission Covenant, 75; Church of the Brethren, 1,250; Evangelical and Reformed, 125; Seventh Day Adventist, 300; Assemblies of God, 625; Presbyterian US, 1,250; Pennsylvania Council of Churches, 200; Cincinnati Council of Churches, 10; Detroit Council of Churches, 75; Buffalo and Erie County Council, 125; Cleveland Federation, 60.

Actually, only about 9,000 persons have arrived in this country under Protestant sponsorship. Of this number, 5,000 came under Lutheran auspices. At the same time, Roman Catholics have brought in 26,525 and Jews, 19,600.

Methodists with their 540 assurances should still be embarrassed over their poor record. Compared with other denominations, we stand near the bottom. Before we cast about for someone on whom we can lay the blame, let us be honest enough to look at our personal records. Those of us who have done nothing about resettling a DP family have contributed to Methodism's unenviable position.

Fortunately, it is not too late to act. As responsible members of a responsible church we must assume our share not for the sake of a record, but for the sake of our destitute and homeless brothers across the seas, and for the sake of our own souls.

Methodism's Expanding Mission to the Cherokees

An Inescapable Responsibility

By C. W. Robbins

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The appointment of Rev. Dan H. Dennis in the fall of 1946 to the Cherokee Mission and the inclusion of the Cherokee project as an Advance Special both by the Western North Carolina Conference Advance Committee and the General Advance Committee have opened new opportunities for Methodism on the Qualla Reservation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dennis are giving themselves wholeheartedly to their work. The foundation they have already laid, particularly among the children and youth, shows great promise. They want to remain to build a strong, stable Methodist church.

The Advance Specials will make it possible to build a new church and provide other services for these neglected people. A new church building is desperately needed. Compared with school and hospital buildings provided by the Federal government, Methodism's buildings are embarrassing. All five churches are inadequate; most of the five are dilapidated and uninviting. The pews are hard, crude, uncomfortable. The interior of the buildings is dark, depressing, forbidding. Every church is without a single modern convenience.

Plans call for the erection of an attractive stone building on land secured several years ago along U. S. Highway 19 in picturesque Soco valley. The church will be adjacent to the new parsonage and near Soco school. It will be located about midway between Blue Wing and Piney Grove churches, and will merge these two churches.

Many persons with whom I have talked—including Dr. C. N. Clark, superintendent of the Waynesville District, and Dr. L. B. Abernethy, Conference missionary secretary—feel that the building of the church is the most urgent need. On a recent Wednesday evening Dr. Abernethy and I attended a meeting of the charge Youth Fellowship at the parsonage where about 70 persons of all ages gathered. One can imagine the effectiveness of a program under such circumstances. Yet the parsonage is the only place that can be used for many church activities.

Concerning the proposed building, Dr. Walter B. West of Salisbury, a member of the General Board of Missions and who is well acquainted with the needs of the Cherokees, writes: "For more than fifty years Cherokee has been a mission charge of the Western North Carolina Conference. During all these years our Conference has made meager investment in this work. This is the first time that our church has projected a program which will challenge the enthusiastic support of our people. The plan immediately ahead is to construct a lovely stone chapel as a central place of worship. It is estimated that the minimum cost of the building will be $30,000. Our Conference has been asked to secure in Advance Specials $15,000, and the church at large $15,000. Several of the districts have already reached their goals. It is hoped that individuals and churches may assume specials for this worthy undertaking. We must go all out for or abandon our Cherokee Indian Mission."

Every church in the Western North Carolina Conference, as well as many other churches throughout Methodism, will want to have a share in this important undertaking. Surely within a few months sufficient funds will be in hand to enable the proper authorities to begin the actual construction.

But Methodism must give more than a building to the Cherokees. To atone in part for the shameful act committed in 1838 by the United States government and Methodism's own half-hearted and feeble efforts through the last several decades, the Methodist Church needs to give the kind of love and sympathetic care that characterized its early ministry to the Indians. It must continue to provide a sympathetic ministerial leadership. It should dignify and exalt this field, and see that the pastor gets sufficient salary to do his best work. Because of the poverty of the people, the minister must share generously of his means. The minimum salary set by the Conference is far from adequate.

The Cherokees, because of their limited opportunities, will continue to need material help. The people are poor—wretchedly poor. They must not be pauperized, but until larger opportunities are provided on the Reservation, many families will not have the actual necessities of life.

Perhaps other churches will want to follow the example of the Henrietta charge in the Marion District. The pastor, Rev. P. F. Snider, has just written that his people recently carried a truck load of supplies, consisting of wearing apparel, household goods, food and other



Sewing Class Taught by Mrs. Dennis



Junior Class in Vacation School

articles valued at $500. The three churches on the charge have adopted Geiger Memorial church as a sister church, and plan to send annually supplies valued at $1,000. Many other churches are doubtlessly aiding in various ways. This ministry to the physical needs of the people will help to re-establish Methodism among these hapless citizens.

But the Cherokees need even more than material help. They need the goodwill and the sympathetic understanding and the constant love and prayers of the Methodists of North Carolina.

Will they appreciate all this? Will they take advantage of this enlarged ministry? Will they be real Christian or merely rice Christians? Of course, true to human nature, some will respond one way and others another way. Here at least is the way Jacob Young Deer, a life-long Methodist, now 79 years old, has responded. Until a year or two ago Jacob Young Deer walked from his shack every Sunday morning down the mountain three miles to Blue Wing church where for years he was a steward and local preacher. Following the service he climbed the mountain to his home. That night he walked more than



Jacob Young Deer As We Found Him.

two miles to Geiger Memorial church. Thus each Sunday he traveled by foot over rough trails a distance of eleven miles to worship his Lord. Impaired health now makes that strenuous schedule impossible.

But the old man remains steadfast in the faith. When he was hospitalized some time ago the nurse testified that every day he climbed down from his bed and fell to his knees for prayer. His Bible, which he reads both from the English and the Indian, is a constant companion. Late one afternoon we climbed the mountain along a narrow footpath to his humble home. We found him in the yard reading his Bible. His picture on this page was taken at that time. When we were ready to go, Mr. Dennis asked me to lead in prayer. Standing, I began to pray. But before I had spoken many sentences, Jacob Young Deer—on his knees—began to pray. I soon realized that this old man who had sacrificed so much to be true to his faith had a much higher claim on the ear of God than I, so I stopped praying. He kept on, and even though we could not understand his Indian tongue, yet we felt the presence of the Spirit of God. Never shall I forget that reverent scene.

To Jacob Young Deer and to many others like him our Methodist forbears carried the gospel of Christ. The shining example of this simple man of faith justifies all they did. There are others who can grow just as strong as he in the faith—little children, vigorous youth, serious-minded adults, sad old people. Methodism cannot afford to fail them. It has a responsibility which it cannot evade or escape. The results are in the hands of God.

A Continuing

Responsibility

By Arthur J. Moore

Resident Bishop, Atlanta Area



Worshipping congregation at Baker Village Methodist Church, adjacent to Ft. Benning, Georgia. This church ministers to hundreds of service personnel each year through its religious and social programs.

Gypsy Smith, the famous evangelist, once told me the following story. In an underground shelter near the front in France during the critical summer of 1918, a regiment just out of the line came into the shelter for coffee and doughnuts. As coffee was being poured for these weary men some one said, "I would like to say a word for Jesus." One of the soldiers, slightly wounded and unspeakably weary, cried out, "No need to speak, the man is putting Jesus in the cup!" That practical expression of Christian helpfulness was more valuable at that time and place than a sermon. In innumerable ways and places this story has been duplicated during and since the close of the second World War.

One of the most inspiring chapters in the story of Methodism's attempt to follow its sons and daughters who went forth to struggle for the preservation of liberty was written by the Commission on Camp Activities. Briefly stated, this is a Church-wide effort to provide assistance for our churches, large and small, located near the Army camps. It seeks to assist them in offering the soldiers and sailors a continuous program of fellowship, counseling and wholesome recreation. Inside of the camps our devoted Chaplains live and labor with these men, but once the men are free to leave camp and go into the nearby towns, the Commission on Camp Activities, assisted by the pastors and congregations of these churches, springs into action. The full story of what happened in the war days —friendly churches, hospitable Christian homes, evenings of wholesome fun with other highminded young people of the communities, the clasped hands while all sing, "Blest be the tie that binds. . ." will never be told. Later upon the fields of battle in sleepless nights and amid the violence of combat these lads were confident and courageous. It would be impossible to overestimate the abiding influence of those happy experiences in the churches back home.

In the Atlanta Area there were more than fifty military establishments during the war days. There are approximately twenty at the present time. They are crowded with our fine boys, many of them very young and greatly in need of the influence of the Church.

We need to keep in mind the fact that

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Charlotte Congregation Builds; Methodists Sponsor Radio Series; World Communion Day Set for Oct. 2

DUNCAN MEMORIAL CHURCH BEGINS NEW BUILDING

Work has begun on the new Duncan Memorial Church, Charlotte, according to Rev. Joe E. Caldwell, pastor. To cost $60,000, the new building follows Colonial style in architecture and will be of brick and concrete block construction. It will include a sanctuary, a fellowship hall and kitchen, 18 classrooms, three departmental assembly rooms, church offices, a nursery, and other facilities. The new structure will be completed early in 1950.

The first building, erected in 1911 and named for Bishop W. W. Duncan, has been inadequate for a number of years. The decision to build was reached in October, 1945, and in April the following year a building fund campaign was launched. The Charlotte Methodist City Mission society has contributed $25,000 to the project through First church, Dilworth, Hawthorne Lane and Myers Park churches. The congregation has raised approximately $13,000.

Dr. E. H. Nease, Sr., and Dr. E. H. Blackard, both of whom have served as superintendents of the Charlotte District during the formulation of plans, have given invaluable assistance. W. J. Edwards and Edwin L. Jones as officers of the City Mission society have rendered valuable service in pushing through the building program.

Rev. Joe Caldwell, with five years service at Duncan Memorial, has been with the program from its beginning. E. S. Helms is chairman of the board of stewards and of the church building commitee. E. V. Martin is treasurer of the building fund. Other members of this committee include K. B. Black, George Martin, J. H. Corriher, H. G. Dover, Mrs. K. B. Black, Mrs. E. S. Helms, Mrs. W. A. Kiker, Jr., Mrs. J. H. Corriher, Mrs. J. J. Adkins, E. J. Wentz, Ernest Helms, Miss Chancie Keenan, Miss Joann Corriher, Mrs. L. J. Earwood and Mrs. Wallace Gibbs.

With a new building, Duncan Memorial church will be in position to render a larger service to the community.

METHODIST RADIO SERIES TO BEGIN OCTOBER 2

The fourth annual broadcast of "The Methodist Hour" will be carried by the nation's largest independent religious radio network and will be produced in the only interdenominationally owned studios in the country. More than 90 radio stations are now cooperating with the Southern Religious Radio Conference in the distribution of radio broadcasts produced by radio committees of The Presbyterian Church in the U. S., the Protestant Episcopal Church and The Methodist Church

Beginning October 2 The Methodist Hour will be produced in the studios of The Protestant Radio Center, which is a corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Georgia. The studios of The Protestant Radio Center will be used for the production of religious radio programs, audio-visual materials and in the future television programs. This Center is owned by radio commttees of The Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., and by three educational institutions: Agnes Scott College, Columbia Theological Seminary, both in Decatur, Ga., and Emory University. Membership in this corporation is also held by the southern office of the Federal Council of Churches and by certain committees from the Lutheran Church and the Christian Church. Bishop William C. Martin, resident bishop of the Dallas Area of The Methodist Church and chairman of the Advance for Christ and His Church will speak on the first broadcast, October 2nd, 1949. Other speakers to be heard in October will be Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Mississippi, Dr. H. Bascom Watts, Tulsa, Okla., and Dr. John Owen Smith, Greenville, S. C.



Duncan Memorial Methodist Church, Charlotte, Now Under Construction



Dr. E. K. McLarty, Sr.
Presides at Love Feast Sunday

MANY CHURCHES TO OBSERVE WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Churches throughout America which are observing World Communion Sunday on October 2, 1949, are again being asked by Church World Service, official relief and reconstruction agency of 23 major Protestant and Orthodox churches, to dedicate their offering to world relief needs, especially those of refugees and displaced persons. This has been the practice of many churches during the past few years.

Started in 1940, World Communion Sunday is sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and is observed by churches in practically every country represented at the World Assembly of Churches held in Amsterdam in 1948.

On this 10th Anniversary of the World Communion Sunday, as in past years, many churches will designate their offerings for overseas relief, sending their contributions through denominational channels. Interdenominational groups and community churches will make their contributions to Church World Service. Service.

Special emphases on this World Communion Sunday are to aid immigration and welfare work for displaced persons and for cash contributions to underwrite shipment of supplies of good used clothing for the millions of destitute people in refugee areas in Germany, Palestine, Pakistan, and the Far East.

Church World Service is making available to church groups, free of charge, a special World Communion Service; a printed flier containing "thank you" messages from overseas; and Church World Service Overseas Program, a basic flier listing the various aspects of this world-wide Christian relief program.

It is fair to say with most Christians the will to tithe has been born of the surrender of the soul to the infinite love of God which meets us in the death of Christ on the cross.—Stewardship Facts.

News in Brief -- Personalities

THE ST. PAUL CHURCH, DURHAM, congregation held the first service of worship in their new sanctuary last Sunday, September 18. Ground for the structure was broken August 11, 1948.

DR. FRED ADEN, who is the representative of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, on the mission field, visited that church last Sunday and spoke before various groups.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of First church, Henderson, held a Youth Activities week-end September 1-4. Local young people were in charge of the program, which followed the theme, "Jesus' Faith—Our Way." The three department presidents include: intermediate, Marie Robertson; senior, Pat Adams; older youth, Lottie Williams.

WADE CHURCH on the Lilesville Charge is now being used even though the building is not completed. Built at a cost of $20,000, the church is located two miles east of Wadesboro on Highway 74. Since the organization of the church, the congregation had been using a school building for worship services and Church School. Olivet church on the same charge is erecting an educational building which is also unfinished, but is being used.

FIRST CHURCH, OXFORD, by unanimous vote of the Quarterly Conference authorized its building committee to let a contract for a $62,000 educational building. By a unanimous vote the congregation gave support to the action of the quarterly conference. Mr. H. M. Turner is chairman of the building committee. Dr. S. A. Maxwell, the pastor, has given effective leadership in the financial campaign and also in the educational features of the plan.

PFEIFFER JUNIOR COLLEGE, Misenheimer, began classes Monday, September 12, following a week of orientation, with approximately 300 students enrolled. At the opening chapel service Tuesday, September 13, Rev. L. R. Akers of Albemarle brought the address. New faculty members include John Hanson of Kansas, head of the music department; Mrs. Virginia Perry of Georgia, dean of women; Kenneth Holshouser, Salisbury, registrar; Warren Gates of Massachusetts, teacher of modern languages; Miss Rita Smith, Charlotte, director of physical education for women; Mrs. Bessie Waldroff of New York, teacher of science; Miss Norma Blocker of Georgia, teacher of home economics; Miss Polly Dix of New York, school nurse.

THE HANES-CLEMMONS CHARGE in the Winston-Salem District has closed a most successful year. Clemmons church has painted some of the Church School rooms, and is now raising funds for the redecoration of the sanctuary and to make other improvements. Bethel church has beautified the grounds and has put running water in the church. Some of the class rooms have been painted and the young people have recently purchased a piano for the church. The young people at Hanes church have purchased a bulletin board for the church, and some of the class rooms have been redecorated. The best homecoming service in the history of the church, according to many of the members, was held at Hanes church this summer. During the past two years the salary of the pastor has advanced $400, and extensive improvements made on the parsonage. All finances were paid in full well in advance of Conference.



MISS LOUISE ROBINSON, above, is the new director of Christian Education at West Market Street Church, Greensboro. Miss Robinson, a native of Charlotte, received her A.B. degree at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and her M.A. degree at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tenn. For a number of years she was a teacher in the public schools of Charlotte. Miss Robinson came to West Market Street Church from Pensacola, Florida, where she has been serving as director of Christian Education at the First Methodist Church. She succeeds Miss Lorene Weaver, who resigned several months ago.

THE BATH CHARGE has carried on many activities during the Conference year. During the summer a youth caravan spent one week each as Asbury and Bethany churches. Youth work all over the charge is moving along well. The Vacation Church School at Asbury for two weeks had an average attendance of fifty pupils and sixteen teachers.

THE VANCE COUNTY SUBDISTRICT entertained the Granville County Subdistrict at a "Mount'n Outing Banquet" on Friday, August 26, at the First Methodist Church, Henderson. Following group singing on the front steps of the church, the supper was served in the church dining room, with 250 present. The closing worship service was conducted by Elizabeth Adams, Henderson, who introduced the Honorable Fred Royster, who spoke on the topic, "Youth and a Positive Religion." Charlie Basket, Henderson, is president of the Vance group and Irene Day, Oxford, the Granville group.

COLLEGE PLACE CHURCH, Greensboro, has experienced recently some outstanding services. On Sunday, September 11, the magnificent new three manual, 1899 pipe organ was dedicated. Dr. G. Ray Jordan, professor of homiletics at Emory University, and former pastor of this church, delivered the sermon. Special music was rendered by the church choir, directed by Mrs. Minor Marsh, organist and choir director. Special services continued each evening through Thursday, at which time Dr. Jordan delivered messages of great spiritual enrichment. Many visitors joined with members of College Place Church in this fellowship, with excellent attendance each night.

DELLWOOD METHODISTS observed homecoming last Sunday, with the pastor, Rev. J. E. B. Houser, bringing the message at the morning worship service. Following lunch on the church grounds, a hymn singing service was held in the afternoon.

MEMBERS OF CENTRAL CHURCH, Canton, presented their minister and wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Kirby, a silver service, complimenting their 25th wedding anniversary, at a dinner meeting held at Camp Hope on August 24.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Thomasville, on Monday evening awarded contracts totaling $503,800 for the new church building. Ground-breaking services will be held Tuesday, September 27, at ten a.m. It is expected that the new building will be ready for use the latter part of 1950.

REV. N. G. BETHEA of Swannanoa, after serving five years beyond his formal retirement, is giving up his work this fall and will move to Enfield. He has given 52 years to the ministry without a break, having lost only four Sundays during that time on account of sickness.

MYERS PARK CHURCH, Charlotte, will show in the report to Annual Conference this week 105 new members received during the year, 163 new members of the Church School, $130,221 received during the year of which $85,177 was for operating expenses and $48,044 for benevolences.

SPRING HILL CHURCH on the Mamers charge will hold homecoming services Sunday September 25, with Dr. A. J. Walton and Dr. J. M. Ormond as speakers. Dr. Walton of the Duke Divinity School will speak at the eleven o'clock service, and Dr. Ormond, formerly with the Duke Divinity School, will speak at two p.m. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to join the congregation on this occasion.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN of New York will start his fourteenth year as presiding minister of NBC's "National Radio Pulpit" Sunday, Oct. 2 (10:00-10:30 a.m., EST). Dr. Sockman is pastor of Christ Church, New York. As in past seasons, the weekly program will be conducted along the lines of a Protestant church service, with hymns by the Radio Choristers, prayer and sermon. Subject of Dr. Sockman's opening sermon will be "Whence Cometh My Help." Topics for subsequent Sundays will be "The Worth of One," Oct. 9; "When Confidence Crumbles," Oct. 16; "How Secure Can We Be?" Oct. 23; and "How Free Can We Be?" Oct. 30.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of First church, Cherryville, has carried on a varied program during the year. For outside causes it has given $25 to the support of a boy in the Children's Home, has paid $100 to the Methodist Youth Fund, has given $100 as an Advance Mission Special to the Cherokee Mission, has contributed $65 toward the support of a theological student in Poland through the Lincoln County Sub-district, has provided $40 in "Care" packages, and has sent two clothing packages to a Methodist family in Poland, through the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief. In addition, it has done much locally. During the summer 22 intermediates and 15 seniors attended youth camps and conferences, with the Youth Fellowship providing $42 in transportation expenses. Average attendance for the year is 55.

Methodist Board of Publication Has Annual Meeting; Many Attending Annual Conference at Winston

GOOD YEAR NOTED IN ADVOCATE REPORT

The Methodist Board of Publication in its annual meeting held at the Advocate office in Greensboro Wednesday, September 14, approved a plan to increase the circulation of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, ordered the purchase of a new press and named two new members to the Board. In a two-hour meeting presided over by Dr. A. J. Hobbs of Rocky Mount, president, the Board heard the report of the editor and accepted the report of the auditors which had just been completed.

The plan adopted by the Board continues a quota of seven subscribers to the Advocate for every 100 members, but places emphasis upon putting the Advocate in the home of every official in the local church, including stewards, trustees, offcers and teachers of the Church School, officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and any other persons who have official responsibility in the local church. The various organizations will be asked to cooperate in this undertaking if the plan is approved by the two Annual Conferences.

Rev. Wilson O. Weldon of Thomasville was elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. S. B. Turrentine who died early this year. Upon nomination of Rev. John W. Moore, who resigned from the Board, Dr. H. G. Allen of Winston-Salem was nominated for a term of five years, and the Western North Carolina Annual Conference will be requested to elect Dr. Allen to membership on the Board. John Hackney of Wilson was nominated to succeed himself for a term of five years, and his election will be requested of the North Carolina Annual Conference. W. B. Hall of High Point was elected to membership of the executive committee in place of Dr. Turrentine. All officers were re-elected, consisting of Dr. Hobbs, president; N. L. Eure, vice-president; T. C. Hoyle, Sr., secretary; Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor and business manager.

The financial report of the Corporation showed a net profit of $6,085 for the year. However, it was brought out that much of the equipment is obsolete, and the Board authorized the purchase of new equipment as profits permit. As a step toward getting modern printing facilities, the Board authorized the immediate purchase of a new press. A committee was appointed with W. B. Hall as chairman to study the needs of the business and to make recommendations for possible improvements.

It was brought out that the increased profit from the year's operation was due largely to increased job work, which totaled $53,826 for the year. This large volume of commercial work enabled the Corporation to absorb a loss of several thousand dollars in the publication of the Advocate. Total receipts for the year were $80,651. Income from subscriptions amounted to $22,601, a gain of $1,063 over last year. The report revealed an average circulation of about 13,500.

The Board expressed appreciation of the effort being made in both Conferences to secure a home for the editor, and the executive committee was authorized to cooperate with any plan that might be devised to provide the home.

A fitting tribute was ordered to be prepared for Dr. Turrentine for his many years of faithful service as a member of the Board.

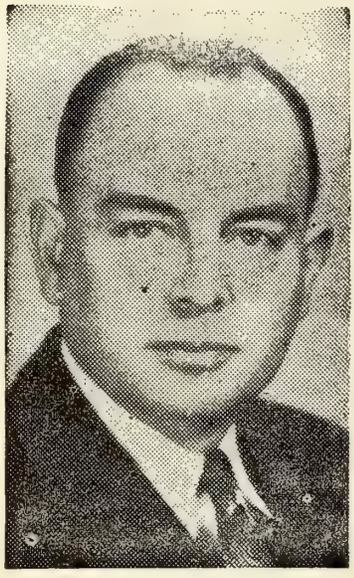
It was noted that during the year several hundred dollars had been added to the Advocate Endowment Fund which now totals slightly over $50,000.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE IN ANNUAL SESSION AT WINSTON-SALEM THIS WEEK

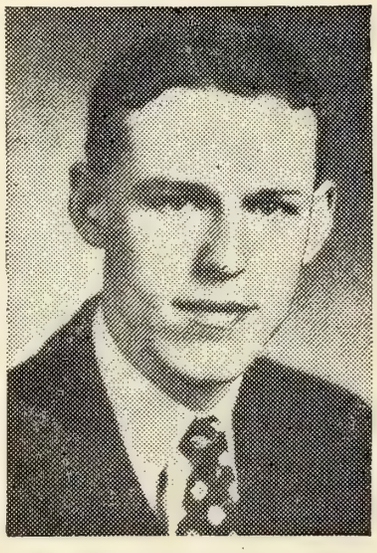
The Western North Carolina Annual Conference began its 1949 session at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, Wednesday evening, with well over 1000 ministers and laymen in attendance. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, was in charge of the program that got under way with a Communion service and the organization of the Conference. The Conference will close Monday morning with the reading of the appointments of the preachers.

The program of the Conference is filled with important business and matters of interest to the Methodists of this area.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Rev. Walter J. Miller



Dr. William R. Cannon

DR. CLOVIS CHAPPELL RETIRES THIS WEEK

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Dr. Clovis Chappell, one of America's outstanding preachers and writers, retires as minister of the First Methodist Church of Charlotte, N. C., at the annual meeting of his conference in Winston-Salem Sept. 21-26.

Dr. Chappell has been preaching for 41 years, 32 of them in downtown churches in Washington, D. C., Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Dallas and Houston, Texas, Oklahoma City, Okla., Jackson, Miss., and Charlotte—to set an all-time record for Methodist metropolitan ministry. He has written in that time 25 best-selling religious books and his 26th, WHEN THE CHURCH WAS YOUNG, will be published early in 1950 by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press of New York and Nashville.

Although he will not reach the official retirement age for five more years, Dr. Chappell is stepping down in order to devote more time to his writing and to make himself available for preaching-at-large assignments, which have been urged on him with increasing frequency in the past few years.

Other Chappell books include QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED, FACES ABOUT THE CROSS, LIVING ZESTFULLY, and TEN RULES FOR LIVING. Magazine reviewers have commented as follows on Dr. Chappell's literary career:

"You can take it for granted that Dr. Chappell's writings are always readable, intelligent, and helpful."

"Dr. Chappell always approaches the old truths from a refreshing angle."

"Dr. Chappell has the unusual gift of putting on paper the winsomeness and power of the gospel."

N. C. CONFERENCE YOUNG ADULTS PLAN YEAR'S PROGRAM

By Mrs. Preston Pate

The council of the Young Adult Fellowship of the North Carolina Conference met at the Wrightsville Beach Youth Center on Harbor Island during Labor Day week-end, and planned the work of the Methodist Young Adults for next year.

Cyrus Johnson of Raleigh, Conference president, and Bob Fakkema of Durham, Conference vice-president, presided over the discussion periods. The program consisted of worship periods, discussion and planning groups, and recreation. The group came together on Saturday evening for its first meeting, and began with a worship period led by John Meares of Raleigh, Conference director.

The council attended Church School at Grace Methodist Church on Sunday morning, and attended the morning worship services at Winter Park Methodist Church.

Some of the objectives in the year's program are as follows: First, to organize the sub-districts and to have directors of each sub-district. These directors are to work with the district directors. The second is to put on a part-time worker of young adult work whose duties will be to work with all young adult groups in the conference. Plans for the assembly were made.

The conference officers attended the retreat: John Meares, Conference director; Cyrus Johnson, Conference president; Robert Fakkema, Conference vice-president; Mrs. Preston Pate, secretary-treasurer; Charlie Price, director of social action and world service; Mrs. Robert Fakkema, director of worship and study; and Jack Mote, director of recreation.

Stanley Jones to Visit Durham Sunday; Advance Mass Meetings Begin Soon; Annual Council Meeting

OUTSTANDING MISSIONARY LEADER TO PLEAD FOR A UNITED CHURCH

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, outstanding missionary-evangelist, will speak in Durham Sunday, September 25, in connection with the crusade for a united church. Sponsored by the ministerial associations of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill and the Durham Council of Churches, Dr. Jones will speak at the First Baptist Church at three p.m. and at eight p.m.

The world famous Methodist leader in his addresses challenges Christians to unite for a world task. He began this special work in 1947, meeting with enthusiastic response, and repeated it last year. His itinerary this year will take him to every part of the nation. His engagement in Durham will be his only appearance in this section.



Dr. E. Stanley Jones

Explaining the meaning of the crusade for a united church, Dr. Jones has declared: "The crusade for a united church of America arose as a result of an inherent demand. The denominational emphasis in our Christian faith has taken us as far as it can go. It has run its course and has made its contribution. That contribution will not be lost—it will be gathered up in a larger whole and will enrich the whole. The next great step is to gather these scattered, uncoordinated emphases into a living whole. We must do it to save those truths and to save the world. Out of this inner and outer demand for unity the crusade arose."

Sponsors of the movement for a united church include many outstanding churchmen of all denominations.

Dr. Jones, a forceful speaker, is also author of a large number of books.

It is expected that many people from various sections of the State will attend the Durham meeting.

MASS MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN 76 CITIES DURING OCTOBER

The schedule of 76 great mass meetings under the sponsorship of The Advance for Christ and His Church has just been released by the executive director, Dr. E. Harold Mohn.

These meetings will be held in 76 cities of the United States from September 29 to November 2. They have been planned as part of the Preaching and Teaching Mission. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam is chairman of this section of the Advance program.

These meetings will bring together the leaders of American Methodism with an estimated total attendance of 50,000 persons. The presiding officer of each meeting is the resident bishop, and speakers teams, in addition to the chairman, consist of two guest-bishops, a pastor, a layman, and a laywoman.

The central theme of the mass meetings is "Our Faith." The meetings are designed to give inspiration and guidance not only to church leaders but to 8,500,000 Methodists as they begin an eight months' study of the Christian Faith and re-examine their Christian experience. At these meetings the eight "Faith" booklets which are being produced by the Teaching and Preaching Mission, will be interpreted and placed on sale. The booklets will be offered in very attractive sets of eight booklets of pocket size. The first edition of the "Faith" booklets will consist of one-half million sets (4 million booklets). It is anticipated that this supply will be exhausted before the end of the year.

Mass meetings for North Carolina will be held at Raleigh, Monday, October 3, and at Charlotte, Tuesday, October 18. For the Raleigh meeting Bishops G. Bromley Oxnam and Paul E. Martin will be the speakers, with Bishop W. W. Peele in charge of the program. At Charlotte Bishops Loyd C. Wicke and Charles W. Brashares will be the speakers, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell presiding.

The general committee in charge of the mass meetings consists of the resident bishop, chairman, his cabinet of district superintendents, pastors of the host city, Annual Conference and district lay leaders, Conference and district presidents and the Youth Work secretaries of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Conference and district presidents of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Conference executive secretary of the Board of Education and the youth director of the Conference and districts, the president and missionary secretary of the Conference Board of Missions, and others appointed by the resident bishop or selected by the committee.

The program of the day begins with a 6:00 a.m. Communion Service for the community. Then follows a breakfast for laymen to be addressed by the resident bishop who will speak about "The Meaning of the Incarnation."

General sessions will be held as follows:

10:00 a.m.—Assembly for men and women. Address: "Rearing Our Children in the Christian Faith" and panel discussion.

12:00 Noon—Luncheon Mass Meeting for men and women together or in separate groups. Address: "Our Faith in the Kingdom of God."

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Assembly of local church leaders, official boards, and others. Theme: "The Advance for Christ in the Local Church" followed by discussion and presentation of the eight booklets on "Our Faith."

5:00 to 5:20 p.m.—Service of Devotion.

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.—Methodist Youth Fellowship banquet addressed by one of the bishops. Theme: "The Claims of Our Faith on Youth."

8:00 to 9:30 p.m.—Mass Meeting Assembly, addressed by two guest bishops. Themes: "Our Christian Conception of the Worth of Man" and "Our Faith in Christ."

Pastors and laymen will plan early to organize the leadership of the local church to take advantage of this great hour in Methodism. This event can be the start of a new and deeper religious experience for the whole church.

DR. MILNER AND MISS QUERY ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES POSTS

Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president of Guilford College, was elected president, and Miss Francis C. Query was elected director of the North Carolina Council of Churches in the annual meeting of the Council held September 13 at First Presbyterian Church, High Point. Dr. Milner succeeds Dr. Stanley C. Harrell of Durham and Miss Query succeeds Rev. Carl R. Key, who resigned in July to take a position with CROP.



Dr. Clyde A. Milner

Other officers elected include Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh, Mrs. C. C. Todd of Rocky Mount and Dr. Cecil Jarman of Wilson, vice-presidents; Mrs. Aubrey Mauney of Kings Mountain, recording secretary; and Everett B. Weatherspoon of Durham, treasurer.

In the afternoon session the Council adopted a budget of $10,941 for the coming council year.

The Council of Church Women reelected Mrs. Todd as president and chose Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham as vice-president; Mrs. Edwin C. Rochelle of Raleigh, recording secretary; Mrs. N. Greathouse of Rocky Mount, corresponding secretary; and Miss Susie Allen of Raleigh, treasurer.

Speakers for the all-day meet were Dr. Forrest C. Weir of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Southeastern intercouncil office; Dr. George D. Kelsey, representative of the Federal Council of Churches; and Miss Mabel Head, official observer at the United Nations for the United Council of Church Women.

Dr. E. L. Hillman of Durham presided at the evening banquet meeting at which time reports on various activities of the Council were heard.

Literature Institutes Held; 80 Attend Retreat; Youth Attend National Conference; Courses Listed

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT LITERATURE INSTITUTES

Mrs. Marvin Vick, director of children's work in the Fayetteville district has instigated a series of literature institutes throughout the district. The areas have been placed very much as they were last fall for the district leadership training program, making it easily accessible to all churches in the district. Listed below are the places the institutes are being held and the dates they will meet:

Sanford—September 6, 7:30 p.m.
West End—September 8, 7:30 p.m.
Raeford — September 13, 7:30 p.m. (School building.)
Rockingham—September 15, 7:30 p.m. (First Church.)
Troy—September 20, 7:30 p.m.
Fayetteville—September 22, 7:30 p.m. (Hay Street.)

At the time this is being written, the Sanford institute has already been held, and with very good results. Those who attended this first meeting felt that it was very successful and that much had been derived in a meeting of this sort.

Leaders of the four age groups discussed the literature used in the departments, using displays of closely graded, group graded, and the Small Church School Series literature. There were other displays of educational aids to the teacher, and free leaflets which are available from our publishing house.

Following the general discussion by Mrs. Vick, and the age group discussions, questions were asked by any who had any problems or questions in connection with the literature. This was a most enlightening period—a time when we realized that there were very few unique problems—we share common problems, and each can help the other. This enables us to find good answers and better ways to use the Methodist literature. All left with a feeling of greater appreciation of the vast amount of material that we who are Methodists have to draw upon in order to guide our children in Christian living.

The new primary closely graded material will be on display at each institute and will be discussed fully. This is of great interest to all children's division superintendents and primary teachers—especially those who use closely graded material.

All persons who work with children in the church school should attend one of these institutes. Choose the one nearest you and plan to come, bringing all children's workers in your church with you.

THE NEW PRIMARY CLOSELY GRADED COURSES

Available in October will be the new primary Closely graded courses. These are prepared for Grades 1, 2, and 3 in the church school. For each course there are quarterly issues of:

a. Teachers texts
b. Pupils books
c. Teaching pictures

Most of the songs used in each unit will be in both pupil and teacher books—just as the pictures used in each class are reproduced in small form in four colors in the pupils' book. The titles of the teachers texts are:

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REV. J. G. PHILLIPS, Executive Secretary
REV. TROY. J. BARRETT, State Director of Methodist Student Movement, Conference Director of Youth Work
MISS DORIS SUTTON, Conference Director of Children's Work
MRS. EVELYN CLINE ROACH, Office Manager and Director of Methodist Youth Fund
Post Office Address: Box 6667,College Station, Durham, N. C.

Course I—Working Together in Home and Church. Parts 1, 2, 3, 4.
Course II—Growing in God's World. Parts 1, 2, 3, 4.
Course III—Learning to Work and Worship, Parts 1, 2, 3, 4.

The pupil's material appears in an entirely new format. They will be issued as books and will become part of the child's permanent library. The church school will order two copies for each child this first year. One copy will be carried home to be used there with the parents, and one copy will remain at the church school for use on Sunday mornings. This latter set will be a permanent part of the primary library and will not have to be reordered from year to year except as they become worn with use. One set of pupils books to be carried home by each pupil will be the only ordering done for primary department after the first year.

The titles of the pupils books are:

Course I—My Book for Home and Church, Parts 1, 2, 3, 4.
Course II—My Book About God's World, Parts 1, 2, 3, 4.
Course III—Let All the People Praise Thee, Parts 1, 2, 3, 4.

The third piece of material in these new closely graded primary courses is the set of teaching pictures. These are PRIMARY PICTURE SETS, Courses I, II, III, with Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 for each set.

These large four-color pictures are most important in the teaching of these courses. Careful thought was put into the descriptions for each picture and the artists have tried to keep in mind the needs of this age group and to interpret for them Biblical stories with authentic background. In addition, there are eight pictures in each part. These pictures are of value for both teaching and for worship possibilities.

NEW CLOSELY GRADED MATERIAL FOR INTERMEDIATES

The new intermediate closely graded literature is radically different from the old. It is based on group work principles—planned for a correlated program—suggests a series of projects for church and home—and makes a wider use of visual aids.

There are five parts to this set of materials:

Pupil's Reading Book, which should become a part of his library.
Pupil's Activity Guidebook, which suggests activity projects for both the morning and evening sessions.
Leader's Guide, quarter.
Counselor's Guide (3 years).
Picture Sets.

ADVANCE MASS MEETING

RALEIGH DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

Youth Banquet Supper Spread
(Each pack a sack)

METHODIST ORPHANAGE

IN RALEIGH

4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

8 p.m.

Address: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam at Edenton Street Methodist Church

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH SCENE OF FULL COUNCIL RETREAT

More than 80 youth leaders and adult counselors heard Dr. B. G. Childs, key speaker, at the second annual full council retreat held August 21-26 at the Methodist Youth Center, Wrightsville Beach.

These youth and adult leaders represented the conference, district, and subdistrict organizations of the North Carolina Methodist Youth Fellowship. The retreat, patterned after the one held last October in Rocky Mount, gave excellent opportunity for delegates to study the complete organization of the MYF, from the local church up through the conference. Much time was spent in discussing particular problems and projects related to local, subdistrict, and district work. Special attention was given to studying the new Handbook of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the six elective units.

Dr. Childs, professor at Duke University, inspired the group each evening with his sermons on the theme "At the Seaside With a Carpenter."

Small Fellowship discussion groups, each evening, afforded an opportunity to probe into the meaning of our Christian faith. Most group found Cherry's "The Beliefs of a Methodist Christian" helpful in guiding their thinking.

"A very successful meeting; we ought to make this a yearly affair" was the general opinion of delegates and leaders as this conference came to a close.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH

From August 29 to September 4, there was held at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa., the annual national conference of Methodist Youth. Approximately 175 youth representing the Methodist Youth Fellowships and the Methodist Student Movements over the United States attended. Jim Matheson of Mount Gilead and Duke University represented the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and Mallow Owen from Fayetteville and Davidson College represented the North Carolina Methodist Student Movement. In addition to these Al Wells from Wilson and Duke University attended the conference.

This important week was spent in careful study of our respective organizations and their needs in an effort to make plans for the coming year in this great youth program. Also a study of the projects of the national conference was made and ways of promotion decided on.

The delegates spent much time in an effort to know and understand the place that youth fill in the total program of this Methodist Church of ours. Many of the leading people in our church appeared before the general assembly informing the youth of our land of the program of the church and pointing out the opportunities for youth in this program. One of the highlights of the week was when Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer spoke on the missions emphases of our church.

Miss Steele to Address Guild Group; Seminars Held; Executive Board Meets Friday; Coupons Continue

Edited by Mrs E. L. Ballard
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GUILD MEETING—WINSTON-SALEM

October is Guild Month, and in observance of this the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Winston-Salem District, under the capable direction of its secretary, Miss Georgia Barnes, will have a dinner meeting at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7:00 p.m. Miss Lucy Steele, Mary McNairy Jones professor of Bible at Peace College, Raleigh, will be the featured speaker. Miss Steele is well known in our two Conferences as an inspirational speaker, especially among the Guild members, and it is hoped Guilders from every unit in the district will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Miss Steele.

Miss Barnes is working faithfully and conscientiously in the district to get more study books used, and particularly a more widespread use of the program material, which she hopes will inspire a greater desire for information in regard to Methodist work all over the world.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR— WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

About 160 women from all over the district attended the educational seminar held at Ardmore church, Winston-Salem, Thursday, September 8. Mrs. Allen Crews, local president, welcomed the group and Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, president, presided and presented Mrs. H. G. Allen, district secretary of missionary education and service, who outlined the various types of study classes for which the women get credit. Tying in with her explanations were those of Mrs. Mark Rose, vice-president of the district, who gave suggestions on the use of the program material along with the study of the four textbooks.

It was interesting to note a change from indifference toward some of the studies to that of intense interest, as the speakers presented the four textbooks for this year. Miss Lilian Walker, conference secretary of missionary projects, presented the study on "Japan" as a study to help develop a sympathetic understanding of Japan and its people and to bridge a gap between us and Japan. Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, conference secretary of children's work, and presented by the district secretary, Mrs. Herbert Reynolds, gave some very helpful and workable suggestions as to how to use the study of Japan with the children.

"We the People of the Ecumenical Church," the study in the department of Christian Social Relations, was given by Mrs. L. V. Scott, district secretary of that department, who thinks this study will call for as much lively discussion as did "The Bible and Human Rights," which was studied last year. The textbook is a detailed report of the Amsterdam Conference, and Mrs. Scott said, "If we are to have a world-wide Christian church we must make the gospel a reality for all races, clans and colors." She urged the study of this book that people might think for themselves and not be satisfied with what others think on the subject.

Mrs. J. G. Winkler, conference secretary of youth work, followed this with suggestions for youth work and study and introduced materials for the youth to use.

Mrs. Ralph Conrad, substituting for Miss Georgia Barnes, urged that joint classes for these studies be held, when the Guilds and Woman's Societies could study together, thus bringing about a more unified program for the two groups.

"Cooperation for a Christian Nation," the home missions study book, was presented by Mrs. C. A. York, conference secretary of missionary education. No matter what the subject, all of her hearers want to study the book when Mrs. York inspires them to do it, and this was no exception. She described home missions as "the arm of the church reaching out to meet the social and spiritual needs of a community" and mentioned "moral erosion" as one of the greatest menaces to our country. Christians being "press agents" for goodness as against materialism and secularism is one of the great needs of our world and how this can be done is pointed out in the study of "Cooperation for a Christian Nation." Mrs. York warned against the "lazy method," as she termed it, of presenting any study book and described that method as "glamorizing" it, dressing it up to sound good and look pretty with an outside speaker rather than digging down and getting out some of the unclean and undesirable conditions by the members themselves as they study and discuss conditions of their own community. She described this method as the "common sense" method.

Mrs. J. I. Singletary, church visitor at Centenary church, introduced the text of the study in the department of spiritual life, "Women of Scripture," which promises to be a most interesting and helpful study. Mrs. Singletary referred to a little book written several years ago by our own Miss Leila Epps entitled "Women of the Bible," as being helpful in this study.

Mrs. T. L. Speas, secretary of literature and publications, had a fine display of the textbooks and other helpful material.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that the women greeted Mrs. C. C. Weaver, who was presented by the president, Mrs. Hiatt. This was the first meeting Mrs. Weaver had bee able to attend since her illness last spring and she thanked the women for their many kindnesses to her during her illness and since.

Mrs. R. A. George, promotion secretary, spoke to the group briefly in regard to their reports.

Good fellowship was enjoyed around the lunch table in the dining room of the church, when the district superintendent, Dr. H. G. Allen, the pastor of Ardmore, Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, and other ministers mingled with the group and enjoyed the delicious food.

Miss Virginia Lowrance, district secretary of spiritual life, was pianist for the meeting and accompanied the soloist for the closing session, Mrs. Wayland Stuart, as the impressive candle lighting dedication services was given by the speakers of the day.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

The women of the Methodist Church at Archdale were hostesses to the educational seminar of the Thomasville district, with 92 women representing 27 societies attending. Mrs. R. M. Cooksey presided over the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. A. Spence, and although the attendance was not as large as it might have been, it was considered one of the best seminars ever held in the district.

Mrs. A. P. Ratledge made the introductory talk and Mrs. I. F. Craven spoke on the "Responsibility of the Program Committee." Mrs. C. A. York presented the home mission study "Missions at the Grass Roots," which is the title for the text for "Cooperation for a Christian Nation," and Miss Lilian Walker presented the foreign study, "Japan." "Women of Scripture" was given by Mrs. Clarence Cranford, and "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church" was presented by Mrs. J. G. Winkler.

Mrs. Knox Teague spoke on the youth work and presented the youth study and the Wesleyan Service Guild was represented by Mrs. J. O. Branson. A display of literature and publications was arranged by Mrs. Don McGlohon and the dedication service was in charge of Mrs. L F. Ross. Lunch was served in the church hut.

NEW WSCS ORGANIZED— WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

The dream of a young Methodist preacher came true and his pledge to his Lord was fulfilled Sunday, September 4, when the women of the Mt. Olivet church on the Mt. Pleasant charge met and organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service. In his 13 years in the Methodist ministry in the Western North Carolna Conference, Rev. Ralph Reed has organized or been instrumental in getting organized seven Woman's Societies of Christian Service. This is following up a pledge he made that he would not leave a charge until every church on it was organized in the women's work.

It was the happy privilege of your editor to assist in this organization, with 11 members present and the definite promise of several more to join.

The officers of this promising group are: president, Mrs. F. C. Lackey; vice-president and secretary of spirtual life, Mrs. J. N. Grubbs; recording and promotion secretary, Mrs. B. N. Wishon; treasurer, Mrs. S. O. Talley; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. G. G. Parsons; all of Rt. 1, Walkertown; and secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activites, Mrs. T. O. Morris, Rt. 3, Winston-Salem.

The Society at Ogburn Memorial church has asked for the privilege of being "Big Sister" to this group, which we are sure will prove mutually helpful.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND LUNCHEON

An executive board meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service has been called for Friday, September 23, during the sessions of the Annual Conference, and it will begin with a luncheon at the Robert E. Lee Hotel at 1:00 p.m., with the officers of the Winston-Salem distrct as hostesses. Mrs. J. W. Clay is chairman of the hostess committee and it is important that every member notify her at 1805 Sunnyside Avenue, Winston-Salem, whether or not they will be able to attend. This information comes from Mrs. J. W. Payne, president, and Mrs. R. M. Hauss, secretary.

OTHER SEMINAR MEETINGS

Notice of educational seminars being held in the districts other than the two reported above came in too late to be published on this page, except Charlotte, Gastonia, and Salisbury. Charlotte's will be held at Myers Park church, September

Trustee Passes; 5 Charges Reach Quota; Football Season Opens; Visit Whitakers and Battleboro

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

CHURCHES PAID IN FULL

We are happy to report the names of five more charges that are "in full" for this Conference year.

Laurinburg—Fred Paschall, pastor.
Whiteville—D. A. Clarke, pastor.
Roxboro Circuit—H. C. Duncan, pastor.
Stonewall Charge—T. E. Maness, pastor.
Burlington Circuit—R. L. Nicks, pastor.

To each of these minister and their members, we express our sincere thanks.

CABOT ON THE CAMPUS

Cabot Long, who finished at the Orphanage in June, spent three months at naval training station in California. After a few days here he will continue his air training at Memphis, Tenn. He is now an "airman apprentice."

The boys and girls here look up to Cabot and appreciate his fine character. He is a boy who has the courage to stand by his ideals and in a fine spirit he encourages others to follow the Christian way of life.

APRIL IN AUGUST

We had a fine group of new children to enter the Home in August. One of the new group is an eight-year-old girl named April Cox.

The new child was presented to the school principal in this manner—by another little girl.

"Mr. Madison we have a new friend here for school and her name is Apricot."

We are happy to have April and her two sisters as members of our large family.

GOLDSBORO GAME

The football season opened with a thrilling contest in the new stadium at Goldsboro, September 9. A large crowd was on hand to see this game. The weather was ideal for the players and spectators.

Our team was good, but not good enough to prevent the Quakes of Goldsboro from making two touchdowns. Our boys had to be content with one safety. The final score was 13 for Goldsboro and 2 for the Orphanage.

HOME ECONOMICS

It has been stated many times that it is the purpose here to make our school equal to the other public schools in Raleigh. If we are to do this, we must give increased attention to our equipment and our program.

This year we have added home economics to our high school curriculum. One of the principal objectives of education is training for effective home and family living. Home economics is concerned with home activities and relationships which help the individual to become a responsible homemaker. The course will deal with clothing, food and nutrition, family relationships, child development, health, family economics and housing.

We believe that this new department in our high school presents possibilities for increased meaningful experiences for our girls. It should help the girls meet their needs in personal development and prepare them for effective home and community living. We are fortunate in being able to secure Mrs. Cornelia McPherson to teach home economics.

The Methodist Orphanage
RALEIGH, N. C.

Owned and maintained by the North Carolina Conference

FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby will and bequeath to the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C., contemplated by the charter under Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina (here designate the bequest) . . .

ORPHANAGE TRUSTEE PASSES

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On Tuesday, September 13, Mrs. Alma W. Edgerton died at her home here in Raleigh. Mrs. Edgerton was a life long friend of the Orphanage and was the first woman to be elected to the board of trustees.

Mrs. Edgerton took a deep personal interest in the children here at the Home, and faithfully attended the meetings of the board of trustees.

The workers here at the Orphanage express their regret in the loss of this friend, and extend their love and sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

A WELCOME AT WHITAKERS

At the request of the pastor, E. H. Messamer, a party from the Orphanage motored to Whitakers, Sunday, September 11. Mrs. Larkin and I found room for seven children with us in the car.

Our first stop was with Johnny Green and his members at Battleboro. Our program was presented during the church school hour. Juanita Goins is sponsored by this church and she is proud of her friends in Battleboro.

At eleven o'clock we had a part in the service at the Whitakers Methodist Church. Thomas Catlett is clothed by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of this church. He was happy to be with his friends and he spoke at the service of his activities here at the Orphanage.

We had more homes than were needed for the entertainment of our children. It is a rich experience for our boys and girls to visit in lovely homes and worship with loyal friends in the churches of our Conference. They learn to share their talent as they contribute their part in the service of the Church.

We would express our thanks to the people at Battleboro and Whitakers for their steadfast devotion to our Home.

NEWSOME IN THE NEWS

Two weeks ago the Advocate carried the picture of four happy children on the front page. These were the Newsome children on their way to school. This picture attracted our attention here at the Orphanage because the father of these young people was reared in this Home.

John Newsome is now working with the Health Department at Greensboro, and is justly proud of his family. John was on the campus recently talking over old times with Miss Mary Ferree and other friends.

John was a member of the singing class and some interesting stories are told on John.—One night he was in a home in Washington, North Carolina, when he prepared for bed, he called his host into his room and this was his question: "Mr. Ayers, I have a new pair of garters. Where can I hide them so I will be sure to have them in the morning?" He found a safe place to deposit the garters.

He was spending the night in a lovely home at Rocky Mount and had a narrow escape. There was a four poster bed in his room and he had a wonderful time climbing up the bed posts. All went well until his pajamas got caught on the top of a post. He called for help and was rescued from his exalted position.

We have a feeling that John could add some other stories to these I have written.

Our very best wishes are extended to Mr. John C. Newsome and his family in Greensboro.



RADIO HOUR
These girls enjoy a program in the Social Room—Atwater Cottage.

Sunday School Lesson for SEPTEMBER 25

The Psalms We Sing

Psalms 23; 42; 46; 90; 121; 148

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The Psalmist exhorts us to sing a new song unto the Lord. If there ever was any literature that was an inspiration to the writing of new religious poetry and new music it is the book of Psalms. Jesus said, They do not put new wine into old wineskins. Hence, when an overflowing Christian experience comes to people whose circumstances and cultural background are different from that of the Psalmists, they should use the type of music and the poetical forms that are natural to them.

We read that in heaven they sing the song of Moses, the servant of the Lord and of the Lamb. It is the old song of God's everlasting mercy proclaimed by Moses and the prophets with the added revelation that came from him who died on the cross for our sins. We shall never outgrow that precious psalm beginning, The Lord is my shepherd. But when Jesus comes and says, I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep, this added note of his dying love gives the old psalm a double meaning and we love to sing, The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever. In death's dark vale I'll fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

One element present in the Psalms is too apt to be absent from our hymns. The Psalmist expresses the discouragement and the difficulties of the servants of God: Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. He gives us here a very important suggestion; he says the burden of proof is on the negative. There is no adequate proof that God is not with me; hence I will assume his presence and expect him soon to manifest himself vividly by a fatherly smile.

The great 90th Psalm which suggested the hymn, O God, our help in ages past, Our hope in years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home, shows us that the road to hope is not to ignore the tragic aspects of life but to give them a long, fearless look. The Psalmist sees that life seems to be just one endless funeral procession leading to the grave. But suddenly the spirit of God summons him to the hopefulness of a little child: satisfy us in the morning with thy lovingkindness that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. And in spite of the apparent transitoriness of human life he prays, Establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. And we hear the good shepherd responding to this prayer when he says, I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand; and the fruit of their labors shall abide (John 15: 16). Here is the great added note of the gospels; they breathe a triumphant certainty of the life to come.

Well may we all with redoubled reason join with the psalmist in his eloquent and hilarious call for all creation to unite with him in praise to God, and sing with overflowing hearts, Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We can be sure that ere long a great new era will dawn in which Christian experience will be expressed in wonderful new music and hymns and the people will learn these songs and music will swell the breeze to a degree undreamed of in the past.

THE CHURCH CARES FOR THE SICK

As I lifted the telephone a nurse said, "Is this Chaplain Anderson?" She continued, "Mr. Harold Beeman in Ward C is in critical condition. He has stomach surgery coming up. He needs your help."

As I walked up to the side of the bed Mr. Beeman turned out to be a middle-aged man with a troubled, worn face. When I told him that I was the chaplain of Methodist Hospital a faint trace of a smile came over his face and I thought I observed a sigh of relief.

"Parson, I'm afraid my number's up. They tell me I have a growth in my stomach and they're going to operate in the morning. They won't tell me if it's likely the end, but I have a sneaking feeling it is."

He continued, "It's strange how a guy sees his whole life when he gets near the end. I've heard about these deathbed confessions and I never took much stock in them. This isn't one, but believe me, Parson, there's a couple of kinks I must get out of my system before tomorrow morning."

He went on to tell me of his early life, his Christian parents, his wholesome environment, his early success and rise in business, and then, the same old story of liquor, gambling, the wrong set, business defeat, and finally, the hospital and what seemed the end. Before I left his bedside he asked for prayer and he seemed deeply appreciative. I saw him for a few minutes that night and a quietness and peace had come to him.

Harold Beeman didn't die. The operation was a success, and so was the whole hospital experience. Not only was his life saved physically, it was literally transformed morally and spiritually. I have seen patients make trifling resolutions and appear to become religious, but it was all shallow. Not so with this man!

One day, after visiting with him many times and helping him to a new and vital relationship with his Lord, he said, "Parson, old Scrooge in Dickens' story wanted to have Christmas every day when once he got the spirit. I'm like him, for I want to have Thanksgiving every day. But today is a special day. Today I have assurance from my Lord as I never expected in all my life, that He loves me and He has accepted me." Although he was a man of strong physical frame and not given to showing his emotions, he could not keep the tears from coming—and for a few moments he could not talk.

"God knows how thankful I am for what he has done for a sinner like me. He knows how thankful I am that I came to this church hospital. If you hadn't called on me, Parson, I'm afraid I would be dead by now, or least just the same miserable person I was. Oh, thank God for a church that cares for the sick."

And the end is not yet. Harold Beeman has had unusual success in business since then. He is president of his local church men's club and is an ardent, devout churchman. He has become a tower of strength for goodness in his community.

WINGS OVER ASIA

By Dick Bell

On August 7, 1945, an American plane sped through the skies over Japan, bearing a cargo of death—the atomic bomb, which hurled the world into a new era, and leveled the city of Hiroshima.

On August 22, 1949, another American plane winged its way over Japan. But its cargo contained a promise of life—60 grams of streptomycin to help in the battle for the life of a child afflicted with tuberculosis in a resurrected Hiroshima.

In an age of atomic knowledge, Christians had not forgotten the more ancient teaching, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

This second mission to Japan started when Norman Cousins, editor of the **Saturday Review of Literature,** cabled the American Broadcasting Company from Japan that he had seen a girl—little Nobuko Takiuchi—dying of tuberculosis in Hiroshima. Could a radio appeal be made for streptomycin which might save the child's life?

Feeling that a general network radio appeal would bring in more response than the situation called for, the American Broadcasting Company asked Church World Service if a shipment of medicine could be made to the girl. The interdenominational relief agency, representing 23 major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions, decided that such an urgent need should be met, and machinery was set in action to ship the needed streptomycin. It was estimated that purchase and shipping would cost $50.00. Although individuals appeals must normally be met by Church World Service Committees in the field, the rules were set aside in this case, and by 8:00 p.m. August 17, a plane bearing the precious medicine left New York.

Hardly had the purchasing of the medicine been started when another request was received by Church World Service. This was a request from the Protestant Congregation of the New York State Hospital for the Cure of Tuberculosis at Raybrook, New York. The request was that the enclosed funds be used by Church World Service to alleviate the suffering of children overseas, especially children afflicted with tuberculosis. And enclosed with the letter was—$50.00.

Notified of the story of Nobuko Takiuchi, the contributors were delighted that their funds should be used for her. Collected over many Sundays in donations of 10c, 5c and even 1c, this collection meant much to them, and they hope to correspond with little Nobuko directly at some future time.

And so the medicine went on its way by air, forwarded as rapidly as possible. On August 22, Dr. G. Ernest Bott, CWS Director for Japan, met the plane in Tokyo and forwarded the 60 grams of streptomycin to Dr. Asano at the Hiroshima Memorial Hospital and treatment was begun at once.

1945 to 1949. Four short years. Four years during which Christians in America, wealthy and poor, healthy and sick, have given of what they have to aid their brothers overseas who have less. Four years of sharing to show that America can mean life instead of death.

Children's Storytime

Little Georgie's Speller

A thin-faced, barefooted little black boy sat shivering on the doorstep of the log schoolhouse. It was early in the morning and the crisp, cold air penetrated his threadbare clothing and made him shiver.

School had just "taken up." The black child crouching against the closed door listened intently to the happy voices of the children inside.

Little Georgie had come to this place for the simple reason that he could not stay away. He wanted more than anything else in the world to learn to read and write like other children. The rest of the little folks were here because their fathers and mothers had sent them, so they could learn to read and write.

The teacher wanted them, too. But not Georgie! Only white children were allowed within the doors of this wonderful place called school.

His heart beat fast as the voices rose and fell. If only he would be allowed to stay and listen! But no, if he was discovered he surely would be driven away with harsh words. And they would tell him never to come again—just because his skin happened to be black instead of white.

Georgie thought hard while he sat there shivering. Surely, it was not his fault that he was black. Hadn't God made him that way? He would go right now and ask God about it.

Accordingly, the lad crept away from his seat on the doorstep and began to follow the path into the woods. Tears filled his eyes as he stumbled on. He was going to a quiet spot where there would be no one to trouble him—his own little flower garden in the clearing.

Soon he reached the place where the neat rows of petunias and primroses which he himself had planted. But he did not stop to look at the much-loved garden. Instead, he went down beside it, face first, upon the ground. And, shaking with sobs, he began to talk to God.

Now, Mrs. Carver, the white lady with whom Georgie stayed, had taught him to pray. She had read him fascinating stories from the Bible, about David and Daniel and Moses and others who prayed to God. And God had heard them! What is more, she said plainly that God hears anyone's prayer—even a little black boy's.

And so it was that a simple prayer of faith poured forth from the broken heart of a child, kneeling alone in the big woods.

"Dear Lord," he cried, "I do want so much to learn to read and write like other children. Couldn't You, wouldn't You please fix it some way?"

And God, who listens to the prayers of all little children, whether black or white, did fix it. But not as Georgie expected.

After the prayer he felt better. He rose from his knees, wiped his eyes and brushed the dirt from his clothes. It must be about time for dinner, he thought.

By the time he reached the house, he felt almost light-hearted. Mrs. Carver greeted him with a smile.

"And where have you been this morning?" she asked.

The pain came back to the boy's heart for an instant, but he answered bravely, "I've been visiting my flower garden in the woods. Am I late?"

"No," replied the good woman kindly, "you are not late. But I have been looking for you to give you something which I found in an old trunk this morning. I think you will like it."

"A book!" shouted the boy. "O, Mrs. Carver, is it for me?"

She handed him the book—a large blue-backed speller.

"It's a reader, too," she explained. "And just see, there are pages that will teach you to write and spell."

"It's just the same as going to school," shouted the happy child. He clapped his hands, stood on his head and turned somersaults.

That night the blue-backed speller was placed carefully under Georgie's pillow. And when he said his prayers, he did not forget to thank God for the wonderful book that was "just the same as going to school" like other children.

By the end of a month Georgie knew his ABC's and was beginning to read a little. Then, in no time at all, he was spelling out the words in the speller.

The Carvers were very proud of him; they told their neighbors how fast he was learning. And soon the news traveled far and near that the little black boy, George Washington Carver, could far outdo any of the children who went to school in the log schoolhouse in the clearing in the woods.—Retold by Aletha Colwell.

A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY

(*Continued from page five*)

our peacetime Army is made up, in the main, of boys 18 and 19 years of age. Many of these young men are just out of high school and have never had the responsibility which comes from being away from home. Also, we must not forget that the weekend leaves are longer in general than these leaves were during the war days. In many instances, these boys can leave the camp on Friday afternoon and return by noon Monday. These facts only add to the responsibility of the Church in keeping close supervision over these servicemen while they are outside the camps.

In Atlanta we have Fort McPherson, in Columbus Fort Benning, in Macon Warner Robbins Air Depot, near Savannah Camp Stewart; in addition to these are a half-dozen veterans' hospitals in which men still shudder when they hear the roar of an airplane or a noise that sounds like a shot.

The dramatic period of actual warfare has passed, but the need abides. The Church simply cannot afford to grow weary in this continuous program of friendly service. We dare not allow ourselves to forget those who labored in battle, but equally urgent is the responsibility of a program for those now in uniform. A portion of the offering made on World Communion Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service goes to the Commission on Camp Activities for the support of this program. Having witnessed the powerful influence for good which this fund has exercised in the camps located within the Atlanta Area, I sincerely plead for continuing and increasing support.

The Church's responsibility for those in uniform is no less in the days of peace than it was during actual combat. If the Church should forget our boys while in service, they are not likely to remember the Church when they again take their place in civilian life.

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Annual Conference, Steele Street, Sanford, November 2-6

Durham District
E. L. Hillman, D. S.
114 Watts St., Durham

	September
Durham, Carr, 7:30	22
Mebane: Mebane, 11	25
Fairview: Fairview, 3	25
Orange: Union Grove, 7:30	25
Durham, Duke's Chapel, 7:30	27
Durham, Maybrook, 7:30	28
Burlington, Davis St., 7:30	29
Andrews-Fletchers: Andrews, 7:30	30
	October
Durham, Trinity, 11	2
Mt. Tirzah: Mt. Zion, 3	2
Cedar Grove: Cedar Grove, 7:30	2

(Complete schedule will be found in issue of August 4)

Elizabeth City District
J. Herbert Miller, D. S.
Elizabeth City, N. C.

	September
Elizabeth City, First Church, 11 (Preaching)	25
Gatesville: Zion, 3	25
Roper: Pleasant Grove, 7:30	25
Kinnakeet: Clark's-Bethel, 7:30	27
Hatteras: Frisco, 7:30	28
	October
Belhaven: Belhaven, 11	2
Bath: Bethany, 3	2

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Fayetteville District
Walter C. Ball, D. S.
1019 Hay Street, Fayetteville, N. C.

	September
Caledonia: Johns, 11	25
St. John-Gibson: Gibson, 8	25
Fayetteville Ct.: Camp Ground, 7:30	27
District Check-up Meeting: Hay Street, Fayetteville, 10:30	28
Aberdeen-Vass: Vass, 8	29

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New Bern District
B. B. Slaughter, D. S.
New Bern, N. C.

	September
Aurora: Warrens, 11	25
Stonewall, 3	25
Oriental, 7:30	25

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Raleigh District
H. B. Porter, D. S.
1220 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

	September
Louisburg, 8	23
Granville: Union, 11	25
Henderson, White Mem., 8	25
Oxford, 8	28
Henderson, First Church, 8	30

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Rocky Mount District
A. J. Hobbs, D. S.
803 Sycamore Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Telephone 2804

	September
Farmville, 8	22
Norlina: Zion, 11	25
Littleton Circuit: Hawkin's Chapel, 3	25
Roanoke Circuit; Shiloh, 7:30	25
District Check-up meeting, Rocky Mount, 10	27
Elm City: Mount Zion, 7:30	27
Enfield, 7:30	28
Nashville: Red Oak, 7:30	29
Littleton: Calvary, 7:30	30

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Wilmington District
Chancie D. Barclift, D. S.
1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
Telephone 34835

	September
Fairview: Hickory Grove, 7:30	22
Prospect, 7:30	23
Jacksonville, 11	25
Richlands, 7:30	25
Roseboro: Andrews, 7:30	27
Clinton, 7:30	28
Clinton Circuit: McGees, 4	29
Carolina Beach, 7:30	30

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Evangelists' Slates

Roy T. Houts
New Market, Tenn.

October 8-20—Wernersville, Penn.
Oct. 23-Nov. 6—Park City Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
Nov. 6-16—Cliffside, N. C.
Nov. 20-30—Trentville, Tenn.
Dec. 4-18—Mascot, Tenn.
Jan. 1-6—Cincinnati, Ohio.
Schedule filled in Florida until the first of April.

John R. Church, D.D.
Rt. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Oct. 5-15—Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.
Oct. 16-27—First Meth., Herrin, Ill.
Oct. 30-Nov 10—First Meth., Granite City, Ill.

In Memoriam

John Hughie Morgan

Salisbury.—On Sunday morning, April 24, at five o'clock, John Hughie Morgan slipped away to his eternal reward. Had he lived until August 16 he would have been 88 years old. A member of the Liberty Methodist Church, he lived a simple, yet inspiring Christian life. In his declining days he enjoyed sitting on the beautiful lawn among the flowers and talking about the eternal home where he would soon go to live. He was loved by all members of his family and by his many friends; yet we know that God loved him best.—Mrs. Joe C. Lentz, a daughter.

Mrs. Mary Belle Carstarphen Waldo

Hamilton.—On July 22, 1949, God in His mercy and wisdom took from the community of Hamilton, N. C., one of its most precious citizens, Mrs. Mary Belle Carstarphen Waldo. Mrs. Waldo had been a member of the Methodist church for more than sixty years. She was more than a church member, she was a great Christian. To everyone she met she was hope and inspiration. The gentleness of her words, the sweetness of her smile gave hope to many when there seemed so little to hope for. Perhaps the best in life is to love and be loved by all. This is that which all seek but few obtain; but through a life of selfless devotion this love was known to her. Though time will pass and the stage of life be set in newer scenes, the memory of her quiet smile, her inspiring interest and her cheering words will live in many hearts; for she has not really died—she lives within our memory. She lived her life abundantly as only one who walks with God may do. And so with visions of a meeting in some fairer place we dedicate these words to this our precious memory of her.—J. Hilary Worthington, Pastor, Hamilton Methodist Church.

Mrs. Edgar Allen Poe

Fayetteville.—Mrs. Poe was born in Wake County, N. C., June 24th, 1861. The daughter of Dr. Alexander and Catherine B. Montague and received her education in private schools in Raleigh.

In 1880 she was married to Edgar Allen Poe and came to Fayetteville to live and together they built a lovely home and reared their family.

Mr. Poe was a prominent brick manufacturer and served his community as County Commissioner and for years was chairman of the Board of Stewards of Hay Street Church. Mrs. Poe gave her time and attentions to her home, her husband and children. A daughter says: "I am sure my father never could have done the many things of service had she not stood by his side and helped, urged and sacrificed that he might do them. He always gave her the credit."

Mrs. Poe loved the church and never lost her interest in the work of the W. S. C. S. She died June 4th, 1949, after a long illness and funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. A. S. Parker, her pastor.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. G. C. Davidson, Mrs. T. H. Huske, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Lawrence Hedgpeth and Miss Lillie Poe and twin sons Edgar Allen and James C. Poe.

These are bare facts, but only the book of the Recording Angel will reveal the good done by Mrs. Poe as she went about her quiet way of relieving the need of the suffering ones about her. "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

—Mrs. T. H. Sutton

W. N. C. Woman's Page

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27, beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 3:00 p.m., and Gastonia will be held on the same day, beginning at 4 p.m. and running until 9 p.m., at First church, Belmont. Salisbury district wll be held at Coburn Memorial church, Salisbury, on September 28, beginning at 10 a.m.

THE COUPON CAMPAIGN

Several churches already reporting have sent in additional coupons for the Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem, and those making large contributions are: Fairfield, Guilford charge, 613; Kannapolis (no church named), 691½; Hill's Chapel, Gastonia district, 510½; Canaan City, ?? 542; Marvin, Winston-Salem, 1394; Charlotte (Richland charge) Thomasville district, 689; Centenary, Winston-Salem, 519; (additional); Grace church, Greensboro, 622; Reidsville, Main Street, 726; Hickory (Mrs. Glenn Stevens), 677½; Reidsville, Lindsey Street, 516. Many churches have sent in smaller amounts, for which the committee is grateful.

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GETTING JOE BROWN TO CHURCH

By HENRY KOESTLINE*

Joe Brown turned over in his bed, yawned, and noticed through half-open eyes that the children were getting ready to leave for Sunday school. There was eight-year-old Jeanie in her new yellow frock and six-year-old Frank dressed like a little man.

"Good-bye," Jeanie and Frank said as they stepped toward the front door. And Jeanie added, "Will you be at church, Daddy?"

"Not this morning, Honey," Mr. Brown answered. "I just don't feel like it. Maybe your mother will go."

But from the kitchen Mrs. Brown called, "You children come on home after Sunday school. I'm going to stay here to fix early dinner so we can drive out to see Aunt Martha this afternoon."

When the children had gone, Mrs. Brown said casually to her husband, "If we don't go to church more often, they're going to remove our names from the roll."

Mr. Brown yawned again, replied, "Yes, guess so. But who cares, anyway?"

The case of the Browns can be multiplied many times in the average Methodist church. The embarassing fact is that while our church membership has been increasing at a rapid rate, compared to former years, our attendance percentage has decreased. This fall, while our pastors are preaching on "Our Faith" in the Advance for Christ and His Church, many a Joe Brown will miss it unless we can get him to attend church.

Concerned people will be glad to know that there is a nation-wide movement being sponsored this fall to make these inactive members active. It is called the "See You In Church Sunday" movement. It was tried and tested last autumn in local situations and was so successful that the General Board of Evangelism is now promoting it throughout the country.

The psychology of the new movement is good. It is different from the old "Go to Church" campaigns which often gave a "better-than-thou" impression. The new slogan and methods, orignated by a Methodist layman, are based on the fact that people are more responsive when they are made to feel that someone is expecting them. "See You in Church Sunday" is a friendly suggestion which creates this response.

In many communities the movement is sponsored by more than one denomination. The advantage in this is that local newspapers and radio are much more likely to support it with desirable publicity. Wherever such cooperation is not obtainable, single churches have achieved amazing results by conducting this movement by themselves.

Here is the basic, master plan:

1. Decide on the number of churches which will cooperate and make a schedule of dates. It is suggested that the movement begin on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2, and continue through Thanksgiving or Christmas.

2. Let 10 per cent of your members visit the other 90 per cent. Perhaps you can help. A leaflet is available telling how to do it.

3. Publicize the campaign through the church bulletin, letters, newspapers, radio, and posters.

4. Record the attendance each Sunday and follow-up those who are absent.

5. Close the campaign with a grand climax. Some churches call the last day "Family Day" and give special recognition to the families. In some way this day should be highlighted for special emphasis.

(This plan is described in much more detail in the September issue of Shepherds magazine which has been sent to all Methodist pastors.)

To make available the necessary materials, the Board of Evangelism has accepted the responsibility of producing them through its Tidings department. The color scheme is white on a background of rich blue. Stickers for cars and windows, posters for stores and homes, and helpful cards for registering individual attendance achievement are provided in this color scheme. These materials are produced at cost.

How well this campaign works was demonstrated last fall at First Methodist Church, Covington, Tennessee, a county seat town. The pastor, Rev. H. J. Burkett, led a six weeks' emphasis beginning on World Wide Communion Sunday. On the following Sundays, attendance at Sunday school increased an average of 20 per cent. Attendance rose to 387 on one Sunday and attendance at the mid-week service increased to 130.

At the end of the six weeks, the pastor exclaimed, "Our church is thriving in every department. Our Sunday morning attendance has been wonderful. Although we have a large sanctuary, we have had to push back the folding doors and bring in chairs to seat the people. Yesterday, "Family Day," we served communion to more people than this preacher has ever served before at one service. . . Our program is over, but our church will continue to move forward."

Let each of us cooperate with our pastor and church leaders in the "See You in Church Sunday" movement. By showing the inactive members of our church that they are sincerely wanted in our fellowship, we create a desire to go to church, a desire which will spread to others, once we start it.

Start with yourself. Pledge your regular attendance every Sunday. And as you follow through, the chances are that even Joe Brown will become a regular attender at your church.

*Editorial Assistant, General Board of Evangelism.

FARM FAMILY EDUCATES SIX CHILDREN ON SMALL INCOME

BARBOURVILLE, KY.—Back in 1940, Mr. and Mrs. John Hendricks, without a penny in the bank, sold a cow for $65 and enrolled their son at Union College. Since then three more of their children have attended Union, and a 16-year-old daughter is scheduled to enroll this fall.

The aim is for all seven of the Hendricks children to get a college education—no matter what the sacrifice, and an $8,000 loss by fire last December hasn't shaken the aim at all.

That the Hendricks' determination to educate all seven children will pay rich dividends to society as well as to the family is evident from the present status of the three oldest.

Marion, 26, is two years away from being a veterinarian, although a wartime stint in Burma with Merrill's Marauders delayed his education considerably. He is studying at Cornell University, following graduation from Union.

Geneva, 23, is a laboratory technician with the blood bank at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Union in 1947.

George 21, a senior at Union seriously contemplates a career as a Naval officer after graduation.

The rest of the family consists of Bill, 19, a junior at Union; Nan, winner of a medal for scholarship at Knox Central High School, where she was graduated in May; Douglas, 10, and Hugh, 9, two husky, bronzed boys.

Although this hillside farmer and his wife have sacrificed, it has not been a one-way proposition. The children have done their part.

Marion and Geneva, the two oldest, walked over bad roads seven miles a day for eight years to high school and later to college. Bill has missed only three days in 14 years.

All of the children have been exceptionally industrious and have made high grades in their studies.

Each member of the family possesses that valuable trait—a sense of humor. Geneva illustrated this well when she told about her father's farm products. "Oh, he raises tobacco and corn and cattle and hogs—but mostly children," she grinned.

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CHANGES IN CHARGE BOUNDARIES

Asheville District

Take Montmorenci from the Candler Circuit and constitute a station to be called Montmorenci.

Take Reeve's Chapel from the Asheville Circuit, and leave Reeve's Chapel "to be supplied."

Set up Edneyville as a new charge.

Charlotte District

Create a new church to be named "Bethel."

Gastonia District

Change name of Main Street Church, Belmont, to First Church.

Change name of Salem Church on Sulphur Springs Circuit to Bess Hoey Memorial.

Greensboro District

Divide Midway-Groometown Charge in order to form two Stations, one Station to be known as Hinshaw Memorial, and the other Groometown.

Take Joyner Memorial from Mt. Pisgah-Joyner Memorial and place it on the Guilford Circuit.

Take Mount Herman from Mayodan and place on Sandy Ridge.

Take Mount Zion from Sandy Ridge; and Price and Matthews Chapel from Stoneville; and Mount Carmel from the Stokesdale Circuit, and form the Rockingham Circuit.

Marion District

From Rutherford College take Shady Grove, and from Valdese take Burke's Chapel and Warlick Chapel and make a new charge to be called Shady Grove.

Statesville District

Re-open Green's Chapel on the Helton Charge.

Divide Grace-Rhodhiss Charge and create two stations to be named Grace Chapel and Rhodhiss.

Divide Lenoir Circuit and create two new charges to be named Littlejohn-Gamewell and South Lenoir-Olivet.

Waynesville District

Take Beaverdam from Morning Star, Meadow Grove and Inman from Pigeon Valley and form the Pigeon Valley Circuit.

Take Longs from Pigeon Valley and put with Morning Star.

Take Fines Creek and Spring Creek from Fines Creek, Louisa Chapel from Franklin Circuit, and Piney Grove from Pigeon Valley, and form a charge to be known as the Haywood Circuit.

Take Maggie from the Dellwood Charge and add to the Shady Grove Charge.

Winston-Salem District

Take Oak Summit from New Hope-Oak Summit and make Oak Summit a station.

Take Doubs from Lewisville Circuit and place with New Hope to form a new charge called Doubs-New Hope.

These changes disolve the New Hope-Oak Summit Charge.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PASTOR'S REPORTS

All pastors of the North Carolina Conference are requested to send Table I of the Pastor's Report to Annual Conference to Rev. W. C. Wilson, conference statistician, Mount Olive, N. C., on or before October 15th. Table II, if completed, may be sent at the same time; or any time before the Annual Conference convenes; or filed with the statistician immediately upon registering at Conference.—Thomas McM. Grant, Conference Secretary.

NOTICE TO PASTORS:

The Communion offerings, or the first Sunday offerings, should not be considered as Advance Specials. These offerings, as designated by the General Conference, are for the regular work of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service and will be divided as follows:

Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief: one-half.

Methodist Commission on Chaplains: one-fourth.

Methodist Commission on Camp Activities: one-fourth.

W. W. PEELE, Chairman
Fellowship of Suffering and Service

NOTICE TO PASTORS WHO ARE MOVING

In order ot receive your paper promptly, all pastors who have been assigned to new charges are requested to send their new addresses to the North Carolina Christian Advocate at once.

ADVOCATE REPORT

List of 4 or more subscriptions from Sept. 20 to 26, inclusive.

Charge	Agent	Subscriptions
*St. John's, Charlotte,	Rev. C. E. Shannon	28½
*Thomasville Circuit,	Rev. D. A. Oakley	18½
Spruce Pine,	Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr.	8
Wesley Memorial, P. J.	Neal	4

*Denotes quota reached.

METHODIST COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC., ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR

At the closing session of the Western North Carolina Conference Monday, P. Joseph Martin of Oklahoma City was introduced by Rev. W. A. Kale as the new executive director of the Methodist College Foundation. Mr. Martin, who has been vice-president of Oklahoma City University, will assume his new duties on or before December 1 of this year. The Methodist College Foundation was organized last fall for the purpose of aiding the Methodist Colleges of North Carolina.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW BUDGET WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

(1) World Service and Conference Benevolences (get from District Stewards).

(2) Other Ministerial Support:

a. Episcopal Funds: an amount equal to 1¾% of pastor's salary.

b. District Superintendents' Fund: an amount equal to 5% of pastor's salary.

c. Conference Claimants: an amount equal to 15½% of pastor's salary.

(3) Minimum Salary Fund: 2% of local church expense for previous year (items 44, 45, and 47 of pastor's report).

(4) College Sustaining Fund: 2% of local church expense for previous year (items 44, 45, and 47 of pastor's report).

(5) Children's Home: 10% to 25% of pastor's salary.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

How to make wise use of a vacation. Taking a vacation sometime during the summer weeks has come to be an almost universal custom among us ministers. We would doubtless agree that no rule governing the length and manner of vacation can be universally applied. There should be no disagreement on the need of a vacation each year for every minister who has poured out his strength in body and soul to meet his ministerial obligations. One layman was recently heard to say, "Our preacher don't need a vacation. He works only one day per week." This layman is one among many, no doubt, who have not the slightest conception of the constant and painful pressure under which a faithful minister does his work.

His vacation should give him complete relaxation. The strings of a violin yield sweeter music and last longer if they are not kept tight all the time. The farmer has learned that the productive power of the soil is materially reduced if the same crop is planted on it every year. Every wise layman should see the wisdom of the minister's vacation if he is interested in abundant sermonic crops in the pulpit.

His vacation should give him a detached prospectus of his parish and the program which is needed there. Often when the minister labors under high tension in his parish program he allows the various activities to get out of balance. Some features are not emphasized proportionately with others. To get away and to look upon his field objectively enables him to make wiser and more constructive plans.

Now that the vacation season is past, let us hope that every minister has a clear conception of where he and his church are going during the weeks and months ahead, and that he has stored up a stock of virtue which must be drawn out of him as the multitudes touch him. Happy is the minister who comes from his vacation having substituted spiritual virtue for vagueness of plans.

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Western North Carolina Conference Holds Outstanding Session

With the reading of the appointments of the preachers at noon Monday the Western North Carolina Conference closed one of its most deeply spiritual and most highly successful annual sessions. From the opening Communion service Wednesday evening through the final benediction Monday hundreds of ministers, lay delegates and visitors packed beautiful Centenary church to participate in the varied and inspiring services.

Many factors contributed to the outstanding character of the Conference—the statesmanlike and brotherly leadership of Bishop Costen J. Harrell; the genuinely warm-hearted hospitality of the Centenary congregation and other church people of Winston-Salem; the unusually forceful speakers; the encouraging reports from all phases of the work; the fine spirit of fellowship; and the note of earnestness that characterized all the meetings. It was evident throughout the Conference that the Methodists of Western North Carolina had come to Winston-Salem for serious purposes. It was equally evident that they left that city with inspiration and enthusiasm and with the determination to meet the responsibilities of the new Conference year with faith and heroism.

Highlights of Conference

There were many highlights during the six-day program that got under way each morning at nine o'clock with a devotional service conducted by Bishop Harrell and closed with a stirring address by a guest speaker that evening around nine o'clock. Every session measured up to a high standard, and every featured speaker moved his congregation profoundly. Bishop Charles C. Selecman of the South Central Jurisdiction, the Conference preacher, made a great impression upon his audiences in his two sermons. Speaking Thursday afternoon from the text, "We are laborers together with God," Bishop Selecman challenged his hearers to be workers. "We won't build this broken world on a half-day, four-hour program," he declared. He stated that God needs workers who will join with him in building a better world. In his address Friday afternoon on "The Coming of the Kingdom," Bishop Selecman began by saying that our business as Christians is to pray and work for the coming of the Kingdom. This saves the church, he declared, from becoming hidebound by local interests. "When the church gets full of the spirit," he continued, "it forgets itself. We are not out to build

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the church, but the Kingdom of God. As Christians we need to tie ourselves to the ongoing Kingdom."

In addition to bringing the morning devotions, Bishop Harrell delivered the Conference sermon Sunday morning and was one of the three speakers in the Advance program on Friday evening. Taking his text Sunday morning from I John, Bishop Harrell based his message on these words: "All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world." "Something is fundamentally wrong in the inner resources of the soul," he asserted. "The root of the world's troubles is sin." He went on to say that sin manifests itself in the lust of the flesh which sometimes is expressed in the appetite for strong drink or lasciviousness or other forms of lust; or lust of the eye which often expresses itself in covetousness; or pride of life which is expressed in self-sufficiency. The sinner can find victory over these three sins only through God's grace, he concluded.

Advance Service

In his remarks Friday evening in the Advance program, Bishop Harrell declared that the whole tradition of Methodism is such that it must either advance or it will fall to pieces. He stated that the power of the church lies in the faith in its heart. He reported that the Western North Carolina Conference leads all Conferences in Methodism in its contributions to mission specials.

Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director of the Advance for Christ and His Church, also spoke in the Advance service Friday evening. Dr. Mohn stated that Methodists have given the first year of the Advance program $8,000,000 to World Service; $925,000 in Week of Dedication offerings with 60% of the churches participating; and have pledged $20,797,000 through the Annual Conferences to mission specials. Rev. Walter J. Miller, in the same program, stated that the Western North Carolina Conference has pledged $125,000 in mission specials.

Dr. Harry N. Holmes, lay leader of the New York East Conference, was the speaker at the anniversary of the Board of Lay Activities. Using as his theme, "Our Greatest Hour," the speaker declared that God gave us birth for the great challenge of the hour. We must recapture the sense of the greatness of God and our responsibility to him, he continued. "Our task," he concluded, "is to make God real to our generation." Dr. Holmes also spoke at the laymen's luncheon. Paul F. Evans, Conference lay leader, was in charge of both programs.

Dr. Roy L. Smith, publishing agent of the Methodist Church, was the speaker Thursday evening in a special program arranged in connection with the 160th anniversary of Methodism's publishing activities. In his message, Dr. Smith pleaded for a reading church. He stated that in the history of the Methodist publishing business $13,250,000 has been given from the profits to retired preachers, and that the Publishing House is distributing annually approximately $400,000 for this purpose. During the program four young men, representing early American Methodist leaders connected with the publishing enterprise of the church, sang camp meeting songs.

Dr. A. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University, was the main speaker Friday morning at the anniversary of the Board of Education. Using as his theme, "An Approach to Christian Education," Dr. Edens affirmed that Christian education is the sum total of all of man's activities. Piety, he continued, does not compensate for inefficiency. All education, he concluded, must be shot through with the Christian philosophy. Dr. Edens was also speaker at the Duke Dinner Friday evening.

Chappell Speaks Twice

Dr. Clovis Chappell, who retired at this Conference, brought two messages. He spoke Saturday evening at the Youth Night service on the theme, "The Call to the Ministry." Speaking out of his broad pastoral experience, Dr. Chappell stated that God calls men to the ministry through the Holy Spirit, through a Christian home, through Christian laymen and through a sense of need. The church, he declared, should be pulpit-centered. If the fire goes out of the pulpit, it goes out everywhere, he emphasized. Dr. Chappell testified that his 41 years in the ministry has been unbelievably radiant and unbelievably glad, and that if he had his live to live over he would be a minister for the thrill and joy of it.

Dr. Chappell also spoke at the memorial service Sunday afternoon, using as his topic, "I Believe in the Life Everlasting." We cannot think of Christ who who has been with us all of our days to desert us at the time when we need him most," he said. Taking his text from Paul's words, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," Dr. Chappell stated

that death will be gain to all to whom life means what it did to Paul. "We can be assured that God is trying to get to heaven all who will enjoy it," he concluded.

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor emeritus of Christian Doctrine, Duke University, was the speaker Sunday evening in a service under the auspices of the Conference Historical Society. Choosing for his subject, "The Theology of an Open Future," Dr. Rowe stated that Methodism teaches that our future is not predetermined, but that we make it as we go along. Wesley, he stated, elected everybody conditionally. There is a sufficiency of wisdom and grace in the gospel to make the world better, he concluded.

Other speakers included Dr. William R. Cannon, who spoke at the anniversary of the Board of Evangelism; Rev. R. M. Hauss, who spoke at the anniversary of the Board of Temperance; Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., who spoke at the anniversary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.



Courtesy of the Winston-Salem Journal.

Dr. W. F. Quillian, left, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, Paul F. Evans (center) and Dr. Harry N. Holmes, talk church matters at breakfast.

Reports Encouraging

Reports of the various causes of the church were encouraging. The Board of Evangelism in its report revealed that 6,434 persons were received into the churches during the Conference year on profession of faith, which is 1, 209 more than were received the previous year. Paul F. Evans, in his report for the Board of Lay Activities, stated that the laymen of the Conference had been busy during the year and had cooperated in all phases of the Advance program. He stated that several Methodist Men's Clubs had been organized, that many laymen had participated in preaching services during the year, and that a wide observance of Laymen's Day had been reported.

The report of the Board of Education revealed a total enrollment of 173,149 last year in the church schools of the Conference, with 13,000 officers and teachers. It also revealed that 40 churches are employing full-time directors of Christian education and that 42 training schools were held during the Conference year with 4,304 persons receiving certificates. Youth camps and assemblies and other conferences enrolled 1,586. During the year 455 vacation church schools were held with 28,103 pupils enrolled.

The report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension revealed that 366 mission specials totaling $116,492 have been accepted by the churches of the Conference. It also reported intense activity by the Asheville, Charlotte, Kannapolis, High Point, Surry County and the Winston-Salem Mission Societies. During the year 21 churches and 42 parsonages were aided with mission funds amounting to more than $26,000.

The report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes showed that the Children's Home in Winston-Salem last year had an average enrollment of 409 with a daily per capita cost of 65 cents less than the average for the six big child caring institutions in North Carolina. During the past year Hugh Chatham Hospital in Elkin admitted 3,760 patients, spent $283,825, with $30,070 expended in charity work. The Methodist Home near Charlotte has 72 members, and has received contributions of $484,815 during the past three years for building purposes. The Home is operated on its receipts from members and from gifts designated for that purpose.

The Board of Temperance urged full support of the Allied Church League in its fight against strong drink. In its report it recommended a definite program of education, including the organization of materials and the training of teachers and lecturers for appearance in local churches in behalf of temperance. It called upon Methodists to have their hearts warmed toward sobriety. The report placed emphasis on the ballot, the mind and the heart. R. M. Hauss, secretary of the League, spoke to the report, stating that the fight against beverage alcohol would be carried into every territory.

The report of the statistician showed that $6,500,630 had been raised for all purposes during the year, representing about $750,000 more than was paid during the previous year. It also revealed that $300,523 had been paid to World Service and Conference Benevolences, with $26,769 in special gifts to World Service. The Week of Dedication offering amounted to $26,769, and the Fellowship of Suffering and Service offerings amounted to $13,203. Contributions to hospitals totaled $23,130; while gifts to homes for the aged totaled $152,824; gifts to children's homes amounted to $211,836; and contributions to schools and colleges totaled $55,679.

The Conference voted to authorize a commission to study the matter of the equalization and stabilization of ministers' salaries. It also voted a minimum salary of $2100 for members of the Conference, $1900 a year for full-time ac-

cepted supply pastors, and $1700 for full-time supply pastors.

The Conference voted unanimously to dedicate the 1949 Conference Journal to Dr. L. B. Abernethy, who has served as Conference Missionary Secretary for many years.

The Conference voted to grant the entertainment committee authority to work out plans for a place of meeting for the session of the Annual Conference next year.

Eighteen Admitted on Trial

The Conference received eighteen men on trial, including L. A. Harper, Jr., O. N. Hutchinson, Jr., J. H. Coleman, J. R. Petree, J. D. Turner, R. C. Putnam, H. C. Austin, N. V. McGlamery, F. B. Cook, R. P. Crawley, A. A. Wilson, W. C. Crummitt, J. B. Golden, P. M. Cassell, R. F. Hilliard, J. S. Oakley, J. W. Lasley and E. D. Page.

The following were ordained deacons at the close of Dr. Chappell's address Saturday evening: Luby Alexander Harper, Jr., Joseph Ray Petree, James Dixon Turner, Neal Vannoy McGlamery, Francis Beaury Cook, Joseph Williams Lasley, Harold Covington Austin, Frank Hugh Edwards, Parker Holmes Hager, Don Aubrey Payne, David Austin Hamilton, Joseph Marion Taylor, Jr., Rupert Gilmer Wagoner, Ernest Abner Fitzgerald, Worth Alfred Sweet, Marion Le Roy Fisher, Jr., John Clifford Kendrick.

The following were ordained elders Sunday following the Conference sermon by Bishop Harrell: Gilreath Gilderoy Adams, Jr., Iverson McCoy Brendle, John William Carter, William Price Combs, Henry Clark Duncan, William Ralph Jacks, John James Shepard, Hoyle Glen Lanier, Edgar Harrison Nease, Jr., John James Shepard, Ivan Akers Stephens, Boyd Cleveland Winn. The following had their orders recognized: Warren Clavin Leonard from Evangelical and Reformed Church; Ray M. Alber from the Congregational Christian Church; Robert Lee Phillips from the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The following were granted the retired relation at the business session Thursday morning: C. G. Chappell, E. O. Cole, J. H. Green, W. A. Lambeth, R. M. Laughlin, M. A. Osborne, B. A. Sisk, J. R. Short, G. I. Humphreys, C. R. Allison, M. E. Leftwich and J. A. Sharp. Dr. W. C. Houston presented the badge given ministers upon their retirement, and Bishop Harrell expressed gratitude for the service rendered by these men.

The Conference endorsed a resolution opposing the playing of an annual football game on Sunday between a Charlotte professional football team and an all-star team from the various colleges, and urging the administration of church-related colleges to advise the members of their football teams to decline to participate in this contest if it is played on Sunday.



Courtesy of the Winston-Salem Journal.

Bishop Selecman (center) is being congratulated for one of his fine messages by Bishop Harrell (right) and Dr. Depp, pastor host.

Bishop Harrell announced the following transfers into the Conference: Marion L. Fisher, Jr., Joseph L. Bogle, Herbert Frederick Kuehn, and Joseph Owen. Transferring out of the Conference were R. C. Nimon to the Baltimore Conference; James W. Blitch to the New York Conference; Paul Hardin, Jr., to the North Alabama Conference; and Robert C. Carter to the Louisiana Conference.

At the service of commemoration Sunday afternoon the names of the following persons were announced as having died during the year: E. D. Ballard, J. W. Bennett, H. K. Boyer, J. P. Hornbuckle, W. I. Hughes, O. B. Mitchell, P. E. Parker, A. R. Surratt, S. B. Turrentine, E. E. Yates, H. A. Forester; Heroines of the Parsonage: Mrs. T. A. Groce, Mrs. J. M. Wall, Mrs. W. H. Willis, Mrs. J. A. Bowles.

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Some Objectives for 1949-1950

1. Observance of Laymen's Day in every Church on February 19, 1950, with a layman in every pulpit, using the subject assigned.
2. Special emphasis on Stewardship and Evangelism.
3. 100% acceptance of World Service and increased giving to Mission Specials.
4. Full cooperation in the Week of Dedication.
5. A better understanding and greater support of our Methodist Colleges.
6. A sound financial church program.
7. Training and using lay speakers for church services where the ministers is unable to preach every Sunday.
8. The Advocate and Methodist Layman in the home of every Methodist official.
9. Continued support of Home for Aged, The Children's Home, The Golden Cross and the Brotherhood.
10. 100% support of the Advance for Christ and His Church.

Western North Carolina Conference

APPOINTMENTS for 1949-50

(AS) Accepted Supply; (S) Supply
(RS) Retired, Serving as Supply
Bold Type, New Appointment

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—R. Dwight Ware
Acton-Oak Hill ..... V. R. Masters
Asheville: Abernethy, T. A. Groce (RS)
Asbury Memorial ..... **M. A. McLean**
Biltmore ..... C. D. White
Central ..... **E. H. Blackard**
Emma-Riverview .. J. R. Dawkins (S)
French Broad ..... G. E. Keeler(AS)
Haywood Street ..... **W. D. Corriher**
Hillside-Merrimon .. **Joseph R. Bogle**
Oakley ..... **W. B. Penny**
West Asheville ..... W. J. Huneycutt
Asheville Circuit ..... C. V. Hall (AS)
Bald Creek ..... **To be supplied**
Balfour ..... J. D. Pyatt (AS)
Black Mountain .... T. L. McDonald, Jr.
Brevard ..... **J. J. Holmes**
Burnsville ..... **F. R. Barber**
Candler ..... **J. A. Allen**
East Flat Rock .... **George E. Farrar (S)**
Edneyville ..... F. C. Hubbard (AS)
Ecusta ..... W. C. Clark (AS)
Etowah ..... Everett Freeman (S)
Fairview ..... B. H. Ziglar (S)
Fletcher ..... E. C. Price
Francis Asbury ..... J. A. Burris (S)
Hendersonville ..... L. B. Hayes
Horse Shoe ..... Newell Bush (S)
Hot Springs ..... Z. V. Arthur (RS)
Ivy ..... J. M. Green
Leicester ..... **J. E. B. Houser**
Marshall ..... C. M. White (RS)
Mills River ..... W. E. Rufty
Montmorenci ..... **E. P. Hamilton**
Newdale ..... **E. C. Gover (S)**
Piney Mountain ..... **D. B. Early (AS)**
Pisgah ..... **L. W. Hall (AS)**
Reeve's Chapel ..... To be supplied
Rosman ..... J. G. Allred (S)
Saluda ..... **Earl Hansell (S)**
Sandy ..... **P. E. Bingham**
Skyland-Mount Zion .. **B. A. Adams (S)**
Swannanoa ..... **C. W. Russell**
Swannanoa Circuit .... **Paul M. Cassell**
Tryon ..... John C. Vernon
Weaverville ..... P. S. Kennett
Weaverville Circuit Durward Knight (S)
District Missionary Secretary, E. C. Price.
District Director of Evangelism, J. J. Holmes.
District Director of Bible Society, W. E. Rufty.
District Director of Temperance Advance, M. A. McLean.
Chaplain, U. S. Army, Swannanoa QC, W. F. Beadle.
Chaplain, Veterans Administration, Asheville Central QC, W. F. Keeler.
Professor, Baker University, Fletcher QC, George M. Schreyer.
Professor, Brevard College, Brevard QC, C. E. Roy.
Student, Yale Divinity School, Haywood Street QC, L. A. Harper, Jr.
Retired: Z. V. Arthur, N. G. Bethea, Homer Casto, L. W. Colson, A. B. Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, T. A. Groce, G. D. Herman, J. W. Snow, J. I. Spinks, M. B. Stokes, R. A. Swaringen, L. D. Thompson, and C. M. White (14).

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—Edgar H. Nease
Ansonville ..... John R. Little (AS)
Asbury-Oak Grove ..... **P. L. Shore**
Bethlehem ..... E. A. Cook
Charlotte:
Belmont Park ..... **E. M. Jones**
Big Spring ..... C. W. Benson
Bethel ..... **J. J. Shepard**
Brevard Street ..... E. L. Kirk
Calvary ..... J. W. Fitzgerald
Central Avenue ..... **C. C. Benton**
Chadwick ..... **To be supplied**
Cole Memorial ..... C. B. Newton
Commonwealth ..... R. H. Stamey
Dilworth ..... **C. P. Bowles**
Duncan Memorial ..... J. E. Caldwell
First ..... **Lee F. Tuttle**
Associate ..... **J. B. Hurley**
Hawthorne Lane ..... W. J. Miller
Kilgo ..... S. B. Biggers
Morris Field ..... T. A. Summey, Jr.
Mouzon ..... **W. R. Thompson**
Myers Park ..... J. G. Huggin, Jr.
Purcell ..... J. J. Powell
St. James ..... **S. C. Reichard**
St. John's ..... **H. C. Duncan**
St. Paul ..... M. E. Harbin
Spencer Memorial ..... **C. E. Williams**
Wesley Heights ..... **A. M. Smith**
Davidson-Fairview ..... H. M. Williams
Hickory Grove ..... **H. R. Simpson**
Homestead ..... **H. L. Blackwelder**
Huntersville ..... **T. A. Langford (S)**
Indian Trail-Stallings .... **A. B. Bruton**
Lilesville ..... **C. Y. Ingram**
Marshville ..... **W. C. Leonard**
Matthews ..... C. G. Beaman, Jr.
Monroe:
Central ..... E. P. Billups
N. Monroe-Benton Hgts., V. P. Crowder
Monroe Circuit .... W. R. Ormond (AS)
Moore's Chapel ..... W. B. Davis
Morven ..... **J. R. Short (RS)**
Mount Zion ..... **F. W. Kiker**
New Hope-Bethel ..... **H. L. Isley**
Peachland ..... **To be supplied**
Pineville ..... A. M. Faulkner
Pleasant Grove ..... John W. Carter
Polkton ..... John T. Frazier, Jr.
Prospect ..... J. E. Cochran
Thrift ..... R. W. Blanchard
Trinity ..... A. A. Kyles
Unionville ..... E. W. Mills
Wadesboro: First ..... J. E. Carroll
Waxhaw ..... **C. D. Brown**
Weddington ..... G. G. Adams, Jr.
Conference Missionary Secretary, Hawthorne Lane QC, L. B. Abernethy (RS).
District Missionary Secretary, A. M. Faulkner.
District Secretary of Evangelism, E. P. Billups.
District Director of Bible Society, A. M. Smith.
District Director of Temperance Advance, F. W. Kiker.
Treasurer Eugene M. Cole Foundation, Kilgo QC, E. O. Cole (RS).
Superintendent and Minister of The Methodist Home, Dilworth QC, Reid Wall.
Counselor, The Methodist Home, Dilworth QC, C. M. Pickens (RS).
President, Lees-McRae College, Dilworth QC, Fletcher Nelson.
Professor, Duke Divinity School, Charlotte: First QC, Kenneth W. Clark.
Professor, Duke Divinity School, Calvary QC, J. H. Phillips.
Professor, Candler School of Theology, Charlotte: First QC, G. Ray Jordan.
Professor of Religion, Willamette University, Waxhaw QC, N. A. Huffman.
Assistant Editor, Board of Evangelism, Davidson-Fairview QC, K. H. Koestline, Jr.
Missionary to Japan, Wesley Heights QC, Paul W. Yount, Jr.
Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Charlotte: First QC, J. L. Swinson.
Student, Duke Divinity School, Dilworth QC, O. N. Hutchinson, Jr.
Retired: L. B. Abernethy, O. P. Ader, J. A. Baldwin, C. G. Chappell, E. O. Cole, J. O. Ervin, R. P. Fikes, J. A. Fry, W. O. Goode, W. J. Hackney, J. E. Hipp, T. J. Huggins, J. W. Moore, R. L. Ownbey, C. M. Pickens, T. A. Plyler, W. L. Sherrill, C. M. Short, J. R. Short, S. A. Stewart, J. R. Warren, and B. A. York (22).

GASTONIA DISTRICT

District Superintendent—W. A. Stanbury
Asbury ..... **N. L. Oliver**
Belmont:
Ebenezer ..... **Jerry D. Murray**
First ..... Jesse G. Wilkinson
Park Street ..... Rollin P. Gibbs
Belwood ..... **W. H. Yokeley**
Bessemer City:
Bethea ..... **Dan Cleveland (S)**
Odell Memorial ..... A. Frank Phibbs
Boger City ..... W. S. Smith
Cherryville ..... Lee R. Spencer
Cherryville Circuit ..... **J. M. Morgan**
Cleveland ..... **J. R. Petree**
Concord-El Bethel ..... **R. F. Swink**
Cramer Memorial ..... **M. G. Ervin**
Crouse ..... M. A. Lewis
Dallas ..... J. S. Gibbs
Fallston ..... E. A. Lamb
Gastonia:
Bradley Memorial ..... **J. H. Carper**
East End ..... **J. L. Pittard**
Main Street ..... **Joseph Owen**
Maylo-Smyre ..... M. C. Reese
Myrtle ..... S. W. Johnson
Trinity ..... D. L. Stubbs, Jr.
West End ..... T. F. Higgins
Kings Mountain:
Central ..... J. H. Brendall, Jr.
Grace ..... G. W. Fink
Lincoln Circuit ..... W. L. Harkey
Lincolnton:
First ..... J. C. Cornette
Rhyne Heights ..... **J. E. Rink**
Lowell ..... **M. B. Shives**
Lowesville ..... **T. G. Highfill**
McAdenville .... A. C. Kennedy, Jr. (S)
Mount Holly ..... I. L. Roberts
Polkville ..... R. H. Nicholson
Rock Springs ..... W. A. Rock, Jr.
Sharon ..... J. M. Barber
Shelby:
Central ..... **Frank B. Jordan**
Hoyle Memorial ..... S. G. Ferree
Lafayette Street ..... R. L. Bass
Martin Street ..... **H. W. Bell**
South Fork ..... W. G. Burgin
Stanley ..... T. B. Huneycutt
Sulphur Springs ..... **R. L. Forbis**
Vale ..... Iverson M. Brendle (AS)
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District Director of Evangelism, J. H. Brendall, Jr.
District Director of Bible Society, Rollin P. Gibbs.

District Director of Temperance Advance, R. L. Bass.
Executive Secretary, The Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Association of American Colleges, Shelby: Central QC, R. N. DuBose.
Secretary, Allied Church League, Shelby: Central QC, R. M. Hauss.
Student, Candler School of Theology, Sulphur Springs QC, J. H. Coleman.
Chaplain, Veterans Administration, South Fork QC, G. F. Hood.
Retired: D. C. Ballard, M. E. Leftwich, J. D. Morris, D. H. Rhinehardt, B. A. Sisk, R. A. Taylor, B. Wilson (7).

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

District Superintendent—H. F. Duncan

Bethlehem ..... J. S. Higgins
Draper: **First** ..... **McRae Crawford**
Flat Rock ..... **J. H. Trolinger**
Friendship ..... **J. C. Kendrick (AS)**
Gibsonville ..... J. A. Lindsey
Greensboro:
Bessemer ..... **R. L. Reed**
Bethel ..... M. V. Thumm
Calvary ..... J. T. Shackford
Carraway Memorial ..... T. W. Hager
Centenary ..... M. T. Hipps
College Place ..... **J. C. Stokes**
Glenwood ..... T. H. Swofford
Grace ..... P. W. Townsend
Groometown ..... **E. E. Hiatt, Jr. (S)**
Hinshaw Memorial .... R. E. Hinshaw
Mt. Pisgah ..... E. D. Page
Muir's Chapel ..... P. L. Shore, Jr.
Newlyn Street ..... W. H. Benfield
Proximity ..... J. L. Ingram
St. Paul's ..... E. C. Widenhouse
West End ..... **R. A. Hunter**
West Market ..... E. C. Few
Associate ..... **R. Harold Hipps**
Guilford Circuit .. **W. T. Ratchford (AS)**
Haw River ..... Roy C. Putnam
Hickory Grove ..... A. D. Shelton
High Point:
Calvary ..... J. Leonard Rayle
First ..... W. Kenneth Goodson
Highland ..... P. A. Sherrill (AS)
Lebanon ..... D. D. Broome
Lindsay Memorial ..... Don A. Payne
Main Street ..... **W. G. McFarland**
Oak View ..... **D. A. Oakley**
Rankin Memorial ..... J. F. Cagle
Ward Street ..... **C. F. Womble**
Welch Memorial ..... H. E. Bolick
Wesley Memorial .... **W. Arthur Kale**
Associate ..... E. M. Avett (RS)
Jamestown ..... P. T. Dixon
Leaksville ..... Walter L. Lanier
Lee's Chapel ..... P. E. Lindley
Madison ..... J. S. Johnson
Mayodan ..... J. W. Crawley
Mt. Herman-Meadow View
Silas G. Strader (AS)
Mitchell's Grove .... **F. G. Bottoms (AS)**
Moriah ..... **Jarvis P. Brown**
Mt. Pleasant ..... **W. R. Harris**
Mt. Pleasant Circuit ..... C. W. Bates
Oakdale ..... W. R. Bustle
Oak Ridge-Community ..... **J. R. Petree**
Pelham-Hickory Grove, C. H. Allred (AS)
Pleasant Garden ..... **R. P. Waugh**
Rehobeth ..... A. B. Pearce, Jr.
Reidsville:
Lindsey Street ..... R. C. Stubbins
Main Street ..... **W. H. Grove**
Reidsville Circuit ..... **C. G. Isley**
Rockingham Circuit ..... S. R. Ward (S)
Ruffin ..... F. W. Dowd Bangle
Sandy Ridge ..... J. C. Gentry
Spray ..... C. Moody Smith
Stokesdale ..... T. G. Williams (AS)
Stokesdale Circuit .... **Joe L. Ervin (S)**
Stoneville ..... T. R. Wolfe (RS)
Summerfield ..... John A. Lowder
Tabernacle-Julian .... James D. Turner
District Missionary Secretary, P. L. Shore, Jr.
District Director of Evangelism, W. K. Goodson.
District Director of Bible Society, R. E. Hinshaw.
District Director of Temperance Advance, M. V. Thumm.
Missionary to Korea, West Market QC, C. D. Stokes.
Registrar, Duke Divinity School, Grace QC, G. B. Ehlhardt.
Approved Evangelist, Oak View QC, J. W. Groce.
Dean, High Point College, P. E. Lindley.
Counselor of Men, High Point College, First QC, H. I. Ridenhour.
Professor, Greensboro College, West Market QC, R. A. Smith.
Professor, Candler School of Theology, Grace QC, Mack B. Stokes, Jr.
Student, Duke Divinity School, Wesley Memorial QC, H. C. Austin.
Associate Editor, The World Outlook, West Market QC, H. C. Sprinkle, Jr.
Executive Secretary, Methodist City Mission Society, High Point: Wesley Memorial QC, N. M. Harrison.
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Retired: W. T. Albright, E. M. Avett, A. R. Pell, George R. Brown, A. Burgess, J. A. Burgess, T. V. Crouse, W. M. Curtis, A. G. Dixon, G. I. Humphreys, R. E. Hunt, J. R. Hutton, T. M. Johnson, J. W. Kennedy, C. S. Kirkpatrick, W. A. Lambeth A. L. Latham, R. M. Laughlin, E. K. McLarty, J. E. McSwain, R. J. Parker, A. W. Plyler, G. T. Rowe, Edward Suits, R. S. Truesdale, J. D. Williams, O. B. Williams, W. A. Wilson, T. R. Wolfe. (29).

MARION DISTRICT

District Superintendent—John Hoyle, Jr.
Avery ..... G. C. Green (S)
Avondale-Alexander .... O. L. Robinson
Bakersville ..... G. A. Hovis
Blowing Rock ..... To be supplied
Boone ..... S. B. Moss
Boone Circuit ..... **J. W. McCoy (S)**
Bostic ..... **W. B. Thompson**
Broad River ..... E. P. Greene
Cliffside ..... E. W. Needham
Connelly Springs ..... J. W. Parker
Creston and Green Valley .. W. A. Kerr
Drexel ..... W. M. Rathburn
Elk Park ..... **Ernest Moretz (AS)**
Forest City ..... **J. W. Fowler, Jr.**
Gilkey ..... Paul Heafner (S)
Glen Alpine ..... W. B. A. Culp
Henrietta ..... P. F. Snider
Kona ..... G. H. Needham
Linville Falls ..... H. D. Jessup
Marion:
Cross Mills ..... P. L. Smith
East Marion ..... **C. L. Grant**
First Church ..... J. B. McLarty
Murphy's Chapel ..... To be supplied
Marion Circuit ..... **A. C. Kennedy**
McDowell ..... J. F. Bowers (AS)
Mill Springs ..... J. A. Fitzgerald (AS)
Morganton:
First ..... E. K. McLarty, Jr.
North Morganton ..... **T. G. Smith**
St. Matthews-Zion Memorial
G. B. Tomlinson (AS)
Morganton Circuit ..... H. O. Huss
Nebo-Clinchfield ..... H. R. Cornelius
Old Fort ..... N. S. Ogburn
Old Fort Circuit ..... **A. L. Lytle (S)**
Pleasant Grove ..... G. E. S. Miller
Red Hill-Tipton Hill .. G. L. Lovett (AS)
Rutherford College ..... **H. F. Kuehn**
Rutherfordton ..... D. M. Nifong
Shady Grove ..... **M. T. Hinshaw (AS)**
Spindale ..... G. B. Ross
Spruce Pine .... **R. W. McCulley**
Sunshine ..... C. F. Tate (RS)
Table Rock ..... **S. M. Needham (RS)**
Todd ..... Ernest Stephens (AS)
Valdese ..... M. W. Heckard
Watauga ..... **J. O. Banks**
District Missionary Secretary, R. W. McCulley.
District Director of Evangelism, D. M. Nifong.
District Director of Bible Society, S. B. Moss.
District Director of Temperance Advance, W. B. A. Culp.
Deaconess, Creston and Green Valley, Mrs. Maggie Campbell.
Retired: L. S. Helms, R. P. Jones, Elzie Myers, E. K. McLarty, Sr., H. L. Powell, A. C. Swofford, C. F. Tate, P. W. Tucker (8).

SALISBURY DISTRICT

District Superintendent—Walter B. West
Albemarle:
Central ..... R. H. Taylor
First Street ..... K. H. Koestline
Main Street ..... L. R. Akers, Jr.
Parkway ..... Brooks Jerome (RS)
Albemarle Circuit ..... **H. C. Freeman**
Badin-New London ..... I. L. Sharpe
Bethel ..... J. L. Trollinger
Bethpage-Shiloh ..... **R. M. Alber (S)**
China Grove:
First ..... **R. M. Hardee**
South ..... Wade Rogers (S)
Concord: Ann Street ..... W. L. Scott
Central ..... **J. C. Madison**
Epworth ..... N. C. Williams, Jr.
Forest Hill ..... **J. C. Auman**
Harmony ..... R. H. Whitlow (AS)
Kerr Street ..... **R. C. Goforth**
Westford ..... F. R. Love
Concord Circuit ..... **J. O. Cox (RS)**
Friendship-Tabernacle .... D. P. Grant
Gold Hill ..... G. M. Carver
Granite Quarry ..... G. E. White
Kannapolis:
Jackson Park ..... H. S. Williams
Memorial ..... E. H. Nease, Jr.
Midway ..... **F. E. Howard**
North ..... W. P. Shinn
Trinity ..... **J. G. Winkler**
Landis ..... C. L. Ledford (S)
Long Street-Yadkin ..... G. W. Clay
Midland ..... **H. M. Wellman**
Mt. Mitchell ..... J. W. Combs
Mt. Olivet ..... C. O. Kennerly
Mt. Pleasant ..... C. W. Avett
New London Circuit .. D. E. Bailey (AS)
Norwood ..... H. D. Garmon
Norwood Circuit I. P. Rutledge (S)
Pfeiffer ..... **E. J. Harbison**
Roberta ..... **V. A. Morton**
Rocky Ridge ..... **P. M. Dennis**
Rowan-Rock Grove . **C. P. Pennigar (AS)**
Salem ..... F. J. Stough
Salisbury:
Coburn Memorial ..... E. H. Brendall
First ..... C. C. Herbert, Jr.
Main Street ..... **E. O. Peeler**
Park Avenue ..... O. L. Brown
Spencer:
Central ..... **Byron Shankle**
Stanfield ..... D. A. Hamilton
Woodleaf ..... **J. C. Swaim**
District Missionary Secretary, E. H. Brendall.
District Director of Evangelism, L. R. Akers, Jr.
District Director of Bible Society, G. W. Clay.
District Director of Temperance, F. E. Howard.
Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Salisbury: First QC, Carl H. King.
Missionary to Brazil, Friendship-Tabernacle QC, W. E. Andrews.
Missionary to Japan, Gold Hill QC, I. L. Shaver.
Chaplain, U. S. Army, Woodleaf QC, A. A. Lyerly.
Deaconess, Pfeiffer Junior College, Pfeiffer QC, Miss Mary Floyd.

Student, Duke Divinity School, Mt. Pleasant QC, N. V. McGlamery.
Retired: C. R. Allison, J. O. Cox, J. H. Green, J. P. Hipps, Brooks Jerome, H. H. Robbins, J. A. Sharp, H. E. Stimson, J. M. Varner (9).

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—J. H. Armbrust
Balls Creek ..... **Van B. Harrison**
Catawba ..... A. G. Lackey
Claremont-Shiloh ..... L. F. Strader
Cool Springs ..... J. M. Taylor, Jr.
Dudley Shoals .... **L. C. Cornwell (AS)**
Elmwood ..... R. G. Wagoner
Grace Chapel .. **Donald Funderburk (S)**
Granite Falls ..... F. H. Price
Harmony ..... W. H. Neese
Harpers ..... **R. A. Setzer (AS)**
Helton ..... G. W. Dalton
Hickory:
Bethel ..... **J. L. Love**
First ..... **C. G. Hefner**
Highland ..... J. B. Tabor, Jr.
Westview ..... J. N. Wise
Hiddenite ..... **F. A. Wright**
Hudson ..... E. M. Graham
Jefferson ..... C. C. Murray
Laurel Springs .... Wiley J. Carroll (S)
Lenoir: First ..... F. C. Smathers
Littlejohn-Gamewell
Lonnie Templeton (S)
Maiden ..... **G. F. Houck**
McKendree ..... C. L. Jackson (AS)
Millers Creek ..... **J. H. Bowman**
Monticello-Rose Chapel .. E. H. Lowman
Mooresville:
Broad Street ..... A. W. Lynch
Centenary-Triplett ..... R. M. Varner
Central ..... H. M. Robinson
Jones Memorial .. **Donald Hawkins (S)**
Moravian Falls . **J. L. A. Bumgarner (RS)**
Newton:
Abernethy Memorial, G. W. Bumgarner
First ..... **W. A. Rollins**
North Wilkesboro ..... **R. L. Young**
Olin ..... D. T. Huss
Rhodhiss ..... L. B. Laye (AS)
Shepherds ..... **R. L. Phillips (AS)**
South Lenoir-Olivet ..... P. H. Hager
Statesville:
Boulevard ..... J. H. Cooke
Broad Street ..... **R. G. Tuttle**
Race Street ..... J. C. Grose
Statesville Circuit ..... **J. S. Folger**
Stony Point ..... J. R. Duncan
Taylorsville ..... **R. V. Martin**
Troutman ..... **O. E. Croy**
Union Grove-Zion .... W. C. Crummett
Warrensville ..... **J. E. Green (AS)**
West Jefferson ..... H. H. Wood
Whitnell ..... J. T. Melton
Wilkesboro ..... C. J. Winslow
Conference Secretary of Evangelism, W. A. Rollins.
District Missionary Secretary, E. H. Lowman.
District Director of Evangelism, C. G. Hefner.
District Director Bible Society, H. M. Robinson.
District Director of Temperance Advance, W. A. Rollins.
Student, Duke Divinity School, Statesville: Broad Street QC, R. P. Crawley.
Student, Duke Divinity School, Hickory: First QC, J. B. Golden.
Student, Duke Divinity School, Abernethy Memorial QC, A. A. Wilson.
Student, Duke Divinity School, Cool Springs QC, F. B. Cook.
Student, Duke Divinity School, Warrensville QC, M. L. Fisher, Jr.
Retired: J. L. A. Bumgarner, S. N. Bumgarner, M. L. Chappell, R. M. Courtney, E. W. Fox, J. G. W. Holloway, T. J. Houck, J. C. Keever, M. A. Matheson, Ebenezer Myers, M. A. Osborne, J. A. Peeler, L. L. Smith, E. H. Spencer, D. P. Waters (15).

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent
George B. Clemmer
Advance ..... R. J. Starling
Archdale ..... F. L. Setzer
Asheboro:
Central ..... **W. R. Kelly**
First ..... H. L. Creech, Jr.
West Bend ..... H. Glen Lanier
Asheboro Circuit ..... K. D. Crouse
Cid ..... **Robert Oakley (S)**
Coleridge ..... G. C. Graham
Cooleemee ..... F. H. Shinn
Davie ..... J. B. Fitzgerald
Davidson ..... **C. W. Dennis**
Denton: Central ..... R. J. Barnwell
Denton Circuit ..... **M. C. Ellerbe**
Eldorado ..... Frank Blalock (S)
Fairfield ..... **A. T. Tuttle (S)**
Farmer ..... W. E. Fitzgerald (AS)
Farmington ..... John S. Oakley
Greer-Mt. Carmel .. **A. D. Byrd, Jr. (S)**
Lexington:
Erlanger ..... R. G. McClamroch
First ..... **H. C. Wilkinson**
Trinity ..... M. W. Edwards
Liberty: First ..... O. L. Easter
Liberty Circuit ..... E. A. Fitzgerald
Linwood ..... **O. C. Loy**
Midway ..... H. R. Jordan
Mocksville: First ..... **A. J. Cox**
Mocksville Circuit .... Foster Loflin (AS)
Mount Vernon ..... **T. E. Strickland (S)**
Associate ..... V. B. Stanley (AS)
North Davidson ..... **W. R. Jacks**
Old Union-Mt. Lebanon
Frank H. Edwards
Pleasant Grove ..... W. C. Sides, Jr.
Ramseur-Franklinville .... J. W. Vestal
Randleman: First .... A. J. Clemmer, Jr.
Randleman Circuit ..... G. B. Ferree
Randolph-Gray's ..... Y. D. Poole
Richland ..... Paul A. Bruton (AS)
Seagrove ..... **J. J. P. Kincaid (AS)**
Shiloh ..... **G. N. Dulin**
South Davidson ..... I. J. Terrell (AS)
South Randolph ..... R. F. Hilliard
Thomasville: First ..... A. P. Ratledge
Memorial ..... Wilson O. Weldon
Trinity-Bethel ..... C. O. Plyler
West End .... W. B. Bobbitt, Jr. (AS)
Thomasville Circuit .... **J. T. Bowman**
Trinity ..... **A. C. Gibbs**
Unity-Fair Grove .... S. Byron Nifong
Welcome ..... **J. P. Hornbuckle, Jr.**
District Missionary Secretary, Wilson O. Weldon.
District Director of Evangelism, H. C. Wilkinson.
District Director of Bible Society, C. O. Plyler.
District Director of Temperance Advance, H. L. Creech, Jr.
Student, Candler School of Theology, N. Davidson QC, D. B. Alderman.
Retired: G. L. Curry, D. W. Haga, C. H. Hill, J. A. Howell, W. A. Jenkins, S. M. Needham, Henry L. Powell, J. E. Pritchard, H. C. Sprinkle, S. W. Taylor, G. W. Vick (11).

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent—C. E. Clark
Andrews ..... C. C. Washam
Bethel ..... Clyde L. Collins
Bryson City ..... H. R. McSwain
Canton:
Central ..... C. W. Kirby
First ..... L. E. Mabry
Cherokee ..... D. H. Dennis
Clyde ..... W. T. Medlin, Jr.
Crabtree ..... C. O. Newell
Cullowhee ..... R. T. Houts, Jr.
Dellwood ..... **Paul R. Taylor**
Franklin ..... **C. E. Murray**
Franklin Circuit ..... **D. B. Martin (S)**
Hayesville ..... F. R. Davis
Haywood Circuit ..... V. N. Allen (AS)
Hazelwood ..... Maloie B. Lee (AS)
Highlands ..... R. E. Early
Junaluska: Long's Chapel, P. H. Duckwall
Macon ..... L. C. Stevens
Morning Star ..... A. L. Maxwell, Jr.
Murphy ..... **R. Delbert Byrum**
Murphy Circuit ..... C. A. Smith
Pigeon Valley ..... **W. H. Pless (RS)**
Robbinsville ..... J. R. Crew, Jr.
Rockwood ..... G. B. Culbreth
Shady Grove ..... **A. E. Belk (S)**
Shooting Creek .... R. L. Poindexter (S)
Sylva ..... W. Q. Grigg
Waynesville ..... **J. E. Yountz**
Webster ..... **Bruce Roberts (S)**
West Macon ..... Isabell Hull (AS)
Whittier ..... O. E. Thorne (S)
District Missionary Secretary, J. E. Yountz.
District Director of Evangelism, C. W. Kirby.
District Director of Bible Society, G. B. Culbreth.
District Director of Temperance Advance, L. E. Mabry.
Missionary to Brazil, Waynesville QC, C. W. Clay.
Missionary to Korea, Rockwood QC, C. W. Judy.
Chaplain, U. S. Army, Franklin QC, P. L. Green.
Approved Evangelist, Cullowhee QC, R. T. Houts.
Retired: D. E. Camak, F. O. Dryman, J. J. Gray, W. H. Pless, W. M. Robbins, C. R. Ross, R. B. Templeton, and J. J. Wood (8).

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

District Superintendent—H. G. Allen
Concord-Sharon .. C. G. Alspaugh (AS)
Crews-Sedge Garden .... T. G. Madison
Danbury ..... **E. A. Bingham**
Dobson-Mountain Park .. **I. A. Stephens**
Doubs-New Hope ..... **B. W. Lefler**
East Bend ..... W. C. Eastridge
Elkin: First ..... **J. W. Braxton**
Elkin Circuit ..... O. D. Smith
Hanes ..... G. L. Wilkinson
Jonesville ..... **J. M. Brandon, Jr.**
Kernersville: Main Street .... R. E. Bell
Kernersville Circuit .... G. W. Faulkner
Level Cross ..... M. W. Nesbitt, Jr.
Lewisville ..... **G. R. Stafford**
Maple Springs ..... **C. L. Heckard**
Marvin ..... **John R. Hamilton**
Mt. Airy:
Central ..... **A. C. Waggoner**
Rockford Street ..... **B. C. Winn**
Franklin Heights ..... J. S. Jordan
Mt. Carmel-Pine Grove .. A. W. Wellons
Mt. Pleasant ..... **A. Wade Thompson**
Mt. Tabor ..... **C. E. Shannon**
New Hope ..... G. B. Gwyn (S)
Oak Grove ..... **G. W. Williams**
Oak Summit ..... **C. M. Boggs**
Ogburn Memorial ..... E. L. Ballard
Pilot Mountain ..... L. P. Barnett
Pinnacle ..... W. F. Hefner
Rural Hall ..... C. E. Ridge
Salem ..... W. W. Blanton
Shoals ..... R. E. Ward
Smithtown ..... R. L. Billings (AS)
Sparta ..... **J. L. Johnson, Jr.**
St. Pauls ..... **Paul R. Rayle**
Surry ..... **Fred G. Flemming (S)**
Union Ridge ..... **R. W. Tucker**
Walkertown:
Love's ..... **G. R. Combs**
Morris Chapel ..... C. M. McKinney
Walnut Cove ..... **W. B. Royals**
West Forsyth ..... J. Max Brandon
Winston-Salem:
Ardmore ..... C. E. Rozzelle
Burkhead ..... M. Q. Tuttle
Centenary ..... W. Mark Depp
Associate ..... **H. P. Myers, Jr.**
Central Terrace ..... D. B. Mullis
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Conference-Wide Mass Meeting to Be Held at Raleigh October 3; Nall New Editor of Advocate

MANY SPEAKERS TO FEATURE PROGRAM AT RALEIGH MONDAY

By R. H. Sales

On Monday, October 3, the mass meeting of the Advance for Christ and His Church for the North Carolina Conference will be held at Edenton Street church, Raleigh.

This meeting is one of 78 similar gatherings being held across America from September 29 to November 2, as a part of Methodism's four year Advance for Christ and His Church. "Our Faith" will be the central theme of the program which features addresses by three bishops: W. W. Peele, Paul E. Martin, and G. Bromley Oxnam; a minister, Rev. Walter C. Gum, pastor of Centenary church, Richmond, Va.; a leading layman, D. Steward Patterson, and a leading laywoman, Mrs. Roscoe M. White, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Virginia Conference.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 9:30 p.m. World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2, will be observed in the various local churches as a



Bishop W. W. Peele

prelude to this mass meeting. On Sunday evening, October 2, Bishop W. W. Peele will preach at Edenton Street church on "The Meaning of the Incarnation." Local churches in the near vicinity will join in this service.

All assemblies and meetings will be held at Edenton Street church with the exception of the youth banquet which will be held at the Methodist Orphanage.

Four addresses will feature the morning session, as follows:

First, "Our Faith in the Kingdom of God," by Rev. Walter C. Gum, pastor, Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va.; second, "Rearing Our Children in the Christian Faith," by Mrs. Roscoe M. White, to be followed by a panel discussion with Bishop W. W. Peele presiding and including Mrs. Roscoe M. White, Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Rev. J. T. Green, Rev. D. D. Holt, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, Miss Doris Sutton and Mrs. J. H. Cutchin. Final speech of the morning will be "Our Chirstian Conception of the Worth of Man," by Bishop Paul E. Martin.

After lunch, "Christian Doctrine and the Advance" will be discussed by D. Stewart Patterson; a discussion on "The Advance for Christ in the Local Church," will be led by Rev. W. L. Clegg; and the afternoon session will close with a service of devotion.

The youth banquet will be held at the Methodist Orphanage from 6 to 7:30, and



Bishop Paul E. Martin

will be featured by an address on "The Claims of the Faith on Youth."

At the night session Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam will speak on "Our Faith in Christ."

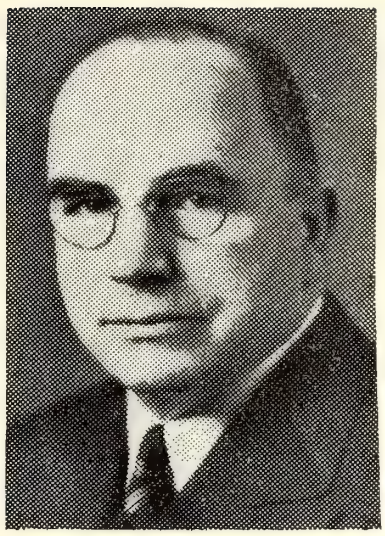
PUBLISHING HOUSE REPORTS TOP YEAR

NEW YORK.—A new all-time high in sales for the year, the election of an editor for **The Christian Advocate** and reports of notable plant expansion featured the annual meeting of the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church held here September 14-15. The appropriation from the produce of the business of the Methodist Publishing House annually made to conference claimants was again $400,000.

The publishing agents, Lovick Pierce of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Roy L. Smith of Chicago, reported net sales for the year ending May 31, 1949, as $12,285,431, an advance of more than a million dollars over the preceding twelve months.

Dr. T. Otto Nall, for the past year the acting editor of **The Christian Advocate,** was unanimously elected editor. The new Advocate head was paid high tribute by Dr. Roy L. Smith, under whose editorship he had for eight years served as managing editor. Other members of the Board of Publication also expressed high satisfaction with the choice.

Dr. Nall, a member of the Minnesota Conference, has given his entire ministry to religious journalism, beginning on **The Epworth Herald** and continuing in various relationships to the Christian Advocates of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an alumnus of Hamline University and Garrett Biblical Institute and did graduate work in the University of Minnesota and Medill School of Journalism. He has been honored with both the D.D. and Litt.D. degrees. Dr. Nall is the author of four books on youth vocations, has



Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

edited several other books and has been a frequent contributor to periodicals. He has been president of both the Methodist Press Association and the Associated Church Press.

The new $1,500,000 plant expansion under construction in Nashville, it was reported, will more than double the present floor space, providing not only for manufacturing needs but also for warehousing, now in rented quarters. The building, which will be ready by next spring, will be air-conditioned. A new offset printing department will go into operation in March.

An addition to the Dallas House, more than doubling the floor space of the already impressive Cokesbury bookstore, will be formally opened the week of September 19, it was announced. Business has quadrupled since the store was built in 1936. The Atlanta retail store, opened last January, promises to attain the estimated sales goal for its first year of operation, it was reported.

The Methodist Publishing now does the largest religious film distributing business of any organization in the United States, Board members were told.

APPOINTMENTS

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First ..... B. A. Culp
Green Street ..... N. C. Williams
Trinity ..... **L. A. Scott**
Yadkinville ..... W. R. Jenkins
District Missionary Secretary, J. W. Braxton.
District Director of Evangelism, J. R. Hamilton.
District Director of Bible Society, Mark Q. Tuttle.
District Director of Temperance Advance, D. B. Mullis.
Approved Evangelist, Green Street QC, J. R. Church.
Superintendent Hugh Chatham Hospital and Director of Golden Cross, Elkin QC, J. S. Hiatt.
Student, Candler School of Theology, Oak Grove QC, W. A. Sweet.
Student, Candler School of Theology, Dobson-Mountain Park QC, E. M. Hoyle, Jr.
Industrial Chaplain R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Centenary QC, C. H. Peace.
Student, Union Theological Seminary, Centenary QC, J. W. Lasley, Jr.
Retired: S. J. Brawley, W. L. Hutchins, O. J. Jones, and W. J. Plint (4).
Supernumerary: Ross Francisco.

News in Brief -- Personalities

DR. E. K. McLARTY, SR., was in charge of the Conference Love Feast Sunday morning at Centenary church.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. James P. Hornbuckle, Jr., on September 24, at Duke Hospital, a son, James P. III.

REV. AND MRS. N. G. Bethea will observe their golden anniversary on October 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Willcox, RFD, Enfield, N. C.

ASBURY CHURCH, Dover charge, will observe homecoming Sunday, Oct. 9. Rev. L. C. Larkin, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, will be guest speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service. This service will be followed by the session of fourth quarterly conference. Former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to be present.

NEWTON GROVE Methodist Church will hold its harvest day and homecoming services on Thursday, October 13, with Dr. Howard Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, preaching at eleven o'clock. Picnic lunch will be served. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to join the congregation. Rev. R. L. Hethcox is pastor of the church.

PLEASANT PLAINS church on the Lillington charge will observe homecoming Sunday, October 2. Paul Green, author of "The Lost Colony" and "The Common Glory" will be the main speaker at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Following the worship service, a picnic lunch will be spread on the church lawn. All former pastors, their wives and children are cordially invited to return for the day.

THE PINK HILL CHARGE has recently completed five successful revivals. Guest preachers were Rev. T. R. Jenkins, Beaufort, at Pink Hill; Rev. R. H. Lewis, Dover, at Webb's Chapel; Rev. M. K. Glover, Kenansville, at Woodland; Rev. W. D. Caviness, Morehead City, at Woodington; and Rev. W. R. Crowder, Vanceboro, at Noble's Chapel. A total of 41 members were added, 37 of these coming upon profession of faith. Rev. Tom Horner is pastor.

ARDMORE CHURCH, Winston-Salem, will observe its 25th anniversary beginning Sunday, October 2, and closing Sunday, October 9. World Wide Communion will be observed Sunday morning, with Revs. W. J. Plint and Otho J. Jones assisting the pastor, Dr. C. E. Rozzelle. That evening Dr. John R. Church will speak. Other speakers during the week include Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler, Honorable T. Winfield Blackwell, Mrs. Charles Clay, Dr. Homer O. Wilson, Dr. Dale H. Gramley and Dr. H. G. Allen.

FAIRBLUFF METHODISTS held a reception September 21 following the regular prayer service. It was the first gathering of the group since the establishment of the Fair Bluff Charge and representatives were present from Olivet, Cerro Gordo, and Fair Bluff churches. As refreshments were being served, a generous old-fashioned pounding was presented to Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Purcell, Jr., and their daughter. Foods of all descriptions and a generous gift of money were among the offering. Afterwards a fellowship hour was enjoyed by everyone. A fine spirit of unity and cooperation already exists among the people, and it is felt that the formation of the new charge represents a real step of progress for Methodism in this section of our conference.



REV. FLETCHER NELSON, above, has been elected president of Lees-McRae College, a Presbyterian college at Banner Elk, and received this appointment at the Conference which ended Monday at Winston-Salem. Mr. Nelson, a native of Buena Vista, Ga., received his A.B. at Hendrix College, Arkansas, and his B.D. from Duke. As a member of the Western North Carolina Conference he has served as associate pastor of West Market Street church, Greensboro, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Morganton, and has just completed his second year at Dilworth church, Charlotte. He will assume his duties at Lees-McRae immediately.

MISS INEZ RUFTY is the new director of Christian education at the West Asheville Methodist Church. A graduate of Greensboro College with a major in religious education, Miss Rufty for the past two years has been director at Central Church, Mooresville. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Rufty and succeeds Miss Clara Ross who resigned to accept a similar position at Grace Methodist Church, Newport News, Va.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE held its first chapel program for the fall term recently with Dr. P. E. Lindley, dean of students, presiding. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Albert J. Wood, head of the music department, sang "May the Words of My Mouth" by Bambach, "To Thee We Sing," by Tkach, and "Seven-fold Amen" by Lutkin. Dr. Paul Tudor Jones, president of the High Point Ministers Association, welcomed the students to the city and extended an invitation to them to attend the church of their choice in High Point and assured them that each one would be welcome in the Christian fellowship. Dr. Lindley introduced Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of High Point College, who spoke on the topic of "Youth—This Is Your Day" and told the students that "No person in the United States under the age of 35 has ever known a normal environment in which to live." Also that "not a single high school or college graduate of normal age in the United States has experienced, during these years, an educational career under normal conditions."

THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA Conference leads all Conferences in Methodism in its support of retired preachers. From all sources retired ministers in this Conference receive $37.75 for each year of service.

DR. J. M. ORMOND of Durham reported to the Western North Carolina Conference last Friday that the Duke Endowment has aided more than 700 rural churches in North Carolina during the past 25 years.

THE METHODIST Publishing House presented a check through Mr. A. R. White for $8,129.76 to the Western North Carolina Conference last week as its share of the profits of the Publishing House, the money to apply to the Conference Claimants Fund.

MISS CONSTANCE HERBERT, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Herbert of Roanoke Rapids, has joined the staff of Trinity Methodist Church, Sumter, S. C., where Dr. Rembert B. Herbert is pastor. Miss Herbert will direct the new Wesley House program, sponsored by Trinity church in an industrial area of the city.

ANSONVILLE METHODISTS will observe homecoming Sunday, October 2, at eleven o'clock, in concurrence with Anson county's bicentennial celebration. This church, established in 1852, was closely associated with Carolina Female College, founded in 1850. All former pastors and families, all students of the old college and their relatives, former members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend. Picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour.

BETHESDA CHURCH on the West Halifax charge held its homecoming service on Sunday, Sept. 11. The morning worship service was led by the pastor and the message was delivered by Dr. N. M. Harrison of High Point. Bethesda is Dr. Harrison's home church. After a most delightful hour of fellowship with a large number of former members and friends of the church and a bountiful dinner on the grounds, the day's service was continued. In the afternoon Dr. Harrison presented beautiful electric lights to the church in behalf of the Harrison family in memory of their mother. The pastor accepted the gift on behalf of the church after which a most inspiring dedication service was led by Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., a former pastor. The afternoon message was given by Dr. A. M. Fountain, professor of English at N. C. State College.

MEMBERS OF THE RICH SQUARE CHURCH have made some outstanding additions to their church property during the past months. The interior of the sanctuary has been redecorated and a tower chimes amplifying set has been installed. On Sunday night, August 28, Dr. A. J. Hobbs was present to lead the dedicatory service of a new Wurlitzer organ, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Madry. Mr. Madry has served effectively as chairman of the official board of the Rich Square church for a number of years. The church has made generous contributions to all of the church askings during the year including a mission special which equalled 50% of the amount paid on World Service. The other churches of the charge made similar acceptances. At the fourth quarterly conference the officials made good reports and passed a resolution asking for the return of the pastor, N. W. Grant, to the charge for the fifth year.

Zone Meetings Scheduled; Waccamaw Fully Organized; Durham Church to Study Ecumenical Church

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DURHAM DISTRICT ZONE MEETINGS

Mrs. Edd C. Thomas announces the dates and places for the fall zone meetings in the Durham district:

Alamance Zone, Mrs. John R. Poe, leader, at Saxapahaw church on Sunday, October 2, at 2:30 p.m.

Caswell Zone, Mrs. Taylor Long, leader, at Hebron church on the Leasburg charge, on Sunday, October 16, at 2:30 p.m.

Chatham Zone, Mrs. J. Frank Houser, leader, at Ebenezer church on the Bynum charge, on Sunday, October 30, at 2:30 p.m.

Durham Zone, Mrs. A. K. Umstead, leader, at Mt. Bethel church, Bahama, on Sunday, October 23, at 2:30 p.m.

Orange Zone, Mrs. H. H. Brown, leader, at New Sharon church on Hillsboro charge on Saturday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Person Zone, Miss Claudia Carnay, leader, at Allensville church on the Brooksdale charge on Saturday, October 1, at 10:30 a.m.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT ZONE MEETINGS

Mrs. Henry Maddrey announces the places and dates for the fall zone meetings in the Rocky Mount district:

Southern Central Zone on Wednesday, October 5, at Robersonville.

Quin-County Zone on Wednesday, October 12, at Buckhorn.

Warren Zone on Friday, October 14, at Middleburg.

Halifax Zone on Tuesday, October 18, at Halifax.

Northampton Zone on Thursday, October 20, at Severn.

AREA ADVANCE MEETING

The Area Advance Meeting for the N. C. Conference will be held on Monday, October 3, starting at 10 o'clock, in Edenton Street church in Raleigh. Remember, the Woman's Society of Christian Service is a vital part of this Advance Program and it is the duty of the women to attend this important meeting. Have at least one representative from each society at this meeting, if not many more. Your representative will bring back an inspiring report for the ongoing of this program.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS ACTIVITIES FOR THE FALL

As soon as possible in the fall the Christian Social Relations committee of the local society should be called together to plan for United Nations month and United Nations Day, October 24. It is most effective in cooperation with other agencies and church groups. The local Council of Church Women in your community may already have plans under way to observe this month or this day. If so, pitch in and help! If not, it may be well to start such a cooperative community plan.

World Community Day observance on November 4, planned by the United Council of Church Women, will be built around the theme "Peace Is Possible." If you have no local council, plans should be made for the observance of this day by all the churches in your community, doing it together if possible. Materials for this may be secured from the United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. As a result of this observance, "Pieces for Peace" may be gathered by the women and sent overseas. More about this project will appear at a later date.

We as a nation feel very strongly about prayer for and by the U. N. We wrote more letters applauding the action of the U. N. planners in including a worship center in the new buildings than we ever wrote on any other subject in this field—but how many of our own churches will be open for prayer during U. N. week? How many of us will find time to stop in to say a prayer for the U. N?

Because we are a woman's organization let us take a moment to realize how significant it is that the U. N. is working on the Status of Women. That commission met recently in Beirut. Here is a chance for the Status of Women Secretary to make a study of what they have done and present it briefly to the local society. The proceedings from the Beirut meeting are now available from Lake Success.

MISS IDA COLLIE HONORED

Miss Ida Collie of Trinity church in Raleigh, who has been accepted by the Woman's Division of Christian Service as a missionary to China, was honored recently at a coffee hour at the home of Mrs. H. O. Lineberger on Cowper Drive in Raleigh. The Raleigh district and the conference officers living in Raleigh were hostesses for this occasion.

Receiving at the door were Mrs. Lineberger and Mrs. H. A. Davis. Mrs. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern introduced the guests to the receiving line, made of of Mrs. Sam Maxwell of Oxford; Miss Collie; her sister, Miss Josephine Collie; and Mrs. E. L. Hillman. At the door to the dining room were Mrs. J. H. Cutchin and Mrs. L. C. Larkin. Mrs. Gurney P. Hood poured coffee from a beautifully appointed table. Assisting in serving were Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Mrs. J. Warren Smith, and Mrs. C. T. Johnson, Jr. About 60 guests called during the hour.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The executive board of the Conference Woman's Society is in session today at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh. As they plan and pray for the ongoing of the work, may all the women throughout the church and the woman's society pray that what they do may be for the good of all and for the glory of God.

WACCAMAW CIRCUIT 100% ORGANIZED

Th Lebanan church on the Waccamaw circuit was organized on August 28, completing the organization of the circuit. Pireway and Bethesda went together to form a circuit society. Other societies are Bethel and Mishop Springs.

Officers elected for the Labanan Society are: president, Mrs. W. H. McLam of Rt. 4, Whiteville; vice-president, Mrs. H. B. Frink, Rt. 1, Clarendon; promotion secretary, Mrs. Dura Ward, Clarendon; recording secretary, Mrs. Winifred B. Stout, Rt. 3, Whiteville; treasurer, Mrs. Garland Ward, Rt. 3, Whiteville; spiritual life, Mrs. Ernest Hayer, Rt. 1, Clarendon; missionary education, Mrs. Jessie Harper, Rt. 3, Whiteville; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Cleo Riggins, Rt. 3, Whiteville; literature and publication, Mrs. Myrtle Currie, Rt. 3, Whiteville; student work, Mrs. Margaret Ward, Rt. 3, Whiteville; youth work, and children's work, Mrs. Eunice Ward, Rt. 3, Whiteville; supply work and status of women, Mrs. Frances Currie, Rt. 3, Whiteville.

"Due credit," says Mrs. L. Baggett, Columbus zone leader, "should be given to the pastor, Rev. Henry Bizzle, for his assistance in making this work possible."

MISS ANTONIA FROENDT AT DUKE MEMORIAL

In starting the study of the ecumenical church, the Durham zone is having a dinner meeting at Duke Memorial church in Durham on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30, at which time Miss Antonia Froendt will be the guest speaker. She has been connected with the World Council of Churches since its early days more than 25 years ago. She is well qualified to speak on the subject of the ecumenical church and its implications in the world today.

Mrs. A. H. Borland, president of Duke Memorial Woman's Society of Christian Service, asks that all churches in the Durham zone contact their membreship and call into the church office by Monday, October 3, the number to be expected from their church. The Duke Memorial church office telephone number is N-5021. This is necessary that the dinner may be arranged.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Mrs. A. J. Gibbs, of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been elected president of the American Association of Women Ministers which recently held its 30th assembly in Miltonville, Kan. The association has 250 women members, all of them in the active ministry. It was formed in 1919, and now has most of its members in the Baptist, Methodist, Congregational Christian, Missionary Alliance, and Wesleyan Methodist churches. Its founder and first president was Rev. Miss M. Madeline Southard, who has recently completed a two year evangelistic tour of India.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Church World Service, Inc., which represents most of the larger Protestant denominations in their overseas programs of rehabilitation and reconstruction, is making a special plea at this time for organizations of church women to contribute "used but good conditioned" clothing for use in Europe and in Asia. The greatest need is for men's heavy winter clothing; but there is also a call for women's and children's heavy clothing, for infant's layettes and clothing, and for shoes, bedding, sheets, blankets and quilts. From Europe the calls are coming from DP camps, from pastors and students, from prisoners of war, from orphanages, and from refugees in Greece, Palestine, and Central Europe. With winter just around the corner, Christians everywhere are urged to send any or all of the above named articles to Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. If at all possible, a contribution of eight cents per pound for shipping costs accompanying the packages would be much appreciated. As you clean out your closets in doing fall cleaning, see what you can spare for this worthy cause.

ENGRAVED invitations and announcements for weddings and other social occasions may be ordered from the Advocate Office, Box 508, Greensboro, N. C.

Board Orders Building Program; Football Teams Win; Checks Pour In; Home Has Good Financial Year

By O. V. Woosley

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STATE OF EXPECTANCY

By the time this appears in print the eleventh annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference will be a matter of history. At this writing the history has not been made. We are living in a state of expectancy. Our annual conference begins tomorrow. The delegates will be assembling in line to secure information relative to where they will sleep and where they will eat. After the usual uncertainty as to whether there would be sufficient homes open to entertain the delegates it was found that there were homes to spare. We are looking forward to a conference full of profit and promise.

OPEN HOUSE

We shall be looking for a lot of our friends to come to see our Children's Home family on Friday afternoon of the conference. Our home mothers have been encouraged to get their houses in order and to have their children in a state of expectancy. Buses will transfer our friends from Centenary Methodist Church immediately after the afternoon sermon by Bishop Selecman, and for two hours there will be comings and goings. Some punch will be served but the biggest punch of the business will be that of having our friends visiting in the cottages and getting acquainted with the children.

THE NEW YEAR

When conference is over the new year begins. While we have no advance information on the matter, probably one-third of the pastors will have new charges, and that means a third of the charges will have new pastors. In all probability the other two thirds will be ready to start out a new year immediately after the adjournment of conference. We have the feeling that among the many other interests our Methodists leaders will have, they will begin to get ready for the Children's Home fall ingathering, culminating around Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is our observation that those charges that feature these months for financing our family provide the biggest help for our boys and girls and do it in the easiest way.

THE OLD YEAR

From the Children's Home's standpoint, the old year has been a good year for our family. We are not now in position to know whether the finances will be as good as last year but our guess is that they will. At this writing it appears that some $15,000 will be needed to balance our accounts. We have the feeling that this will be forthcoming. A tabulation soon after conference will reveal the accuracy of our guess.

THE BOARD MEETS

The annual meeting of our board of trustees was held at the Children's Home on Thursday, September 15. All officers of the board were re-elected. It was agreed that plans should be drawn up for the new Wrenn Memorial building at a very early date and that the construction of the building be begun as soon as possible. This building will be a dormitory for boys and will provide for kitchen and dining room facilities for the boys in the Duke, John Neal and Wrenn buildings. The green light was also given for the addition to the Reynolds Building, better known to us as the baby cottage. In all probability the new Hanes Gymnasium will be begun in the reasonably near future. After long delays it now appears that our building enterprises will be begun.

A BIG SISTER

The picture this week is that of Louise Edmondson, 16 years old and in the tenth grade. A year ago Louise expressed a desire to live in the Smith Building and help the home mother there in the direction of 30 primary girls. This request was granted and she with a slightly younger sister moved over there as assistants to Mrs. Hatcher, the home mother. This year Louise and her sister expressed a desire to continue to help the little girls, and it was thus agreed upon. Louise is a big sister to a lot of little sisters. She is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Lebanon, High Point, Mrs. Mabel Russell being the correspondent.

FOOTBALL RECORD

Our boys, little and large, continue to play football. A lot of hard practice has resulted in some good playing. So far the varsity team has won its three games after hard contests, winning over Kinston High 7 to 0, Harding High at Charlotte 28 to 7, and Gray High at Winston-Salem 14 to 12. The Gray game was the hardest of the three. The varsity reserves have won over Mineral Springs High reserves by a score of 27 to 7. Other games will be played from time to time.

TURNIP GREENS

The frequent rains have been mighty good on turnips, at least on turnip tops. We are having an abundance of turnip greens and doubtless ere long nice pinkish white roots will be enlarged to such an extent that sweet, juicy turnips will be in abundance. At this writing there is an abundance of late beans, together with okra, peppers and roasting ears. Sweet potatoes are beginning to show up on our tables. Our garden products not only help our finances but help our boys and girls in their growth and development.

FINANCIAL FINDINGS

Since a preceding paragraph was dictated the mail has come, and we have opened it with a great deal of satisfaction. Checks poured out of the letters in such fashion as to give us a lot of encouragement. As the financial arrangements in our congregations are better systemized the Children's Home askings are forwarded to us ahead of conference in bigger proportions than ever before. This, of course, indicates that a less amount is brought in at conference. However, we will have our record books at conference ready for inspection and our receipt books ready for use.

THREE DADDIES

A vivacious little girl who recently came to live with us has had three daddies, with at least two of them living. This attractive girl has known entirely too much about the inconsistencies of a broken home and attendant infidelity. A letter received this morning from Daddy No. 2 voices love for the little girl and a lot of questions concerning the little girl's mother's attitude towards the writer of the letter. It becomes our opportunity to direct this lovable little girl through ways of security and paths of trust and confidence. The children coming to us from broken homes challenge us in no unmistakable way. Our opportunity is to do as good a job of mending as conditions will warrant.

THREE SNITCHERS

Occasionally some of our frying-size boys will go over town in crowded stores and bring back articles for which they have not paid the price. Three such lads did such a thing last Saturday. Before Sunday was over other boys had become aware of the snitching and proceeded to help clear up the matter. The boys led Mr. Clary to where the articles were found and he and the boys went early Monday morning to make restitution. Snitchers do not have a happy time here.

PLAYING CARDS

What to encourage our youngsters to do with their leisure time continues to be an interesting topic with us. Most of the youngsters have a great deal of opportunity for outside physical exercise during their leisure hours at this time of the year. However, there are some youngsters who, not taking to this form of activity, are inclined to stay about the house or out with themselves. A home mother has just brought in four decks of playing cards, three of them being what we term "sin cards." We frankly admit that playing cards are just cards with no moral or immoral values in themselves. However, since the "sin cards," hearts, diamonds, spades and clubs, are connected with so much gambling and since we have observed that our own boys in playing with them are inclined to gamble, we simply do not permit their use here. As a matter of fact, a good game of Rook is just as good a game as any youngster needs to play.

The Call of Isaiah

Isaiah 6

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Isaiah's call came to him in the year that King Uzziah died. The death of this good king made the future of Judah seem ominous. So Isaiah was given a vision of God high and lifted up. The seraphim said one to another, Holy, holy, holy is Jehovah of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory. Men of that day were accustomed to think of their god as confined to the country of those who worshipped him. But the seraphim said, The whole earth is full of the glory of Jehovah. To believe this was a great adventure, for the horizon to the northeast was dark with the threat of the onrushing of the cruel Assyrian conqueror. But the wonder of the biblical prophets is that they realized that back of the Ten Commandments were the forces of the universe ultimately rewarding those who kept them and working for the downfall of all who disobeyed them.

The seraphim adored God as holy. This word holy is difficult to confine to any definition. It expresses all that makes God infinitely exalted and infinitely good. Isaiah exclaims, Woe is men, I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. We are not to think of Isaiah as accustomed to use profane language. But after that vision it seemed to him that any trifling remark, any word unawed by the majesty of God had been a kind of profanity. But we note that one of the seraphim flew to Isaiah's relief. There was a holy haste in his ministry to the prophet's need. He took with the tongs a live coal from off the altar and touched his lips, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, thine iniquity is taken away and thy sins forgiven. We know that the vision was a real vision of God because it did two things: It humbled Isaiah, and conveyed a challenge to brave deeds. He heard a voice saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? That was not a new call. God had broadcasted it again and again. But Isaiah had not been prepared to hear it. Now he hears it and volunteers, Here am I, send me.

But what a strange commission was given to this eloquent and enthusiastic young prophet! Go and tell this people, Hear ye indeed but understand not; and see ye indeed but perceive not; make the heart of this people fat and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes. It would be blasphemous to say that God literally commissioned Isaiah to harm people. Rather Isaiah is being warned that, although doubtless some faithful souls would hear and receive his message, the general effect of his prophecies on the people would be that while at first they might be moved by his eloquence they would shake off the spell of it, and it would seem that instead of doing them good he had hardened them. Isaiah was being vaccinated against discouragement.

The folly of the people would bring the enemy to devastate the land but the felled tree had roots that struck deep and they would sprout again into new life. And so it happened. God's words to him were fulfilled; hence Isaiah's prophecies were incorporated in the Holy Scriptures and millions today are studying them. Long centuries after him the Christ came and recalled Isaiah's very words about the hardness of men's hearts (Matt. 13:10-15). But after his rejection and crucifixion came the resurrection, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world. And God says to us today, Be prepared for temporary backsets but what has already happened should make you confident of a great future for the kingdom of God.

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Annual Report Reveals Gains in All Phases of Conference Educational Activities

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The present record of church school enrollment and attendance is the largest in the history of the conference. The total enrollment of 173,149 last year represents a gain of 4,747 in 1948 and an increase of 30,010 between 1944 and 1948. Average attendance and the circulation of literature are also on the increase.

Officers and Teachers

Thirteen thousand volunteer officers and teachers plan and direct the activities of the 1,050 church schools in which these 173,149 children, young people and adults are enrolled. The leadership of these men and women is invaluable to the cause of Christian education in our conference. The board of education is responsible for and gladly accepts the task of working with these leaders in an effort to improve the teaching ministry of our schools.

Directors of Christian Education

Full-time directors of Christian education are employed in forty of our churches. These persons, along with the ministers and officers and teachers of the church schools, are constantly at work for the advancement of Christian education in our churches.

Superintendents Conference

The Church School Superintendents Conference for the Charlotte Episcopal Area was held at Lake Junaluska, July 29-31, with 150 persons in attendance for South Carolina and western North Carolina. This annual meeting has proved to be most helpful to superintendents and other administrative persons working with them.

Training Schools

The interest in and response to the training program was never finer. In keeping with the Advance, courses on Christian Beliefs have been scheduled in most places. Schools have been held throughout the conference.

District	Schools	Certificates
Asheville	1	60
Charlotte	11	1,031
Gastonia	3	399
Greensboro	5	429
Marion	5	331
Salisbury	3	595
Statesville	5	490
Thomasville	3	347
Waynesville	2	(90)
Winston-Salem	4	622
Totals	42	4,304

Approximately 1,500 people attended camps and assemblies. These summer activities along with the training schools held throughout the year are our best opportunities for leadership training.

Christian Adventure Camps	466
Older Youth Assembly	350
Senior Assembly	450
Young Adult Assembly	140
Superintendents' Conference	150
School of Missions	15
Leadership School	25
Total	1,586

World Service and Conference Benevolences

Church school giving to World Service and Conference Benevolences on fourth Sundays, according to Herbert M. Wayne, was $25,201.53 to September 13. More will be added as reports are received and tabulated for the entire year.

Church School Day

Three hundred and nine schools contributed $6,343.28 between January 1 and September 16. This amount plus $1,487.99 received during and after conference last year makes a total of $7,831.27—a decrease of $276.28 as of this date last year. The 309 churches responded generously and we are grateful to every pastor, superintendent and church school member who participated.

Youth Work

Our Christian Adventure Camp, Hendersonville, had eight weeks of successful camping between June 18 and August 12.

1. Fifty different counselors gave a week or more of time on a volunteer basis.

2. W. F. Hartt, State Sanitarian, visited the camp on July 26. After a thorough inspection, he gave the camp Grade A rating with a score of 95½ points. This was one of the best ratings given to camps in that area this summer.

3. An analysis of the water by the State Board of Health shows the supply to be adequate and sanitary in keeping with the highest standards.

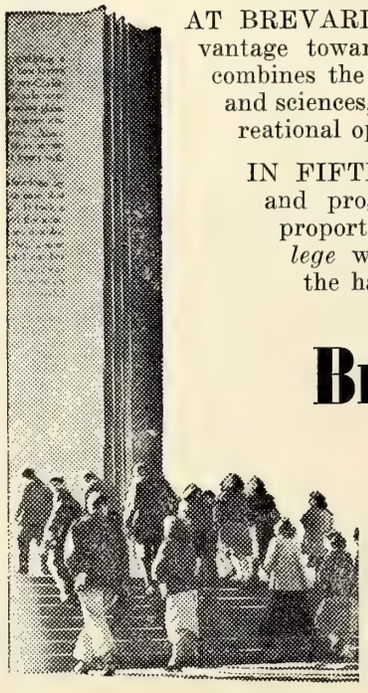
4. Four hundred and sixty-six Intermediate boys and girls attended from the ten districts: Asheville, 35; Charlotte, 74; Gastonia, 81; Marion, 24; Salisbury, 62;

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Statesville, 37; Thomasville, 31; Waynesville, 28; Winston-Salem, 44; Greensboro, 50. Total, 466.

5. Program activities were directed by Miss Marion Craig, Wadesboro, and Mrs. Carl H. King.

Junaluska Assemblies

Two assemblies at Junaluska were attended by 800 young people and their adult leaders. Robert H. Stamey and Mrs. Stamey served as dean and head counselor of the older group while Horace R. McSwain and Mrs. Carl King carried these responsibilities for the senior assembly. About 100 volunteer leaders gave a week of their time to make these experiences a vital factor in the lives of our young people.

Youth Caravans

Under the counselorship of Miss Clara Watkins, Valdese, a student at Scarritt, a caravan spent seven weeks visiting Glen Alpine, West Market, Spray, Main Street in High Point, West End in Thomasville, First in Wadesboro, and Centenary-Triplett in Mooresville.

Youth and Missions

The cultivation of missionary interest and giving on the part of youth is an important task. An amount of $6,850 was given to the Methodist Youth Fund last year.

Youth Night Program

Youth Night at Conference with Dr. M. B. Stokes as speaker and two area meetings in Asheville and Charlotte with Hoover Rupert, speaker, launched youth work in a fine way for the year. These were the last activities planned and directed by Miss Nell Webb as director of youth work.

Conference Council

The Conference Youth Council met at Sunny Acres for two days in January to plan the assemblies and their program for the year. District directors who carried large responsibilities for the year were Clara Ross, Robert H. Stamey, Leon Stubbs, Hollyce Highfill, Elise Crawford, Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner, Mrs. J. E. Yountz, James Clemmer, Mrs. George Culbreth, and Mrs. M. G. Piland, Jr.

Young Adult Work

Under the volunteer leadership of Aubert M. Smith, conference president, young adult work has made a decided advance during the past two years. District and sub-district meetings were held in the interest of the local church program and Junaluska Assembly. Classes on adult work were scheduled in most training schools. District directors who have assisted with the work are Thad McDonald, John Hamilton, Rollin Gibbs, Ernest Scarboro, Courtney Ross, Cecil Hefner, G. W. Bumgarner, Wilson O. Weldon, Clyde Collins, and R. W. McCulley.

Our Colleges

Duke University, and Greensboro, High Point and Bervard Colleges have opened with good enrollments. An amount of $7,500 has been paid to each of these institutions out of the regular appropriation this year. Approximately $5,000 more will go to each school from the College Emergency Fund.

Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, owned and operated by the Women's Division of our church, has excellent equipment and a fine program of Christian education under the direction of Dr. C. M. Waggoner, president.

Methodist Student Day

The offering taken annually on the second Sunday in June for the National Methodist Scholarship Fund totals $1,447.56 this year. This is an increase of $769.97 over last year but is not yet as generous as it should be from this conference. Approximately $4,000 was awarded in scholarships in our colleges last year.

Race Relations Offering

The offering received on the second Sunday in February amounts to $4,102.12 for the current year, which is an increase of $1,196.58 over last year. This offering is directed through the Department of Schools and Colleges, Nashville, to Bennett College in Greensboro. The Race Relations offering in February 1950 will again be directed to Bennett College.

Junaluska Children's Building

One of the basic needs at Junaluska and in our Jurisdictional program of leadership training is a building in which to conduct activities with the children from June 1 to the end of August at our assembly grounds. An effort is being made to raise the necessary funds in the Sunday schools of the Jurisdiction. This conference has contributed $966.38 to date. A total of $3,037.22 is in hand from the Jurisdiction. It is estimated that $60,000 will be needed for this project. Our share has been set at $6,000. It is hoped that this money may be secured by February 1, 1950.

Conference Staff

The record for this year is easily one of the very best we have had. As executive Secretary, I want to express sincere appreciation for the faithful, efficient work of Mrs. W. R. Reed, director of Children's Work, Miss Leona Morgan and Miss Elizabeth Summersett, whose services have been indispensable in the success of the work throughout the year.

Executive Committee and Board Members

We are grateful to W. A. Kale, president, members of the executive committee, and other board members who have given unsparingly of their time and leadership for the cause of Christian education this year.

Working With Cabinet

It has been the practice through the years for officers and staff members to work in close cooperation with the presiding bishop and his cabinet. Meetings and personal conferences are held for counsel and planning as are needed from time to time during the year.

CARL H. KING
Executive Secretary

RADIO TO HELP LAUNCH EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE

Two radio programs over more than 100 stations each will help launch the 37-denominational effort to evangelize America, on Sunday, October 2, World Communion Day.

As World Communion Day calls Christians in America to the Lord's Supper on the opening day of the 15-months long United Evangelistic Advance, Dr. Jesse M. Bader announced that other millions at home will hear special programs arranged by the Protestant Radio Commission, with the cooperation of the National and American Broadcasting companies.

Dr. Bader, executive secretary of the United Evangelistic Advance, announced that prominent Christian laymen will be heard on Sunday, Oct. 2, on nationwide broadcasts of the Radio Pulpit, and National Vespers. The laymen will each deliver four-minute talks on "America's Moral and Spiritual Needs and How to Meet Them," and the moderators, Dr. Ralph Sockman and Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, will devote six-minute sermonettes to the Advance.

On the Radio Pulpit (NBC, 10 to 10:30 a.m. EST) the radio audience will hear Mr. Walter Disney, Hollywood, California, motion picture producer, and Hon. Florence Allen, Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals of Cleveland, Ohio.

Governor Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota, and Mr. Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers and recently signally honored by the Federal Council of Churches, will speak on National Vespers, (ABC, 1:30 to 2 p.m., EST).

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A "Found" Generation

By D. Stewart Patterson

The Air Corps "kids" and GI Joe are going to Sunday School—and having a great time, and so are the Army and Navy "kids," and those from homes of civilian employees.

Because Methodist chaplains, together with those from other denominations, are placing increasing emphasis upon religious education in their military ministry, the children of service personnel of the armed forces of our country are being saved from being an entirely lost generation.

Today, the 262 Methodist ministers, on active duty as chaplains with the Army, Navy and Air Force, are doing something about the situation through active, well-planned programs of Christian education. They tell their story as they report to the Methodist Commission on Chaplains.

At Hickman Air Base, in Hawaii, Chaplain (Captain) Vernon M. Goodhand (Peninsula Conference) recently completed a Daily Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment of 225 children, ranging in ages from 3 to 11. "Nearly all of the pre-teen-agers are regularly enrolled in Sunday School classes," he writes. "Twelve adults, recruited from among service personnel, served as instructors. More than 150 parents attended the final school exercises, and showed great interest in a plan to establish this fall a Bible study school, to last one hour a day."

"Our Sunday School is growing. We expect to have to find larger quarters by winter when the weather makes it impossible to hold Nursery and Primary classes outside. A Women's Bible Class is organized; also a Men's Bible Class and a Service Men's Christian League," so reports Chaplain (Captain) John T. Evans, Jr., (New York Conference) now stationed in Tripoli.

In Heidelberg, Germany, Chaplain W. K. Anderson, (Western North Carolina Conference) serving as Post Chaplain, conducts a regularly departmentalized Sunday School, averaging from 90 to 100 in weekly attendance, and staffed with wives of officers and enlisted men, and other service personnel serving voluntarily as teachers and officers. A building adjacent to the church (a German church now being used as Post Chapel) is being used as the educational plant for the activities of the program.

At Wurzburg, Germany, Chaplain (Major) Robert F. Thornton, (West Oklahoma Conference) reports that in April he held 20 church school sessions with an attendance of 498; in May, 10 sessions with 650 attending; and in July, 13 sessions with 455 attending.

A Chapel Nursery to care for small children while parents attend church services, has become an important part of the program organized by Chaplain (Major) Harold T. Whitlock, (Illinois Conference) and now with the U. S. Air Force at Neubilberg, Germany. "We are reaching both parents and children," he reports.

At Middletown, Pennsylvania, Chaplain Wendell F. Rex, (North Iowa Conference) stationed at Olmstead Air Force Base, conducted a two-weeks Daily Vacation Bible School, with total of 104 children of military and civilian personnel. "Our scheduled classes were well attended each day. We concluded the school with a picnic and commencement exercises."

Representing the Navy, Chaplain Robert F. Lang, (Philadelphia Conference) until recently stationed at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C., and now at Naval Hospital, Beaufort, S. C., reported:

"From a Sunday School of approximately 50 children, the school was reorganized and now has an enrollment of 171, including 40 members of the Cradle Roll and 17 teachers, a secretary and superintendent. We have an Adult Bible Class which has been improving each month. All of our material is from the Methodist Publishing House, graded. The gratifying results of two of our special programs was the exceptional response of the parents of the children."

In addition to these chaplains with the military, The Methodist Church is represented by 50 chaplains serving with Veterans Hospitals, and 4 with Federal prisons, and approximately 75 others with state and county and city correctional and other institutions.

Thus, The Methodist Church, through the chaplaincy extends its ministry and its service. In order that The Methodist Church may not fail in its ministry to Methodist youth, and those from other denominations who come under the responsibility of our chaplains, the Church through its Commission on Chaplains gives guidance and support to these ministers at home and abroad.

The Commission endeavors to make available to the Chaplains, whenever and wherever the supplies are not furnished by the Government, selected religious literature—for Sunday Schools, youth groups, hospitals, and for individual reading and study; Communion sets and elements are furnished each Methodist Chaplain in order that he may be able, at all times, to minister more effectively to those to whom assigned. Conferences are held, visitations made and contacts maintained with all Methodist Chaplains by the Commission, thus helping, supplying, encouraging and guiding them as they minister in the name of the Church.

The Methodist Commission on Chaplains receives its support from the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, one-half of which goes to the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, and one-fourth to each of Commission on Chaplains and Committee on Camp Activities.

All Methodists are urged to participate generously in the observance of World Communion Sunday, October 2, this year.



Daily Vacation Bible School conducted by Chaplain (Lt. Commander) Joseph J. Tubbs (Baltimore Conference) Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va.

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This quartet, representing early American Methodist leaders, made an unexpected but dramatic appearance at the annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference held at Winston-Salem, September 21-26. They will make several other appearances in the State. Reading left to right, Rev. Fred Stinson, of College Park, Ga., representing Ezekiel Cooper; Rev. Lamar Ray of Dacula, Ga., representing John Dickins; Rev. Lucian E. Sine of Louisville, Ky., representing Nathan Bangs; and Rev. Hugh G. Allen of Madisonville, Ky., representing Francis Asbury. All are students in the Emory School of Theology. See story on page 5.

Letters to the Editor; Set-Up Meetings; Hoyle Announces Marion District Conference

ARE WE BECOMING A CLASS CHURCH?

Dear Editor:

Your editorial, "Methodism and the Common People" was timely and to the point. Methodism is fast becoming a "class" church. This is clearly seen in the location of new churches and the characteristics of the average Methodist congregation of today compared with that of prior years.

No wonder there is a ministerial shortage with so many of our most talented preachers holding down various desk jobs all the way from superintendent of non-church orphanages to secretaries of the many and various boards and commissions of the already top-heavy administration forces of our church.

Wesley said in London in 1786: "I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion—without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit and discipline with which they first set out."

KERMIT O'CONNELL

Raleigh.

ABOUT PASTORAL CHANGES

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading your splendid article on "Is a Change of Pastor or Pastorate the Answer?" and would like to have 50 copies of this issue if you can possibly furnish them.

DANIEL C. BOONE

Garland.

PRAYER A MIGHTY FORCE

Dear Editor:

Please let me thank you for your editorial in this week's Christian Advocate—"Prayer Still a Mighty Redeeming Force." It is most timely. The story you related could happen wherever there is real faith and prayer. God's power is not limited except as we limit Him. Dr. Frank Laubach says that "Prayer is the mightiest force in the world." Please keep reminding us of this power.

MRS. J. S. WILLIAMS

Asheville.

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Harrell authorizes the following changes in appointments: C. Y. Ingram to Peachland, J. J. Shepard to Lilesville, C. W. Russell to Waxhaw (Charlotte District), and C. D. Brown to Swannanoa (Asheville District.)

E. H. NEASE, Secretary

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT STEWARDS MEETING

The Winston-Salem District Stewards' meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. All pastors and district stewards are expected to attend. Representatives of Conference causes are invited.—H. G. Allen, D. S.

ATTENTION SALISBURY DISTRICT

The District Stewards and Set-Up Meeting for the Salisbury District will be held at First Church, Salisbury, Monday, October 10, at 2 p.m. The pastors, charge lay leaders, and district stewards will meet in seperate groups. At 3 o'clock these groups will combine for discussion and adoption of apportionments and program of work for the new year. Representatives of conference interests are invited to be present. —Walter B. West, D. S.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The Waynesville District Set-Up Meeting will be held at Waynesville, First Church, Monday, October 10 at 2 p.m. It is desired that all pastors, district stewards, church school superintendents, and presidents of women's societies attend.

C. N. CLARK, D. S.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The pastors and district stewards of the Thomasville district will meet Tuesday, October 11, 2:30 p.m., at Memorial church, Thomasville, for the annual set-up meeting. The District Missionary Institute will not be held at this time.—G. B. Clemmer, D. S.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT STEWARDS TO MEET

The annual meeting of the District Stewards for the Asheville District will be held at Central church, Asheville, promptly at 9:30 a.m. October 13. The ministers of the district are invited to attend this meeting, and others who may be interested will be most welcome.—R. Dwight Ware, D. S.

MARION DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Marion District Conference for the new Conference year will be held at the Methodist Church in Boone Wednesday, October 12, beginning at ten o'clock. Representatives of the various interests of the church are invited.—John Hoyle, Jr., D. S.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PASTOR'S REPORTS

All pastors of the North Carolina Conference are requested to send Table I of the Pastor's Report to Annual Conference to Rev. W. C. Wilson, conference statistician, Mount Olive, N. C., on or before October 15th. Table II, if completed, may be sent at the same time; or any time before the Annual Conference convenes; or filed with the statistician immediately upon registering at Conference.—Thomas McM. Grant, Conference Secretary.

DURHAM METHODIST SOCIETY BEGINS FALL RADIO SERIES

The Durham Methodist Society begins its fall radio program Sunday, October 9, over station WDNC, Durham, with a series of programs entitled "Adventures in Living" under the direction of Dr. Russell L. Dicks, professor of pastoral care in Duke Divinity School and chaplain in the Duke Hospital. Dr. Dicks will use as his general theme, "The Cure of Souls," Themes for each Sunday in October are as follows: October 9, "And He Visited Me;" October 16, "Grief's Slow Wisdom;" October 23, "Growing Old Courageously;" October 30, "Mrs. Brown Visits Her Pastor." These programs are presented in dramatic form with music by the Divinity School radio quartet. The broadcasts will be heard at one p.m.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That his church is an organism. What is an organism? Webster says it is anything in which the relationship of part to part involves a relationship of part to whole, thus making it self-inclusive and self-dependent. An illustration of an organism is a living human being, animal, or plant. A living Christian church, "the body of Jesus Christ," is thus an organism. It is composed of "living organs or parts which are mutually dependent on one another and essential to life." Dr. G. S. Dobbins, in **Building Better Churches,** says, "all organism requires a certain amount of organization. The more highly developed the organism the more complex is the organization. Disaster would come to any organism that did not possess appropriate organization."

In an organism the whole exists for the benefit of each part and each part exists for the benefit of the whole. If the church organism is to function properly every part, which here we will assume is a member, must be actively related to the whole. Trouble often begins in a Christian church when one part—one member—assumes more importance than the whole. Paralysis in the Christian church is often reflected when certain parts—members—refuse to assume active responsibility for the good of the whole.

Sometimes the inactive parts, or members, of the church become so from their own choice. In other cases they are inactive because they have been neglected or overlooked. If the minister should ask his inactive members the question Jesus once asked, "Why have you been standing about here all day doing nothing?", he might get the reply Jesus got, "Because nobody has hired us."

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EDITORIAL

A Basic Salary Plan for All Pastors

On Monday morning at the closing session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference laymen and preachers were confronted with one of the most disturbing questions they faced during the entire Conference. It concerned pastors' salaries. A report presented by Rev. John H. Carper called for a commission to study a basic salary plan aimed toward equalization and stabilization of the salaries of ministers in the Conference. Rev. Harry Williams, speaking to the report, gave the following reasons in support of such a plan: First, it would tend to lessen competition among preachers; secondly, it would remove the price tag on preachers; thirdly, it would provide adequate income for all ministers; and, fourthly, it would increase efficiency.

Now, it becomes apparent at once that many problems are involved in such a radical proposal. It would require painstaking thought and exhaustive study even before a plan could be recommended. Moreover, it would require many months or even years before the plan could be operated successfully. Even so, there are principles involved in the proposal that cannot be easily brushed aside. Thoughtful preachers and laymen alike realize that the present system is far from perfect. Although they may not agree that the present system is to blame for all the seeming inequalities and injustices, they are ready to admit that it needs careful scrutiny A close examination may reveal facts that are shocking. For example, the difference in the salary scale is entirely too wide. Even though no pastor may be receiving too much, there are many conscientious workmen who are receiving too little. Many pastors will confess that the present system puts a strain upon their conscience that is good neither for their own souls or for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Many laymen are greatly disturbed over the part salary plays in the appointments.

Of course, no one has the perfect plan. But as long as there are serious questions about the present system, the church is under obligation to study this matter conscientiously, and if it finds a plan more Christian, it should be courageous enough to adopt it. At least, the Western North Carolina Conference, in voting for the commission, is moving in the right direction.

The strength of nations lies, not only in their wealth and manpower, but in ideals of human association based upon one compelling motive . . . . faith in the brotherhood of man. —John Morley.

When a man does only what he must do, he will remain all his life in the rank and file.—Elbert Hubbard.

Here's Where Our Money Goes

In 1948 the American people had a total income of $226,204,000,000. Of that amount, according to the Federal Reserve Bank, they spent $177,700,000,000. The break-down in expenditures were as follows: Crime costs, $15,000,000,000; gambling, $15,000,000,000; meat, $12,400,000,000; alcoholic beverages, $8,800,000,000; milk and dairy products, $8,000,000,000; accidents, $7,200,000,000; education, $5,200,000,000; advertising, $4,830,700,000; tobacco, $4,160,000,000; bakery goods, $2,417,000,000; motion pictures, $1,545,000,000; jewelry, $1,379,665,350; church contributions, $1,340,000,000; soft drink industry—bottled — $1,000,000,000; commercialized vice, $500,000,000; beauty parlors and barber shops, $481,271,000; toys and novelties, $300,000,000; musical merchandise, $240,000,000.

These figures speak for themselves. Some of them are so large that they mean little to the average person. However, when they are compared with each other, they are quite disconcerting. For one thing, we are spending almost three times as much for crime as we are for education. Our gambling bill is also about three times as much as the amount we spend on the education of our youth. We spent about five times as much for beverage alcohol as we gave to the churches; while tobacco is about three times as important to us as our churches.

It is encouraging that church income reached an all-time high in 1948. But compared to the total income, our giving is on the decline. For example, in 1909 the American people spent for religion and charity nearly three cents out of every dollar. In 1919 it had fallen to two and one-half cents. In 1940 the amount expended out of every dollar was a penny for religion and about a half a cent for welfare. Last year we gave about a half a penny out of every dollar to the church.

Jesus said that where the treasure is there will be the heart also. He could have added that we spend our treasure where the heart is.

A Revival of Religious Fervor Needed

Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, in the opening address of his denomination's 56th triennial General Convention last week at San Francisco, called for a revival of the religious fervor that inflamed Christians in the first century. Speaking to 1,700 bishops, priests and laymen, the presiding bishop declared: "The tragedy of today is deeper than the circumstances we confront. It lies even more in the fact that we have forgotten our dependence upon God, that of ourselves we have no power to help ourselves. . . Certainly as compared to the first century the spiritual temperature of the church is low. When the church was formally recognized by the Roman state something of the heroic, the daring, the distinctive was lost from the Christian witness and in general, with notable execeptions of groups and especially of individuals, this loss has never been repaired. We are all of us too conventional, too limited, and let us say frankly without any gross interpretation of the word, too worldly."

Bishop Sherrill was obviously speaking to members of his own communion. The conditions he describes, however, apply to church members generally. Religion in many circles has become altogether too formal, too smugly respectable, too coldly intellectual. Many followers of Christ are afraid of enthusiasm. They seem to want to keep religion as dry as dust. Many of us go to a football game and yell ourselves hoarse, or to a movie and laugh or cry to our heart's content. But when we go to church we want to leave our emotions on the outside. A hearty "amen" from the pew in many churches would be such a shock to the preacher that he would forget his sermon. Many of us will get all excited about a political campaign, but freeze up like icebergs during an evangelistic campaign. The great need of the hour is a religious fervor that will capture the imagination and heart of the multitudes outside the church.

Church people today have every human and material asset for winning the world to Christ. They have talent, skill, material treasure, good buildings, an excellent organization. They lack only one thing—spiritual power. With the enthusiasm and zeal and fervor of the early Christians we could capture our generation for Christ. And what a glorious time we would have doing it!

"War Offers No Solution to East-West Conflict"

By Garland Evans Hopkins
Associate Secretary, Board of Missions and Church Extension

It is difficult for an American to maintain emotional balance or objective viewpoint when he attempts to assess the East-West situation. As I have visited areas under Russian control, I have tried to be objective, but with what measure of success I cannot know.

Some facts seem crystal clear; others are clouded and difficult to bring into focus. I shall at present share only those conclusions about which I now entertain no doubts. This means that I can now give only a partial picture of the situation or even of what I think about the situation.

First and foremost, I am convinced that war offers no solution to the tensions and conflicts existing between East and West. Neither the democracies nor the communist countries have anything to gain from resorting to arms to solve the problems which are the outgrowth of conflicting ideologies. Nevertheless, it is impossible to rule out the possibility of war. With each side suspicious of the motives of the other, and with the continued fraying of nerves by the "cold war," almost any unfortunate incident could become the beginning of a full-scale war.

The way out of the present dilemma lies in statesmanship and diplomacy, backed by a genuine desire for and determination to obtain freedom for all people. Means must be found to get the truth to the people of both East and West. The Western press is often guilty of presenting only a part of the story. The Eastern press is interested only in giving accounts of incidents which discredit the West. Only when there is widespread understanding of the facts, both good and bad, can people make intelligent choices, ideologically or politically.

In the West it is high time we have done with both hysterical fear of communism and a naive refusal to face the facts of Eastern totalitarianism. Neither attitude is conducive to maintaining peace. This does not mean that I advocate peace at any price. It does mean that I reject war as a possible means of spreading democracy. Victorious war against communism would almost certainly result in widespread return of fascism in some countries, in chaos and anarchy in others, but it would bring democracy to none.

If the western democracies are to win in the present ideological struggle, they must produce more evidence of devotion to the uplift of the masses. Inclusion of fascist Portugal in the Atlantic Pact did not help in this respect, nor do the policies of the present regimes in Italy and Greece inspire the masses in neighboring countries to believe that the influence of the democracies is on the side of the people. It is entirely proper to condemn party regimes, controlled elections and abridgements of individual freedom in Eastern European countries. It is also proper to condemn the same occurrences in Portugal, Spain, and Greece. It is right to condemn imperialistic aggression by Russia in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and elsewhere, but only if similar imperialistic practices by the Netherlands against Indonesia or by France against Indo-China and North Africa are also condemned. The weakness of the democracies' case against communism is that one or another of them is guilty of almost any charge to be leveled against the communists.

Mr. Hopkins, after extensive travel and broad contacts both with church and state leaders in Europe, concludes that the struggle against totalitarianism will not be won by out-distancing the communists in an armament race, but by out-distancing them in an everyday practice of democracy at home and abroad.

The most tragic aspect of the current situation in Eastern Europe is the failure of the church to serve as conscience to the state. The Roman Catholic Church has compromised her potential strength by intermingling her plea for religious liberty with other pleas against land reform and school reforms, long overdue. The Orthodox and Protestants, remembering centuries of Roman Catholic persecution and obstruction and their relatively freer and more favorable position today than under former regimes bound by Vatican concordats, allow these to blur their vision of the shape of things to come. They stand by silently until it is too late to raise a protesting voice, or they completely capitulate to the demands of the state.

These demands do little to interfere with freedom of worship. They affect church policy only if the local body has international connections. The fact so frequently overlooked in western countries is that Roman Catholics, Orthodox Lutherans, reformed churches, and Jewish synagogues are each still being supported by the state in one or more of the communist countries. The state is not against the church in the performance of its priestly functions. It does demand that it give up its prophetic functions in relation to the political or social order. There is no real separation of church and state in most of the eastern European countries. Rather, the churches have been, or are in process of being, integrated into the program of the state.

Unfortunately, no clear voice has been raised against this subordinating of the church to the state. Stepinac of Yugoslavia was undoubtedly a Nazi collaborator; Mindszenty of Hungary was tainted by political maneuvers that, at least, bordered on treason; Ordass lacked the ability to make himself a symbol; and the Bulgarian pastors chose life, as one of them pointed out in his testimony, rather than the greatness almost thrust upon them. The Roman Catholics are only fooling their own peasant constituency, certainly not the communists, when their wooden statue in Lublin weeps blood from one eye and tears from the other, presumably in sorrow over the plight of the church. If Archbishop Beran of Czechoslovakia, personally a good man with a liberal viewpoint, is to become the symbol of the church as the conscience of the state, he must distinguish between his fight for religious liberty and his fight to maintain the political supremacy and wealth of the church.

In all the areas I visited I was well received and kindly treated. I believe that between my contacts arranged by governmental officials and those with church leaders and members I was able to get as balanced a picture as my limited time would allow. I come away convinced as ever that the great need of our times is a dynamic democracy that will so attract the people of the world that totalitarianism of any form will disappear from our world. To make democracy dynamic is the challenging task of Christian citizens in America and in other western countries. If we fail to meet this challenge, the communists will continue their forward march. The issue is not one to be resolved by out-distancing the communists in an armament race, We must out-distance them in our everyday practice of democracy, at home and abroad.

Early Methodist Leaders Visit North Carolina

The Thursday morning session of the Western North Carolina Conference meeting in Winston-Salem at Centenary Methodist Church was interrupted by a song—The Mariner's Hymn, in fact—and during the stir and murmur that followed, four young men who looked as though they had just stepped from the 18th century filed in, singing with an enthusiasm and fervor that reminded some of the older attendants of the camp-meetings of their youth. They were wholly absorbed in their singing and oblivious of their 20th century audience until they finished the hymn, at which time the cape-clad, jabot-shirted leader stepped forward and introduced himself to Bishop Costen J. Harrell, who was presiding.

"Forgive me, Bishop. You were not expecting me, I know. I am Francis Asbury."

Thus opened the Conference presentation of the 160th anniversary program of The Methodist Publishing House, featuring a quartet of four young ministers from the Candler School of Theology of Emory University, and Dr. Roy L. Smith, one of the Church's two Publishing Agents, as the speaker of the hour.

Bishop Asbury (played by Rev. Hugh G. Allen of the Louisville Conference) then introduced his companions, John Dickins, first Publishing Agent of the Book Concern (Rev. James L. Ray of the North Georgia Conference); Ezekiel Cooper, second Publishing Agent of the Book Concern (played by Rev. Fred E. Stinson of the Florida Conference); and Nathan Bangs, the Publishing Agent under whose leadership the Publishing House entered the printing field and published the first *Christian Advocate* (played by Rev. Lucian E. Sine of the Louisville Conference).

In the dialogue that followed, the history of the 160-year-old Publishing House was reviewed by Asbury:

"It was in 1789, you know, gentlemen, that the little, struggling pioneering Methodist Church in America announced to the world that it had some concerns—a concern for souls, a concern for education, and what interests us today especially, a *concern for books.*"

John Dickins brought out the progress of the Publishing House:

"What a venture of faith it was in those days. And what fulfillment of faith it represents today. My $600 (Dickins launched the Publishing House, or Book Concern as it was then called, with his life savings of $600) has been multiplied more than 18,000 times and today our Publishing House is worth more than $11,000,000. That is what I call a good investment of my money."

Ezekiel Cooper described his contribution to the struggling young printing agency of the Church:

"When I took over . . . our business was in the red for many years, and it was my job to get it in the black and start it growing. When we moved to New York in 1804 the business was worth $40,000."

And Nathan Bangs suggested his part as third Publishing Agent in the growth of the Concern:

". . . I could see that if our business was ever to amount to much, we would have to be printers to the Church as well as publishers."

The four, authentically costumed in the type of clothing worn by the men they portrayed, then assumed their identities as the Circuit Rider Quartet and sang a few of the hymns and camp meeting songs widely sung in the days when Methodism was spreading the Christian faith in pioneer America. The selections included such all-time favorites as "Amazing Grace," "Canaan," and "Pleading Saviour." As they were leaving, Asbury said that they would return that evening to present a full musical program.

In addition to the Winston-Salem engagement, the 160th anniversary program of the Methodist Publishing House, including Dr. Smith and the quartet pictured on the cover page this week, will be presented in North Carolina as follows: October 30, p.m., Trinity Church, Durham; November 2, a.m., Duke University; November 5, North Carolina Conference, Sanford.

Following the evening musical program, Dr. Smith spoke, stressing the necessity for accurate thinking among the Christian of today.

"A highly trained professional man of Jesus' day once asked him for the most important rule of life, and he answered, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God. . . with all thy mind.' This means that clear and accurate thinking is at the base of good religion. . . The Christian who is not thinking and reasoning is not truly loyal to Christ. The man who is not feeding his mind is not dealing justly with his spirit. That is the reason the Church has always set such great store by Christian literature."

Dr. Smith went on to say that the Christian religion has always been a religion built around a book—the Bible, and that the Bible has through the years produced and inspired vast volumes of literature.

"There has never been a generation since the crucifixion of Jesus when it was so necessary that Christians think, and . . . think accurately. There is a place on the reading table of every Christian home for religious books and a religious paper. The home which does not have these two things is not completely furnished. To lack such is to insure a family lacking in spiritual vitamins."

The Thursday evening program was one of 28 appearances to be made this fall by Dr. Smith and the quartet at Conferences, churches, and pastors' schools throughout the south, mid-west, and east. The tour will require nine weeks.

At the Thursday morning session of the Conference, John Dickins of the Quartet presented Presiding Bishop Harrell with the check for Conference claimants, the Western North Carolina Conference's part of the annual appropriation made from Publishing House funds for superannuated ministers.

The 160-year-old Publishing House is sponsoring this program for the threefold purpose of recapturing something of the vigor and enthusiasm traditional with the Methodist Church, of presenting the part the House has played in the history and growth of the Church, and of showing the part the House is playing today in serving not only the churches themselves, but individuals within the churches to whom The Methodist Publishing House is more and more coming to be their bookstore.

A Prayer for Faith

Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief
I want to trust Thee more,
Till earthly life is o'er;
My way is rough, and dark at times with grief.

I cannot move these mountains out alone;
When sickness clouds my sky,
And disappointments try,
I need triumphant faith that will not moan.

My problems deep and burdens hard to bear,
Call for a faith that grows,
Like mustard seed, and knows
To pray and work and hope for future fair.

Give me a faith that says, "Thy will, not mine!"
A faith that stays unfurled,
That overcomes the world,
And keeps life steady all along the line!

—John Cline

More Than 1,000 Attend Mass Meeting Monday; Trinity Church, Wilmington, Expands Facilities

SPEAKERS CALL METHODISTS TO PRACTICE FAITH IN CONFERENCE-WIDE MASS MEETING AT RALEIGH MONDAY

More than 1000 ministers and laymen from all parts of eastern North Carolina gathered at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, Monday for the Conference-wide mass meeting. During the all-day meeting that began at ten o'clock in the morning and continued with afternoon and evening meetings the congregation heard seven featured speakers, participated in a discussion period, and made plans to begin the actual emphasis on "Our Faith" the first of November. Bishop W. W. Peele, presiding bishop of the North Carolina Conference, was in charge of the sessions. Speakers included Dr. Walter C. Gum of Richmond, Va., Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark., Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, Dr. D. Stewart Patterson of Washington, D. C., Dean Harold A. Bosley of the Duke Divinity School, Mrs. R. M. White of Richmond, Va., and Rev. W. L. Clegg of Burlington. The meeting was one in a series of 78 Advance Mass meetings being held throughout the nation during October.

Rev. Walter C. Gum

The Kingdom, referred to frequently in the New Testament, is not a social or political organization, the Rev. Dr. Walter C. Gum of Richmond told the mass meeting. "It is a mode of life that begins in a physical setting and is indestructible by death. It is a state in which the will of God is perfectly obeyed." Dr. Gum is pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond. He named three characteristics of the Kingdom of God: (1) an awareness and sensitiveness to the divine, (2) the supremacy of personality, (3) the practice of the law of love.

"Men have always been dreaming of a better day," Dr. Gum said. He cited Old Testament prophets, as well as secular writers ancient and modern, to show the widespread dissatisfaction that men have always had with the kind of world they live in. John, the Baptist, came proclaiming that the Kingdom was at hand and Jesus made the realization of the Kingdom preeminent in all He said. "Jesus was thrilled with the idea of the Kingdom of God, and was willing to give His life for it."

Dr. Gum challenged his fellow-Methodists, in closing, to dedicate themselves to bringing to pass an era when all men will know God, respect one another as sons of God, and where the law of love prevails. "What are we doing to bring in this Kingdom?" he asked. "May we be truly honest when we pray 'Thy Kingdom come.'"

Bishop Paul E. Martin

Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, Ark., closed the morning session with an address on "Our Christian Conception of the Worth of Man." Bishop Martin administers Methodist churches and institutions in Arkansas and Louisiana and was recently elected president of the denomination's Board of Temperance which has its headquarters in Washington, D. C.

That the creeds men repeat and the creeds they live are not always identical was Bishop Martin's contention. "At the outset," he said, "we must recognize that our personal conduct should harmonize with ideals we recognize as worthy of our devotion."

Urging that men must come into great convictions about life the Bishop mentioned three that he regarded as supremely important: (I) a belief that man is a creature of dignity and worth because he is a child of God, (2) a belief that man achieves his true destiny as he discovers God's will and follows it, (3) a belief that, as children of God, man can have a part in building a better world according to divine plan.

"Jesus had audacity to believe that twelve men, empowered by his spirit, could conquer the world," Bishop Martin said. "The early Christians believed there was a power in the Gospel to turn the world upside down. That power is still available. It's use awaits heroic spirits who know WHO they are and dream of what they may be."

Mr. D. Stewart Patterson

Fellow Methodist laymen were summoned "to come down out of the grandstands and off the sidelines and to get into the game" by D. Stewart Patterson of Washington, D. C., at the afternoon meeting. Mr. Patterson is the executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and is lay leader of the Baltimore Conference.

"Too long we have been willing to watch the play, even to pay admission. The time has now come not only to pay, but to participate," he said.

Speaking on "Christian Doctrine and the Advance," Patterson asserted that the best attack upon communism is a thoroughly aroused, informed and active Christian laity and ministry. Our weakness too often is that, unlike the communist, we are not informed as to our doctrines and our faith and are therefore unable to defend it well."

"In ordinary times," Patterson said, "when things are going smoothly, the question of faith seems academic, but in the hour of crisis, belief is imperative, decision is required. Believing that God is, we stand to win; but doubting that he is, we stand to lose everything. It is precisely at this point that the Advance makes its contribution—to help people intelligently to understand the faith they profess and to translate these truths into daily living."

Dean Harold A. Bosley

Dean Harold A. Bosley of the Duke Divinity School told 400 young people from various charges over the Conference assembled at the Methodist Orphanage Monday evening that this generation of youth will either be the best generation or it will be the last. Speaking specifically, he stated that the church is asking young people to believe in God, to try to live the kind of life found in Jesus Christ and to be willing to pay the price necessary for building a better world

"We must have a united foundation to build a united world," he urged. We must be willing to serve God primarily and things secondarily. The way of the cross leads to a better world." He told the young people not to choose full-time Christian service because it is easy, but because they are forced by divine compulsion to choose it.

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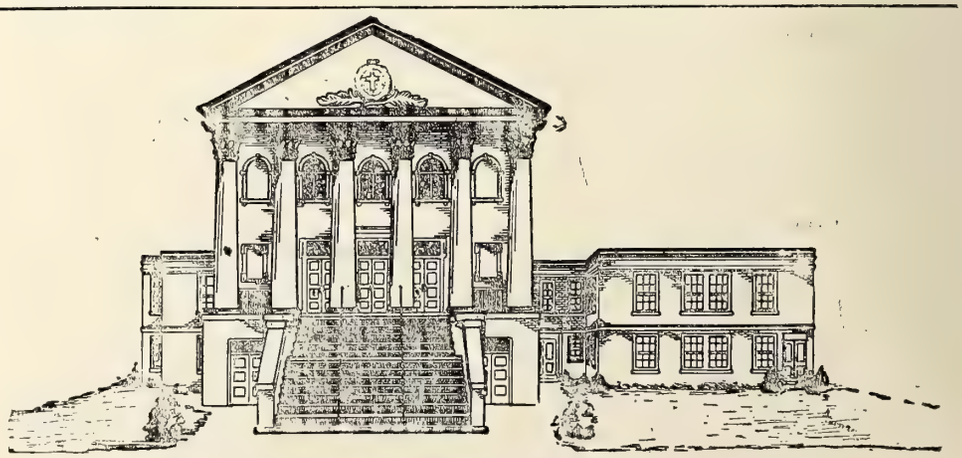
WILMINGTON CONGREGATION ENTERS NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Trinity church, Wilmington, entered its new educational building Sunday, August 28th, with appropriate services at both the church school hour and at the eleven o'clock worship service.

The entire church school, from nursery through adult classes, met in the sanctuary at 9:45 for a service of praise and thanksgiving. W. P. Cameron, church school superintendent, was in charge. Short talks were made by each division superintendent and a representative from the children's and youth divisions. The solo, "Bless This House," was sung by Mrs. E. B. Fisher. The teachers led the classes to their new classrooms as "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" was sung by the congregation.

The service of praise and thanksgiving was carried over into the eleven o'clock service, with the pastor, Rev. E. B. Fisher, presiding.

Short talks by the chairman of the building committee, president of the W.S.C.S., church school superintendent, chairman of the board of stewards, and the pastor, were given. Special music by the choir, under the direction of Sam W. Taylor, Jr., and Mrs. Sam W. Taylor, organist, was enjoyed. A large offering for the building fund was received. Special mention was made of Mr. E. L. Mathews, who had served on the building committee when the sanctuary was built in 1921, and who has also served on the present building committee. Others serving on the building committee are H. A. Marks, chairman; Mrs. G. H. Hutaff, W. D. Jones, J. E. Sneeden, and I. J. Sutton. Greetings from many former pastors were read.



Trinity Church, Wilmington, and New Educational Building

News in Brief -- Personalities

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Jerome Huneycutt of Durham, on September 8, 1949, a daughter, Dorothy Sue.

REV. J. D. MORRIS writes that he and Mrs. Morris have moved from Fallston to Graham, where they will make their home with their daughter, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, Jr. His full address is Drawer 552, Graham, N. C.

MRS. BETTIE W. WALL writes that the women of the Forestville Church on the Lilesville charge have been quite active in recent months. The membership of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has jumped from twelve to thirty members, with each member active. Attendance at both the church and church school services has increased greatly. The men of the church have been very active, too, and the church has moved forward in all phases of its work.

MOUNT OLIVE METHODISTS occupied their new educational building on the first Sunday in September. The new $40,000 structure has assembly rooms for all departments, class rooms, kitchen and dining room, and other modern facilities. Constructed of cinder blocks, brick, mortar and steel, the building is fire proof. Furnishings are now being placed in the several rooms by various individuals and organizations. Open house will be observed in the near future, and the building will be dedicated later. The attractive building joins the church and is located between the church and the lovely seven-room parsonage completed in 1946. Both the educational building and the parsonage are locate on a lot purchased by the church in 1941. Rev. A. L. Chaplin is completing his third year as pastor.

J. RUFUS MOSELEY, widely traveled witness to the Living and Loving Christ and author of Manifest Victory and Perfect Everything, is to hold special services at Daniels Memorial Methodist Church October 16-20, inclusive. (The church is located three miles out of Goldsboro on the Kinston highway.) In addition to services each night, Brother Moseley will meet with interested ministers during the day. The Monday meeting will begin at 3 p.m. The meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be held each morning at 10 o'clock and each afternoon at 3 o'clock. Ministers are invited to come for any or all of these meetings. It is not necessary to notify me of your plans to attend. Simply come and go as you can or desire. Those wishing to spend the night will find accommodations at the Goldsboro Hotel.—Wade Goldston.

REV. ROY T. HOUTS, approved evangelist, submitted the following report at the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference: 24 revivals held; 253 conversions; 537 reclamations; 221 additions to the Methodist Church; 700 signed cards to pray and read the Bible; 300 family altars established; 500 signed to be regular in church attendance; 100 young people joined the MYF; 500 agreed to tithe; 200 joined personal workers band; 400 agreed to offer thanks before the meal; 250 agreed to serve as substitute teachers; 250 subscribed to church papers; 200 signed to give part time service to the church; 100 joined the W.S.C.S.; 100 young people have expressed definite interest in full-time Christian service. One of the most outstanding meetings was at Pocahontas, Va., with 200 conversions and rededications.



REV. HERMAN F. DUNCAN, above, is the new superintendent of the Greensboro District, succeeding Dr. W. A. Lambeth who retired at the last session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. Mr. Duncan came to Greensboro from Central Church, Concord, where he had been pastor for two years. Prior to his appointment to Concord he served at First Church, Asheboro. Active in Conference affairs, he has been secretary of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension.

NORTH CAROLINA'S GOAL in the 1949 CROP Friendship Train collection of food for overseas relief is 150 carloads. The goal was set at the recent meeting of the state executive committee. Products to be collected include cotton, wheat, corn, peanuts, milk and tobacco (to be converted into food). Other products will be accepted to be converted into shipable foods. Canvassing for pledges in nearly all the counties in the state will be completed during the second week of November. In counties where main crops will be harvested earlier, canvassing and collection will be carried out earlier.

CLINTON METHODIST CHURCH is having homecoming and fellowship day Sunday, October 9. Rev. A. S. Barnes, a former pastor, is to preach at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. Following the service, a picnic dinner will be held and all will join in a season of Christian fellowship. All former pastors, non-resident members and friends of the church are invited by the Clinton Methodists to share in the day. This is a culmination of a series of very meaningful area community fellowship and picnic meetings that have been held during the summer.

JESSE M. SEAVER of Roanoke Rapids was licensed to preach, by the licensing committee of the Rocky Mount District last Sunday. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, presided at the committee meeting. Mr. Seaver had previously been recommended by the officials of First church, Roanoke Rapids, where he holds his membership. He is executive secretary of the Halifax County Council of the Allied Church League. Licensed to preach in Indiana several years ago, Mr. Seaver attended college at Moores Hill College and Taylor University in Indiana, and at Temple University in Philadelphia.

MRS. A. O. BILLUPS, mother of Dr. E. P. Billups, pastor of Central church, Monroe, passed away at her home in St. Albans, West Virginia, on September 27. In addition to Dr. Billups, Mrs. Billups is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary Carrie Billups, also of St. Albans. Funeral services were conducted September 28.

RACHEL FULCHER MERRIMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Fulcher, Buxton, N. C., has been appointed director of youth work for the Tennessee Conference, with office at 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Merriman attended East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, N. C., and graduated from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., in 1948 with a degree in Religious Education. She has had experience in the church as the wife of a Methodist minister, Rev. Thomas M. Merriman, who served churches in the North Carolina and South Carolina Conferences before his death, after discharge from the Army chaplaincy. Mrs. Merriman worked as director of Christian education at First Methodist Church, Clearwater, Fla., last year. She assumed her new duties October

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, Mrs. Sockman and traveling companions suffered a narrow escape in Florence, Italy, when a horse, drawing an open carriage in which they were riding, was suddenly frightened and got out of control. The hack driver, Dr. Sockman and Miss Anne Griswold, the Sockmans' niece, were all violently thrown from the carriage when the runaway vehicle struck a tree. The horse was killed and the driver was still unconscious when the Sockmans left Florence. Dr. Sockman's fall was broken by the driver's body on which he landed, and Miss Griswold's was cushioned by the horse. Mrs. Sockman and her sister, Miss Juliet Endly, librarian at Pfeiffer Junior College in North Carolina, were bruised and badly shaken. Both Dr. Sockman and his niece suffered painful contusions, but were otherwise uninjured.

THE ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON of the Ministers' Wives Association of the Western North Carolina Conference was held September 24, in the roof dining room of the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, with 220 members in attendance. The speaker's table was charmingly arranged with a little red school-house on each end and an attractive arrangement of red zinnias in the center. Further carrying out the "school-days" theme were the minature slate place cards and apples. Favors of pencils were furnished by Bell's Bakery and compact refills by Eckerd's Drug Store. Mrs. Costen J. Harrell gave the invocation, after which Mrs. Clifford Peace, president, extended the welcome. Special recognition was given to guests and brides. A delightful skit, "On a Friday Afternoon—School Days Fifty Years Ago," was presented by Mrs. Wilson Weldon as the teacher and Mrs. Mark Tuttle, Mrs. C. C. Herbert Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Crouse, Mrs. Glenn Lanier and Mrs. Ed Fitzgerald as students. Miss Virginia Lowrance served as accompanist. It was voted to omit the 1950 spring meeting and that the committee on recommendations consisting of Mrs. Lee F. Tuttle, chmn., Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., and Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., make further recommendations at the 1950 fall meeting. The following officers were elected: Mrs. R. G. Tuttle, president; Mrs. W. G. McFarland, vice-president; Mrs. Cecil Heckard, treasurer.

Leaksville Methodists Plan Special Series; Lumberton Congregation Occupies New Building

DR. DICKS TO CONDUCT SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION AT LEAKSVILLE

Dr. Russell L. Dicks, professor of Pastoral Care in the Duke Divinity School and chaplain of the Duke Hospital, will conduct a spiritual life mission October 9-14 at the Methodist Church in Leaksville, according to an announcement by Rev. Walter L. Lanier, pastor.

On Monday, October 10, Dr. Dicks will conduct a clinic for ministers. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. he will discuss "Pastoral Work and Pastoral Counseling," and following the luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m., he will discuss "Ministry to the Dying." All ministers are cordially invited to participate in the entire program during the week, but are particularly invited to the sessions Monday.

At the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning Dr. Dicks will discuss "The Mind of God," and that evening he will speak on the topic "My Soul Is Weaned." Monday evening his theme will be "How Our Minds Make Us Sick."

His two topics Tuesday are, "Be Still and Know," and "Life's Major Decisions." The evening service will be designed especially for young people. On Wednesday he will discuss "I Will Life Up Mine Eyes," and "Thy Health Shall Spring Forth." Thursday's topics are, "The Lord Is My Light," and "Lending Out Our Minds."

Final sessions will be held Friday, with the themes, "Song of Contentment" and "The Waters Shall Not Overflow Thee," a message on how to face death.

During the week morning sessions will be held at ten o'clock, and the evening meetings will be held at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Dicks will also conduct the morning devotions, 8:45-9:00 o'clock, over radio station WLOE.

Dr. Dicks holds AB., S.T.B., B.D., and D.D. degrees from various institutions. He has been at Duke almost two years, and was recently elected head of the Department of Clinical Training for theological students in the Duke Hospital. He has taught on the staffs of Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Harvard University, Andover - Newton Theological School, Chicago Theological Seminary, Iliff School of Theology. He has written several books, including 'The Art of Ministering to the Sick" (co-author with Cabot); "Who Is My Patient?"; "Pastoral Work and Personal Counseling"; "Thy Health Shall Spring Forth"; "Comfort Ye My People"; and "My Faith Looks Up." In addition, he has published many pamphlets and magazine articles.

His appearance in Leaksville is expected to attract many local people and also many others from a wide area.



Dr. Russell L. Dicks

RALEIGH MASS MEETING

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These times, he insisted, call for sacrifice and for dedication.

"There are many people who are giving little answers to the problems before us," he concluded. "There are no small answers. These times require the biggest answer—God in Christ Jesus revealed the way the truth and the life."

Bishop Oxnam

At the evening service Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam spoke to a congregation that overflowed the church, including several hundred youth. He began by stating that we have been catapulted into an era of change. "It is no longer an issue of whether there will be a change, but of what the nature of the change will be." He went on to say that there are many ideologies which are in conflict with each other. Condemning communism and materialism as inadequate for these times, the speaker stated that Christianity comes to grips with the realities of life. It is concerned about social justice. It puts men above things. But, he added, the Christian faith has more than social implications. Jesus is God incarnate. He has made clear that love is the cohesive force that can unite the world.

"We can understand God," he affirmed, "when we look into the face of Jesus Christ. Jesus was willing to come down to earth and take on the limitations of humanity in order that He might show us what God is like. Because we know Jesus we know God."

Through Jesus, he concluded, we see a Father who loves us and is ready to forgive us.

Mrs. R. M. White

"Religion belong in the heart of the family," Mrs. White, the only woman speaker on the program, told the mass meeting attendants. Mrs. White, who is president of the Virginia Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, spoke on the theme, "Rearing Our Children in the Christian Faith." Her address was followed by a panel discussion, presided over by Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham aided by Mrs. L. C. Larkin, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, Miss Doris Sutton, Rev. D. D. Holt and Rev. J. T. Greene.

"Parents themselves must first know God before they can lead their children to Him," Mrs. White said. "Parents in the home do not need to have many rules.

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LUMBERTON METHODISTS DEDICATE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

By Mrs Carrie P. Nance

The new $100,000 educational building of Chestnut Street Methodist Church, Lumberton, was dedicated Sunday, September 25, by Bishop W. W. Peele.

Following the 11 o'clock worship service with a sermon by Bishop Peele, a picnic dinner was served in the new building, and the brief dedicatory service was held in the upstairs auditorium of the educational building. Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, pastor, was in charge of all the services.

The dedication marked the culmination of nearly ten years of planning and giving by the church to the building fund. Construction of the building was begun in the summer of 1948, when Rev. H. L. Hendricks, now of Tarboro, was pastor. Other pastors who were instrumental in pushing ahead in the building program were E. B. Fisher and F. W. Paschall.

The three-floor building, which was completed in August and is already in use, is located next door to the church, is of brick, concrete and steel construction. The basement floor has rooms for Scout troops and recreation. Class and assembly rooms for the Children's division, a parlor and offices for the pastor and director of religious education, are on the first floor. On the top floor are rooms for the young people's and adult departments, a kitchen and a large auditorium-dining hall.



Educational Building, Lumberton

Benevolent Giving Climbs; Aged Minister Passes; Program for Charlotte Mass Meeting Announced

WORLD SERVICE COMMISSION HEARS REPORTS OF STEADY PROGRESS

Chicago.—The 31 carefully chosen laymen and ministers charged with oversight of the central receiving and distributing treasury of The Methodist Church and the expenditures of the numerous benevolent agencies, left here after three days of intensive work, Sept. 19-21, unanimously encouraged by progress reported.

With no high pressure campaigning or any promotion that would not fit into the regular, on-going program of the church, Methodists gave in the first year of the new quadrennium for all causes served by the General Commission on World Service and Finance, $1,823,902 more than in the previous year.

Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, executive secretary and treasurer of the Commission, reported gifts of $7,672,359 for World Service on apportionment, a 12.39% increase over 1947-48. The receipts for 1948-49 he said, are a 29.43% increase over the annual apportionment for the previous quadrennium.

"The total giving to World Service agencies for the last fiscal year includes World Service special gifts (including Advance Fund mission specials) of $1,353.414 and a Week of Dedication offering (up to May 31) of $788,072. The total for general benevolences was $9,813.847," Dr. Lugg reported. The Episcopal Fund and the General Administration Fund brought the total handled close to the $12 million mark.

Advance Mass Meeting

of the

Western North Carolina Conference

October 18, 1949

PROGRAM

9:30 a.m.—Worship: Howard C. Wilkinson, leader.

10:00 a.m.—"Our Preaching and Teaching Mission"—A Statement of the Purpose of the Meeting—Bishop Costen J. Harrell.

10:30 a.m.—"Rearing Our Children in the Christian Faith"—Mrs. E. L. Hillman.

11:00 a.m.—"The Advance in the Local Church"—Luther Wells.

11:30 a.m.—"The Dignity of Man"—Bishop Charles W. Brashares.

12:30 p.m.—Lunch Served: First Methodist Church.

2:00 p.m.—Assembly of Church Leaders—"The Pulpit Emphasis," Dr. R. Dwight Ware; "The Faith Booklets—Their Value and Distribution and Use," Dr. Edgar H. Nease.
Service of Devotion.

7:30 p.m.—"Faith in Christ," Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke.

DEATH CLAIMS REV. J. W. POTTER

Rev. John William Potter, 97, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, passed away at Bullock Clinic, Wilmington, on Monday, September 26, following declining health and a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted from Trinity Church, Wilmington, Tuesday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. E. B. Fisher, Rev. C. D. Barclift and Rev. R. W. Bradshaw in charge. Interment followed in Oakdale cemetery.

Born in Bladen County, the son of the late John W. and Melinda Watson Potter, Mr. Potter attended school in Wilmington. He entered the ministry in 1896 at Augusta, Ga., where he had been connected with the railroad for several years. He transferred to the North Carolina Conference. His first pastorate was Market Street church, Wilmington, which later became Trinity church. He also served churches in Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Mount Olive, Roper and Raleigh. He retired in 1928 at the age of 76.

In 1909 he married Mrs. Lida Graflin Beery, widow of Robert H. Beery. Following retirement they moved to Raleigh near Jenkins Memorial church, where Mr. Potter had served as pastor for several years. Mrs. Potter died in April, 1938.

Mr. Potter was greatly loved wherever he served as pastor. His gentle, sympathetic nature won for him a host of friends throughout the North Carolina Conference. The home in Raleigh, which Mr. Potter continued to occupy until about a year ago when he moved to Wilmington, was donated to the North Carolina Conference as a home for a retired preacher.

Surviving are three nephews and several nieces.

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.—James.



Here are ten of the eighteen young men who were admitted to the Western North Carolina Conference on trial at the 1949 session held at Winston-Salem September 21-26. Left to right, first row, John Silas Oakley; second row, Joseph Ray Petree, Joseph W. Lasley; third row, Frank B. Cook, William Crummit, H. C. Austin; fourth row, Orien Hutchinson, Jr., James Dixon Turner, Robert P. Crawley and Neal V. McGlamery.

Board Faces Program of Retrenchment in Total Educational Work; To Appeal to Conference

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

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EARLY FREEZE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The freeze has set in early in Christian Education in the North Carolina Conference. The weather reports indicated the possibility a year ago when there was a drifting of the wind in the direction of feeling that we would have to freeze conference agencies in order to make the effort to achieve a one-third increase in General World Service. The weather is something which is just here. If it is necessary to freeze Christian Education in our conference, then it is simply frozen, and that's that.

FREEZING SHRINKS

Putting a chill on things causes them to shrink, everything except water. That expands, but when it does, it's ice. Christian Education leadership in our conference is feeling the chill and beginning to shrink. This November we will lose our director of children's work and our director of youth work. Miss Doris Sutton and Rev. Troy J. Barrett are resigning from our office staff. Miss Sutton has announced her wedding for late October. Troy is to take a pastorate in our conference. We will not have the money to employ a full-time worker in either the children's or the youth department. We have been able to employ these two workers only because of help from the Crusade for Christ funds, from the fact that the expendable surplus of the board was being spent, and because Troy Barrett received one-third of his income for doing double duty in leading the student work in the state. Last fall we asked for enough money to keep our staff together for 1949-50, but did not get it. Therefore, drastic curtailment in our work will have to be made. This is probably the first time in many a day that drastic curtailment has had to be made in a conference program. Instead of "going the second mile" in Christian Education, we seem to be turning around at the end of the first mile and going back toward the middle. If this is necessary, there can be nothing said, if it is not necessary in the life of our great Conference it is very sad.

FROST ON CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

When the freeze is applied to the childhood and youth of our people it isn't so easy to undo the damage. The Methodist Conferences in the nation which have maintained a strong program in the children's and youth division have made remarkable advancement in developing church schools and church life. The records of our conferences show this plainly.

WESTERN N. C. AND THE FUTURE

Our congratulations are hereby extended to the Western N. C. Conference which took whatever risk may be involved in making helpful changes, and gave their board of education an appropriation which will enable them to add a youth director to their staff in the fall of 1950. They have one of the world's best in the children's work.

TURN ON THE STEAM

We have it in our power to unfreeze Christian education in our Conference, and to restore our leadership by the fall of 1950. As we glory in going the second mile in some good causes, why not let's try to gain back the first mile in Christian education.

COLD CAMPING

In chilly weather, especially if it is real cold as well as chilly, things which move too slowly sometimes freeze. There has been no deliberate inclination to freeze the opportunity for our youth to have their own facilities at Camp Don-Lee. The only trouble is that of an interminably slow and half-hearted support of the program can get the same results as a deliberate freeze.

The camp site was given to us in the belief that we would develop it with reasonable promptness and in first-class style. What we have done has been done in a thoroughly first-rate manner. But we should discharge the moderate obligations on buildings so far constructed. These obligations are very moderate but have stood against us long enough to be quite a reflection on us. Then the investment up to date is useless unless we get the dining room and kitchen built and our water and lights going. A lot of impatient, and anxious youngsters have grown up beyond the camping age while we tarry at the job of building. A new set of intermediates now dream of Camp Don-Lee. Why disappoint them?

Any pastor or church school superintendent who is in doubt about what his church school should do in the ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH would do well to order a copy of OUR WORKBOOK for the Advance in the Church School. It is a 48-page guide for action and a means of measuring progress in the Advance. Chock full of suggestions. Get it from The Methodist Publishing House. 25 cents postpaid. Better order today for your department superintendents also.

FROZEN COLLEGES

Perhaps the most astonishing of all the freakish weather phenomena in the field of Christian education is that which would freeze our colleges for the quadrennium. And that, when we are giving a little over 12 cents per member to support our church-related colleges. To put the deep-freeze on our colleges at such a figure is virtually to disown them. We would have no complaint whatsoever if they looked elsewhere for survival. Another Protestant denomination in the state is giving more for the support of their smallest junior college than we are giving toward the support of Duke University, Louisburg College, Greensboro College, and High Point College. This neighbor denomination is giving $375,000 each year to support the current expenses of their colleges, while state-wide Methodism is giving $75,000. Methodism is likely to regain its educational leadership. But not until the freeze is over. By what possible logic could we even dream of freezing our college support for a quadrennium when it is so weak that every Methodist who reads this far will wonder, with perhaps a shudder if not shame, what has happened to the spirit of the Church which for generations led out in the forefront of Christian education in schools and colleges.

WARMS UP IN THE WEST

Usually it is warmer east of the hills, and down toward the sea. But here is what the Western N. C. Conference did to unfreeze our Methodist Colleges. They continued their regular college appropriation, and also continued and strengthened their College Sustaining Fund. This fund during their year just closed provided an additional amount of about $22,000 for our colleges. For the coming year they doubled this fund and have arranged to raise about $45,000 in addition to their $30,000 appropriation. This will be $75,000 in comparison with our $20,000, if we keep our college support frozen. Since the recognized ratio for inter-conference projects is 60% to 40%, this puts us badly out of line. If one dared mention going the second mile with Christian education in our Methodist colleges, you would have to observe that we lack a great deal of going the first mile toward meeting the need.

BOARD TEMPERATURE

At the pre-conference meeting of the N. C. Conference Board of Education plans were enthusiastically adopted which, barring the wet-blanket, or the deep-freeze, will give Christian education a chance to do its best work in the conference. The board is recommending that we go along with the Western N. C. Conference in unfreezing our college interest and support. The board is suggesting that arrangements be made so that the recognized minimum staff members might be employed in the conference office. It is proposing plans by which Camp Don-Lee can be opened to our own youth next summer There seems to be a feeling among the members of the Board that the Annual Conference should have a fair chance to understand these needs and respond to them, before anything is put in the freeze.

Surely it cannot be that we have become so poor that we cannot continue and improve our Christian Education program. Surely we have not become too timid to present known needs. Surely there cannot necessarily be virtue in going the second mile in some of the work of the Kingdom, while at the same time willingly watching the frost and the freeze take over in the Christian education opportunities of our children and our young people.

PRAYER AND THE WARM HEART

Christian education in our conference is at a turning point. The word crisis is the necessary description when drastic curtailment strikes conference-wide promotion, and our colleges face their days of greatest struggle for survival. All readers of this page who want to see Christian teaching prosper all along the line can help by earnest prayer, that the heart warming experience, so well known to Methodism, will thaw out fears, and make our conference utterly unwilling to freeze the assets we have in the strong and hopeful children and young people who look to us for leadership in learning about our Savior.

Executive Board Meets; Coupon Lists Grow; New Society Formed; Miss Stentz Writes; Aid to Indians

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CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The Winston-Salem District Woman's Society of Christian Service was hostess for a luncheon meeting of the Conference executive board and several guests at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem, September 23, during the sessions of the Annual Conference. Mrs. J. W. Clay was chairman of the committee for the luncheon, and a business session of the Conference executive board followed with Mrs. J. W. Payne, president, presiding.

Special guests were Mrs. Charles C. Selecman, wife of the visiting bishop; Mrs. Costen J. Harrell, wife of the resident bishop; Mrs. Mark Depp, wife of the pastor of the host church; Mrs. Charles W. Clay, missionary to Brazil, and Miss Lelia Tuttle, retired missionary to China.

The seating arrangement at the tables provided for the Winston-Salem District officers to be next to their corresponding Conference officer and the hum of interesting conversation was evidence of the success of this delightful arrangement.

A pair of nylon hose, a gift from the Hanes Hosiery Company, was presented to each person present. Beautiful roses were used in abundance on the tables, a gift from Mrs. A. A. Moser, and lovely corsages were presented the special guests as a gift from Mrs. Edwin Nash.

Three new district officers were presented by Mrs. Payne. They are Mrs. J. R. Crismon, promotion secretary of the Greensboro District; Mrs. D. L. Stubbs, promotion secretary of the Gastonia District; and Mrs. Walter B. West, president of the Salisbury District.

An important item of business was the resignation of Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, which was accepted with genuine regret, and the election of Mrs. Cicero Groome of the Greensboro District to succeed Mrs. Ames. Members of the executive board will feel keenly the loss of Mrs. Ames, for she has worked diligently and successfully to make this an outstanding department of our work. Her amazing store of knowledge, her background of activities in this field, and her generous use of time and talent has not only emphasized the importance of Christian Social Relations in all its relationships to everyday living, but she has put it on a solid foundation and made it more than local church activities as was generally practiced through the activities of the old Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. Ames has paved the way for better understanding of the term "Christian Social Relations." Mrs. Payne had an Honorary Life Membership pin and certificate to present to Mrs. Ames, who was not able to attend. This will be presented later.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Groome take up the work and bespeak for her the love, understanding and cooperation of the entire Conference as she assumes this difficult task.

On the subject of last year's reports, Mrs. Payne pointed out that although most societies had an increase in their giving they did not report an increase in membership, which is an important aim for this year. Thrift and Trinity societies in the Charlotte District gave the highest amount per capita for the smaller societies, and Elkin headed the list for the larger societies. $236,000 was spent last year in the Conference for local church activities.

Plans for holding the annual meeting at Lake Junaluska the last week in June, 1950, were discussed and it was announced that Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, would be one of the speakers. Other details were left in the hands of the program committee.

Letters and messages were read or given verbally from several girls who have already gone to their fields of service at home and abroad, including Jane Stentz, Evelyn Strader, and Betty Johnson, who are doing foreign work, and Patricia Rothrock and Ruth Smith in the home field. Because of some embarassment in the past when emergencies arose, it was voted to establish a fund with the Conference treasurer, Mrs. Smiley, to help purchase necessary equipment for girls going into service so there would be no delay when they are ready to go.

The meetings adjourned and the members attended "Open House" at the Bethlehem Center.

WINSTON-SALEM BETHLEHEM CENTER

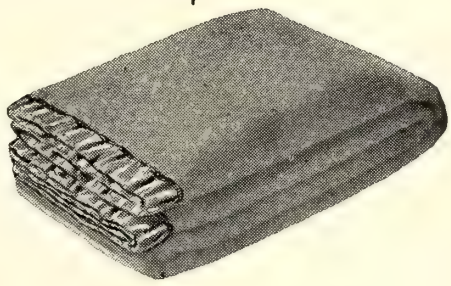
Added impetus was given the campaign for coupons for the fence around the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem, when members of both the Conference and District executive boards and other interested Methodists saw for themselves the improved service the fence is providing for the Center when they attended open house there during the sessions of the Annual Conference. The board of directors, headed by Mrs. J. W. Clay, received the large number of visitors, showed them over the building and grounds and served delicious refreshments.

Coupons which have come in since the last report are: First Church, Salisbury, 1438; Alexander, on the Avondale charge, Marion District, 958½; Pilot Mountain, 526; Trinity, Winston-Salem, 701; Vickery, Greensboro District, 1073; Friendship, Claremont, 1086½; Friendship, Greensboro District, 893½; First Church, Lincolnton, 895; Main Street, Gastonia, 569; Grace, King's Mountain, 549; Long's Chapel, Lake Junaluska, 519; Mrs. Paul Phillips, Liberty, Rt. 1, an additional 400, which makes a total of 578 from that church. Also Welch Memorial, High Point, sent an additional 352, making a total of 629. A number of societies have sent in Red Band coupons, which are most acceptable and the Bethlehem Center gets money for them, although they are not counted in with those sent the Palm-Olive-Peet Company. Elkin has sent in 423 coupons, 123 of which were Red Band.

NEW SOCIETY—WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

Another new Woman's Society of Christian Service has been organized in the Winston-Salem District, this one being at Pine Grove on the Kernersville Charge. This is the second society organized on this circuit during 1949, which is a splendid record. Officers elected for this promising group are: president, Mrs. Rex Williard; vice-president, Mrs. Grover Warren; secretary, Mrs. Fred Ingram; treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Fulp; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. Plumie Hester; supply work, Mrs. Melvin Freeman; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Hugh Ingram; missionary education and service, Mrs. Glenn Ingram: literature and publications, Mrs. Nelda Warren. Rev. Clyde W. Faulkner is the pastor of this charge.

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM JANE STENTZ

A letter of appreciation from Jane Stentz, who sailed for India the first of this month, is as follows:

"My dear friends: After a mad rush to get ready on such short notice, I sailed from New York on September 2. We are now somewhere in the Mediterranean. By the time this reaches you I will no doubt be in my station at Jubbulpore in India. There is a possibility that I may not be permanently at Jubbulpore, I may be transferred to another station. You will be hearing from me from time to time.

"I want to thanks each and every one of you who have had a part in the wonderful help and support you have given me, not only for the financial aid but to so many who have expressed their love and prayers. I only pray that I may be worthy of the faith and trust you have put in me. Knowing your love and prayers are with me is a source of strength and inspiration.

"As we draw nearer to India and the

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Ten Charges Pay in Full; Children Get New Clothes; Group Visits Chapel Hill; A Sunday at Williamston

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

MORE CHARGES PAID IN FULL

The best report of the year goes in this week. This statement is made up September 28. The checks coming in after this date will be reported October 13.

Mt. Gilead circuit, Rev. J. H. Parrish; Durham-Carr, Rev. M. C. Dunn; Richlands, Rev. W. A. Crow; Seven Springs, Rev. W. R. Johnson; Mt. Olive circuit, Rev. W. C. Wilson; Roberdell charge, Rev. E. G. Cowan, Sr.; Lumberton circuit, Rev. J. A. Cooper; Moncure, Rev. McD. McLamb; Graham, Rev. O. L. Hathaway; Alamance, Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr.

To these ministers and their faithful members we offer our sincere thanks.

CHILDREN WELL CLOTHED

When the seasons change the matter of clothing calls for serious consideration. We began early in September to get in touch with each society and class that takes care of a child.

There are three ways that a church group may sponsor a child or young person. They may take the measurements and suggested list and send the articles of clothing in from the local stores. Another plan is to have the child visit the church and secure the articles that are needed. This is not practical when a church is located very far from the Orphanage. The third and most popular plan is to send a check to cover the clothing items on the list. The matron then takes the boy or girl with her to the store and the purchases are made. The boys and girls of our Home get a thrill out of this experience. They learn how to make selections and the dress or suit is sure to fit.

It is an inspiring sight on Sunday to see the young people leave the campus for church and Sunday school with their new fall and winter outfits. We are proud of our family, and so grateful for our friends who take so much personal interest in the child that is sponsored by them. Twenty-six new children have been placed this month, we still have a few in the junior age group that we have not assigned to any group.

The matrons will look after the clothes, as well as the children. The best of care will be taken of the things you provide for these fine young people.

A JOYFUL JOURNEY

Our junior and senior classes were invited over to Chapel Hill for the State-North Carolina football game. These 35 young people were the guests of the Monogram Club of the University. Edward Washington, one of the football players extended the invitation.

This journey to the Hill gave our boys and girls an opportunity of seeing two of the strongest teams of the country in action. I asked some of the girls who they pulled for. They replied, "We yelled for the one who carried the ball." I guess that was the most diplomatic thing to do.

THOMPSON TALKS

Thursday night, September 22, we were privileged to have Rev. A. L. Thompson of Fairmont church to speak to our student body.

Thompson is a collector of pencils. This has been his hobby for many years. He brought a number of pencils with him and each one was used to illustrate some point in his message. Our boys were deeply impressed and inspired by this talk by one of our preacher friends here in Raleigh.

Each Thursday night we have chapel services. Many of these are presented by the school children. This is a blessing both to those who give and those who receive. The attention and interest are excellent.

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WILSON FRIENDS BRING FOOD

Twenty boys and girls from the intermediate department of First church, Wilson, visited us September 18. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gunn and other adult workers brought several cars loaded with happy young people to our campus.

These Wilson friends brought well-filled baskets and 25 of our boys and girls enjoyed a picnic supper that afternoon.

After supper was over the entire group of intermediates met in the chapel for a fellowship program. The visitors presented our young people with some new Cokesbury hymnals to use in our chapel programs.

When we use these books, from time to time, we will be reminded of our Wilson friends and offer our thanks for this gift to our Home.

WILLIAMSTON GIVES US WELCOME

On September 18, a group of us motored to Martin County while the pastor, E. R. Shuller, was at Holly Springs with his district superintendent in a quarterly conference. The Orphanage party held a service at the Williamston Methodist Church.

Thirty years ago this scribe and his wife moved to Williamston. There were five churches on the charge back in 1919 extending from Williams Chapel near Scotland Neck to Holly Springs near Jamesville.

Many of the young people we received into the church are in places of leadership today. The buildings have been improved and every interest of the church is receiving attention.

After a picnic dinner was served an afternoon program was given at Holly Springs. Some years after I moved from Martin county a resident of that section remarked to me one day—"Williamston surely did improve after you left." Then the man with apologies said—"Your leaving did not cause this change."

THE SHRINE BOWL GAME

Last October our team was invited to participate in the Shrine Bowl Game in the Riddick Stadium at State College. This game was with the Oxford Orphanage. The returns from the game have been most helpful this year in providing equipment for our athletic teams and in advancing the recreational programs at the Orphanage.

The next game is set for October 29 at State College. We are looking forward with keen interest to this occasion. The children from Oxford come over to see this game. The contest provides wholesome entertainment for our young people and support to our program here at the Home.

We are always grateful for the efforts put forth and the sacrifices made to promote the various departments of our activities here on the campus.



PROFITABLE EVENING

Here are the Jackson Cottage girls enjoying a story being read to them by their Matron, Mrs. Nellie B. Rives. Such activities as this will be repeated here many times in the long evenings that lie ahead.

Sunday School Lesson for OCTOBER 9

The Moral Basis for True Worship

Isaiah 1: 10-20; Jeremiah 7

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

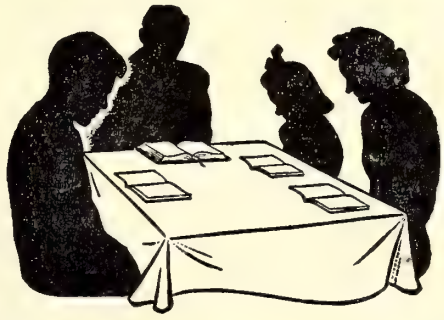
The fact that we are growing more religious does not prove that we are getting nearer to God. In the times of Isaiah and Jeremiah the men of Judah were very religious. They thronged the temple and had a profound reverence for its holy precincts. They kept saying, with deep feeling, The temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah are these buildings. And not only that but they were sacrificially religious. The sheep and the oxen that they were bringing in great numbers to be offered unto the Lord were very costly. The law allowed them to bring only the very best of the animals to the temple. And yet the prophets tell us that these sacrifices were an abomination unto Jehovah, and the sweet incense that they burned on his altar was a stench in his nostrils. Why was this? The offering of sacrifices and the burning of incense was in conformity with the law of the Lord. Why then should this costly service be displeasing to him?

One reason was that they performed these rites to hire, as it were, God's favor. And men cannot bribe God. True sacrifice should only be an expression of gratitude for his free grace. But the main reason why the multitudinous sacrifices of Judah were an offense to God was that the worshippers were making sacrifices a substitute for right living. They were dishonest in their dealings with their fellow men. They were impure in their sexual relations. And they showed no interest in seeking out cases of need among the widows and the orphans. They were not merciful and sympathetic with the poor lonely foreigner who had no one to care for him. They were making religion a substitute for righteousness. Or in other words they were putting the main emphasis on the nonessentials and forgetting that the essential of true religion is to do justly, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Jesus faced the same problem that confronted Isaiah and Jeremiah. The people of his day were intensely, even fanatically religious, but they were lacking in love. They quarantined against contact with the Gentiles. They were neither the salt of the earth nor the light of the world. And Jesus uses Jeremiah's very words and calls the temple a den of robbers.

We must not thing of Isaiah or Jeremiah as scolds any more than Jesus was. Jeremiah kept proclaiming God's willingness to forgive the people if they repented, and Isaiah hears God say, Though you sins be as scarlet they shall be as wool; though they be red like crimson they shall be whiter than snow. These prophets were severe, even terrific but their severity came from the intensity of their sense of the love of God. There is a strange paradox in the teachings of Isaiah and Jeremiah. Both of them were demanding a religion far more exacting that the priests required. They were saying like Jesus, Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life. And yet at the same time like Jesus they were loosing the burdens of the hard religion that had been imposed on the people (Matt. 11:28-30; John 8:31-32). They were saying that to drive your choicest cattle and sheep to the temple to be sacrificed is not required, and it takes your mind off from stress on the essentials. Paul also while requiring a life that was a living sacrifice of love and devotion wisely proclaimed that circumcision and the keeping of the very burdensome dietary laws forbidding swine's flesh and the like, were no longer required of the disciples of Jesus. Said he, Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage, but he significantly adds, Use not your liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but through love serve one another.

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"Here I is," said a small voice, as Bobbie emerged from behind a huge pile of blocks, where he had been attempting to build one of the pyramids of Egypt.

"I will jus' run down and find your specs for you, grandma, right now" And so saying, Bobbie vanished down the winding stair.

He made a very pretty picture with his eager little face above his wide, blue collar, as he pushed open the sitting room door.

"What is it, Bobbie, dear?" asked his mother.

"I jus' want my grandma's spec."

"You will find them on the table, dear," said Mrs. Agnew.

Bobbie picked them up very carefully, but a startled look came over his face.

"Oh mother, grandma's specs is all broke"

"Well, never mind," said Mrs. Agnew, as she saw Bobbie's sorrowful face, "I guess papa must have laid one of his heavy books on them by mistake, so he will get grandma a new pair right away."

Tears came into his eyes as he turned toward the door.

What would grandma do now, was the thought that troubled him.

But by the time Bobbie had climbed the stairs, his face had brightened.

Hadn't grandma always told him that he was hands and feet for her, and now he would try to be all eyes for her, too.

The very thought quickened his steps.

"Grandma" he began hurriedly, "your specs is all broke up, but I am going to try and be all eyes for you now!"

Grandma smiled down brightly on the eager little face, glad to know that he had already found that it is sweet to serve those we love.

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Grandma repeated softly.

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W. N. C. Woman's Page

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beginning of our work, I can hardly wait. We all feel the greatness of this hour. The world over people are struggling for freedom and searching for truth. We believe that Christ is the answer and we go to share Him with the people of this New India still in process of being born. The fields are truly white unto harvest and we thrill to be laborers going forth. It is a wonderful adventure to be a part of God's plan. Our prayer is that we may be effective and true instruments of His will, of His love and compassion for men everywhere.

"I thank my God in every remembrance of you.

"Yours in Christ, Jane Stentz."

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The deaconess movement has been growing in the post-war years in Europe, and there is a growing desire that the deaconess be recognized as an officer of the church just as the pastor is. Representatives of 11,000 Protestant deaconesses of the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, England, Scotland, France, Austria, and Switzerland, met this summer in Zurich for conference on their work and their ecclesiastical status.

GRATITUDE TO OUR EDITOR

Many comments are being heard over the Conference concerning the revealing picture our Editor has given us of the work among the American Indians at Cherokee, a responsibility which rests upon us in the Western North Carolina Conference. Let us not wait as we did last year to help the Indians have a happy Christmas and if the children over the Conference have not responded to the call for help in providing school supplies and sewing materials, let's attend to this important matter immediately

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Myers Park, 7:30 10
Mouzon, 7:30 13
Chadwick, 7:30 14
Wadesboro, 7:30 16
St. Johns, 7:30 17
District Stewards, 5 18
Belmont Park, 7:30 19
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Marshville: Wingate, 11 23
Peachland: Fountain Hill, 3:00 23
Prospect: New Hope, 7:30 23
Davidson: Fair View, 7:30 24
Big Spring, 7:30 25
Spencer Memorial, 7:30 26
Cole Memorial, 7:30 28
Unionville: Zion, 11 29
Indian Trail-Stallings: Stallings, 11 .. 30
Waxhaw: Mineral Springs, 7:30 30
Hickory Grove, 7:30 31

November

Duncan Memorial, 7:30 4
Monroe Circuit: Smyrna, 11 5
Lilesville, 11, ... 6
Ansonville: Salem, 3 6
Morven: Pleasant Hill, 7:30 6
First, 7:30 7
Central Avenue, 7:30 8
Pleasant Grove, 7:30 9
Mount Zion, 7:30 10
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Weddington: Union, 11 12
Monroe: Central, 11 20
Polkton: Poplar Hill, 3 20
New Hope-Bethel: New Hope, 7:30 .. 20
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Asbury-Oak Grove: Asbury, 7:30 22
Matthews, 7:30 23
Homestead, 7:30 24
Moores Chapel, 7:30 25
Trinity, 11 27
Thrift, 3 27
Pineville, 7:30 27
N. Monroe: N. Monroe, 7:30 28
Huntersville, 7:30 29
St. James, 7:30 30

December

Commonwealth, 7:30 1
Brevard Street, 7:30 2
Hawthorne Lane, 7:30 5
Morris Field, 7:30 6
Calvary, 7:30 7

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October

Ardmore, 11 9
Morris Chapel, 3 9
Green Street, 7:30 9
Central Terrace, 7:30 12
Salem Ct.: Salem, 11 16
Franklin Ct.: Franklin Heights, 3 16
Pinnacle Ct.: Trinity, 7:30 16
Mt. Tabor, 7:30 17
Ogburn Memorial, 7:30 18
Burkhead, 7:30 19
Sparta Ct.: Sparta, 11 23
Elkin Ct.: Maple Springs, 3 23
Level Cross Ct.: Level Cross, 7:30 23
Maple Springs, 7:30 26
Surry Ct.: Imogene, 11 30
Oak Grove Ct.: Oak Grove, 3 30
Rockford Street, 7:30 30

November

Kernersville, Main St., 7:30 2
Danbury Ct.: Palmyra, 11 6
Walnut Cove Ct.: Stokesburg, 3 6
Rural Hall Ct.: Germanton, 7:30 6
Mt. Pleasant Ct.: Mt. Pleasant, 7:30 .. 7
Marvin, 7:30 9
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New Hope Ct.: New Hope, 3 13
Doubs-New Hope: New Hope, 7:30 13
Oak Summit, 7:30 15
Mt. Carmel, 7:30 16
Trinity, 7:30 17
St. Pauls Ct.: Asbury, 11 20
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Lewisville Ct.: Lewisville, 7:30 21
Hanes Ct.: Bethel, 7:30 22
Union Ridge, 7:30 23
East Bend Ct.: Stoney Knoll, 11 27
Smithtown Ct.: Prospect, 3 27
Crews-Sedge Garden: Crews, 7:30 .. 27

December

Shoals Ct.: Shoals, 11 4
Pilot Mtn., 3 4
Love's, Walkertown, 7:30 4
Centenary, 8 6
Elkin, First, 11 11
Jonesville, 3 11
Kernersville Ct.: Bunker Hill, 7:30 .. 11
Mt. Airy, Central, 11 18
Concord-Sharon Ct. Sharon, 3 18
Winston, First, 7:30 18

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October

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Dallas, Puett's Chapel, 3 9
Gastonia, East End, 7 9
Maylo-Smyre, Smyre, 11 16
Lowell, South Point, 3 16
Belmont, Ebenezer, 7 16
Rock Springs, Lebanon, 11 23
South Fork: Russell's Chapel, 3 23
Boger City, 7 23
Gastonia, Trinity, 7 26
Polkville, Clover Hill, 11 30
Shelby, Martin Street, 3 30
Fallston, Lawndale, 7 30

November

Gastonia, West End, 7 2
Belwood, Laurel Hill, 11 6
Vale, Reep's Grove, 3 6
Lincolnton, Rhyne Heights, 7:30 6
Shelby, Central, 7:30 7
Bessemer City, J. M. Odell Mem. 7:30 . 9
Asbury, Laboratory, 11 13
Stanley, 3 13
Lowesville, River Bend, 7 13
Kings Mountain, Grace, 7 16
Cleveland, Pleasant Hill, 11 20
Sharon, 3 20
Sulphur Springs, Pine Grove, 7 20
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30 21
Gastonia, Bradley Mem., 7 22
Besemer City, Bethea, 7 23
Lincoln, McKendree, 11 27
Mt. Holly, 7:30 27
Belmont, Park Street, 7 28
Lincolnton, First, 7:30 30

December

Cherryville Circuit, St. Paul's, 11 4
Cherryville, First, 7:30 4
Belmont, First, 7:30 5
Gastonia, Myrtle, 7 7
Crouse, Crouse, 11 11
Shelby, Hoyle Memorial, 3 11
Shelby, Lafayette Street, 7 11
Gastonia, Main Street, 7:30 13
Concord-El Bethel, Concord, 11 18
Cramer Memorial, 7 18
McAdenville, W. Cramerton, 7 21

RALEIGH MASS MEETING

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Wise parents can create an atmosphere of friendliness, cooperation, worship, prayer, mixed with joy and happiness. It is the right and privilege of every child to participate in family worship. Religion, more than anything else, will help build family relationships."

Mrs. White denied that the basic needs of children are material. "Children need security, they need to be loved, they need to be introduced to various skills," she said. She advocated family hobbies. "Creative interests can bind families into a unit."

Principles are more important than specific rules, the speaker believes. "Train the child in right principles and teach him how to make his own applications," she said.

Most important of all is to help children learn to live with people, Mrs. White counseled. "More young adults fail in their life work because they are not prepared for their jobs. No business wants to employ a young person, no matter how well they are prepared technically, who does not know how to get along with fellow workers."

During the afternoon session Rev. W. L. Clegg, chairman of the Conference Advance for Christ and His Church committee, discussed the Advance in the local church. Rev. Leon Russell, Conference missionary secretary discussed the Faith booklets which are now available. This session was concluded with a devotional period.

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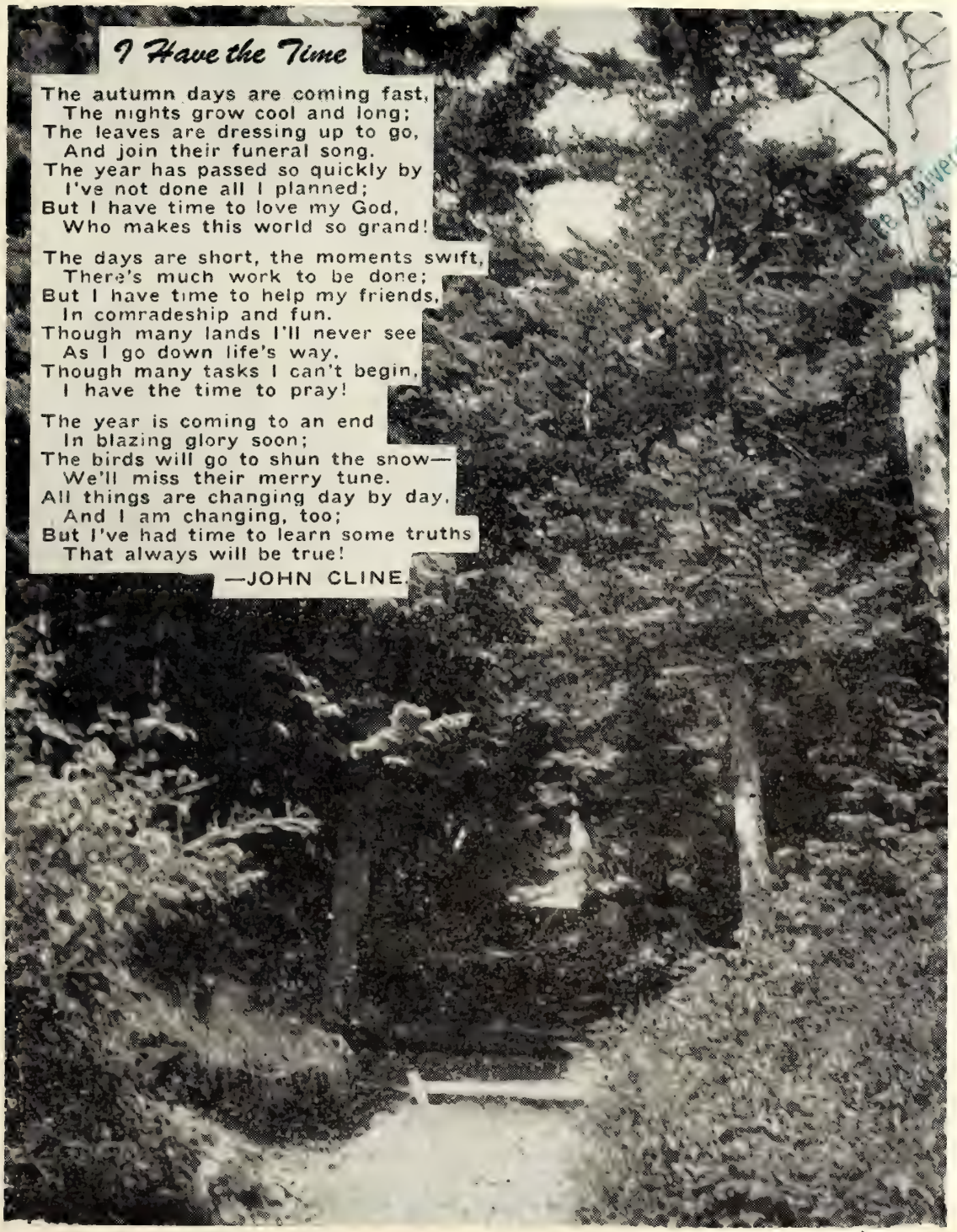
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I Have the Time

The autumn days are coming fast,
The nights grow cool and long;
The leaves are dressing up to go,
And join their funeral song.
The year has passed so quickly by
I've not done all I planned;
But I have time to love my God,
Who makes this world so grand!

The days are short, the moments swift,
There's much work to be done;
But I have time to help my friends,
In comradeship and fun.
Though many lands I'll never see
As I go down life's way,
Though many tasks I can't begin,
I have the time to pray!

The year is coming to an end
In blazing glory soon;
The birds will go to shun the snow—
We'll miss their merry tune.
All things are changing day by day,
And I am changing, too;
But I've had time to learn some truths
That always will be true!

—JOHN CLINE.

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Commission to Hold Pre-Conference Meeting; CARE to Send Special Food Package During Fall

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The Minister Should Know

That one of the wise policies in the administration of the local church is a limited tenure of office. The local church is not a monarchy, to be controlled by the will of one person, be he minister or layman. Neither is it an oligarchy, to be ruled by the power of a few. It is rather a democracy in which every member has a voice, a responsibility and a reward.

Some evils of long tenure are: (1) arbitrary authority of the office holder, (2) the program and methods become stereotyped, (3) alienation of certain capable members who are ignored, (4) difficulty of making official changes without hurting office holders' feelings, (5) it prevents the church from offering leadership experience to many of its members, (6) it is a barrier to membership growth.

A little investigation of this matter would doubtless show that a vast majority of our local churches use a very small proportion of its members in its official staff. Instead of this situation every member should carry some responsibility for the work of the church.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PASTOR'S REPORTS

All pastors of the North Carolina Conference are requested to send Table I of the Pastor's Report to Annual Conference to Rev. W. C. Wilson, conference statistician, Mount Olive, N. C., on or before October 15th. Table II, if completed, may be sent at the same time; or any time before the Annual Conference convenes; or filed with the statistician immediately upon registering at Conference.—Thomas McM. Grant, Conference Secretary.

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EDITORIAL

These Next Few Months in Methodism Are Important!

The Advance mass meeting held in Raleigh last week and the meeting scheduled for Charlotte Tuesday, October 18, will give great impetus to the emphasis on Our Faith. This particular phase of Methodism's quadrennial program is being launched by 78 such meetings throughout the nation.

Without minimizing in the least the relevance of other four-year programs, we firmly believe that American Methodism is in the midst of its most significant quadrennium. The Advance for Christ and His Church seems to be the answer, so far as Methodism is concerned, to these tragic-filled, momentous times. In the present quadrennial program, no phase of the Advance is more important or more urgently needed than the teaching and preaching emphasis on Our Faith. What we do during the next few months may not only determine what will happen to us individually, but what role American Methodism will play in bringing order and peace and hope out of these chaotic times.

The basic problems of mankind today are not material, but spiritual; not economic, but theological. Fear and insecurity and war have come upon us because we have no great faith to live by. A sound Christian faith is our best defense against poverty and ignorance and the other ills that confront and confound the human family. Wherever men have had faith in the Christian verities they have been lifted up economically, educationally and culturally. There is no problem in the world today that does not have a Christian solution. The shadow of communism lurks like a frightful scourge over the world not merely because men are poor or ignorant or because they believe communism is the answer, but because they are gripped by paralyzing fear, because they feel desperately insecure, because they are groping for certainty. Men cannot live in a vacuum. They must have something to believe in, to inspire and to challenge.

Upon the church today rests an unprecedented responsibility—the responsibility of studying and understanding and practicing and declaring the Christian faith. Therefore, what happens in Methodism during the next months is tremendously important. The whole world awaits the word of certainty which we can give!

We reject communism, its materialism, its methods of class war, its fallacious economics and its false history of social development; but we know that the only way to defeat it permanently is to use the freedom of our own democracy to establish economic justice and racial brotherhood. It is the man who is not exploited who is deaf to the slogan, 'abolish the exploitation of man by man.' It is the man who knows he is treated justly who refuses the sinister suggestion of revolutionary activity to win justice. The most effective antitoxin to dictatorship abroad is life-giving democracy at home. It is a healthy democracy that is immune to communist bacteria.

The Episcopal Address, 1948.

Bishop Oxnam Tells How Protestants Fight Communism

For months now many people have expressed concern over Protestantism's stand on communism. Impressed by the Roman Catholic Church's open declaration of holy war on the Marxists, they have been demanding: "Why don't Protestants get in the fight against communism?"

The truth of the matter is that Protestants are in the fight against communism. They haven't organized a holy crusade; they aren't using threats of reprisal or physical force against the Reds; they aren't making a great fuss over what they are doing. They are in the fight, nevertheless. And for a clear-cut, straight-from-the-shoulder account of their fight read fearless, far-seeing Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam's arresting article, "How the Protestants Fight Communism," in the October 11 issue of Look magazine.

Protestants fight communism, the Methodist bishop states, not by calling their members to a holy war or by linking themselves to the forces of reaction as the Roman Catholics have done, but by sowing the seeds of freedom and justice and democracy. Those seeds have borne bountiful fruit. Not in a single predominantly Protestant country—and the list includes Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States—has communism made serious threats. On the other hand, such predominantly Roman Catholic countries as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Austria and France, are faced with grave communistic threats. Italy, 99 per cent Roman Catholic, was threatened recently with a communist revolution; while Catholic Spain checked communism only by a bloody civil war and by accepting a ruthless fascist dictatorship.

Now, Protestants, Bishop Oxnam makes clear, are not blind to communist aims. They know that the Marxists are out to force communism on the world. Protestants have no sympathy for atheistic, materialistic, militaristic communism. Between the two there can be no reconciliation. The bishop cites recent pronouncements by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, representing 27 major Protestant bodies; the Lambeth Conference, representing all the Anglican communions; the World Council of Churches, representing 147 denominations from 44 nations; the Methodist Church and other bodies.

But Protestantism, Bishop Oxnam writes, centers upon building a just society as the basic defense against communism. Thus Protestants make a constructive, though not a sensational, approach. In the words of the Lambeth Conference: "Communism . . . has to be outlived, not merely outfought. . . ." "Protestantism calls upon free men to build a better society than dictatorship can ever build," Bishop Oxnam believes, "a society in which the 'sacredness of every personality is recognized and everyone finds opportunity for the fullest self-expression of which he is capable.'" Concluding, he writes: "Protestantism calls for a society at once free and moral, democratic and just. Protestant lands are convincing proof that Protestant strategy is sound and that victory is certain."

All Protestants are deeply indebted to Bishop Oxnam for his statesmanlike appraisal of Protestantism's position in the present struggle against communism. His ringing statement makes it crystal clear that no responsible Protestant leader or denomination is giving aid or comfort to the Marxists. His forthright statement is convincing evidence that he —so often the target of criticism—and the denomination he represents, have no brief for communism. His forceful article should convince everyone that Protestantism is not on the sidelines in this titanic struggle. Above all, it should cause all of us to appreciate our Protestant heritage and to work zealously to win for all people the freedom and democracy inherent in Protestantism.

Dale Hollow Points the Way

By Beata Mueller

Back in 1800 the Great Revival swept across the frontier country of Tennessee with the crackling intensity of a brush-fire. Camp meetings sprang up everywhere. Men, women and children gathered by the hundreds, spent days and weeks at a time listening to ministers of various communions take turns preaching fervent evangelistic sermons.

When the emotional fervor passed, however, disputes arose among the various denominations. The bitterness of these disputes can be measured by one preacher's characterization of his rivals as "hirelings, caterpillars, hypocrites, seed of the Serpent, dead dogs that cannot bark, men possessed of the Devil, rebels and enemies of God."

The factionalism of that time died slowly—slowest of all, perhaps in the isolated rural communities.

But one shining example of interdenominational cooperation has been going on for four years now in the rural communities of the Eastern Highland Rim of northern Tennessee. The Dale Hollow Larger Parish, supported by the Disciples of Christ, the Methodists and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., serves 4,000 people at 18 churches and preaching points in an area some 100 miles square.

The program is a revival of church cooperation. The ministers and staff of this rural larger parish have joined together, not for the fire-and-brimstone conversions of 150 years ago, but for a church-centered effort to bring their people a better life in an era where living is not easy.

Originator of this larger parish project is Rev. Bernard Taylor, minister of the Presbyterian mission at Alpine, Tennessee, a village of 200. Georgia-born, Mr. Taylor shares his parishioners' love for the independence of rural life. He is aware of the problems of poverty and ill health that beset them, and is deeply convinced that the most effective help can be found only in church cooperation.

When Taylor and his family arrived at Alpine a dozen years ago, he had already served as pastor to a group of rural churches in Pennsylvania. But here on the "barrens" of the Highland Rim he found farms where the vitality of thin soil had been leached away by the porous limestone underneath. He found homes where the only light came from smoky kerosene lamps, the only heat from a fireplace or an old oil barrel made into a stove, the only water supply fifty feet or more from the house.

Tuberculosis was a scourge. Pellagra added its dragging fatigue to overwork. The average family income ranged from $86 to $200 a year. As the children grew up, many of them left home for work in the factories of the north because there was no adequate living to be made at home.

Yet most of these families had a tradition of self-reliance, education and hard work. A young South Carolina teacher had started the Alpine Institute in a log cabin in 1821. The Institute later became a mission school, and the Taylors found many families had sons and daughters who were graduates, many of them teaching in local rural schools.

Both people and land had inherent resources that could be developed. And Taylor, "a born pioneer," as one of his family described him, loved both the people and the land.

One of his first concerns was housing. He had seen the picturesque cabins with their stone chimneys and wide porches where large families lived crowded in insufficient space and suffered from the cold in winter.

How the church in rural communities of northern Tennessee by cooperating are providing a much larger ministry to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the people, and thus point the way to churches in every isolated community.

"This manse is too big, compared to the average house around here," he told a visitor in the early days. "I don't want to live on a level so different from the level of our people."

After ten years of service in Alpine, Taylor and his wife went north for a year of study. There he found an answer to the housing problem in his investigation of low-cost home construction. When he returned to his parish, he had worked out plans for an inexpensive house of concrete blocks that would be practical in the mountains. Built as a demonstration and paid for by income from the mission forest, it now houses a family of eleven who had lived in a two-room mountain cabin.

But long before that, Taylor had been busy on a dozen other projects for the Christian development of his people and their community. One of these was the mission farm, now an important part of the rural life center at Alpine. Purchased in 1941 and worked by a trained manager, it has become a demonstration of what can be done on poor land. Legumes build up the soil, grain and garden produce help feed the community, carefully-bred cattle pastured in fields too steep for cultivation provide milk. A similar agricultural demonstration was set up recently by another of the larger parish's ministers on his 20-acre manse property in the next county.

But Taylor knew that farming alone could not bring sufficient returns. He next turned his creative mind to an 18-acre forest tract owned by a landlord in a distant city. Timber was once one of Tennessee's great resources, and this stand of forest, Taylor felt, could be a demonstration of scientific forestry and a source of community income. With the advice of state and federal forest services and with funds provided by a friend, the church acquired the property.

If the forest was to be accessible, however, there had to be a road. This was war-time; even if there were funds to hire road-builders, there was no labor force available.

This did not stop the resourceful minister.

"Alpine has had church conferences before," he decided, "and this time we are going to have a working conference of rural ministers and church leaders."

Mark Twain had written about the "Knob Country" around Alpine and the minister's conference had a touch of Mark Twain's ingenuity.

Mornings, clad in heavy boots and work clothes, church men with crowbars and a bulldozer toiled on the road up the mountain.

"I never knew a crowd of preachers who worked together so hard," one local farmer commented.

In the afternoons, back from their hot and muddy work, the men studied and discussed the life and work of the rural church.

Out of Taylor's road-building conference, grew a forestry project where trees still protect the area's watershed and cut timber, turned to material for buildings and wood pulp in the cooperative sawmill, brings in a steady income.

The war's end brought a stop to allotment checks and wages from war industries. But returning GI's now found a means of learning a trade and earning an income not only in forestry but also in work with the cabinet woods—black walnut, white oak and cherry—that grew on the mountainside.

The county had taken over the schools, and Alpine Institute's buildings became the home of Alpine Community Crafts. Under the direction of one of the parish staff veteran trainees became skilled woodworkers, turning out furniture for

their families, toys for their children. After a minister from southern Tennessee ordered pews, pulpit and communion table for his congregation's new church, the Alpine center became known for church furniture of dignified simplicity.

The woodcraft instructor's wife, who had done graduate study in ceramics, set up a kiln and two potter's wheels at the center. Adults and older children, as they acquired professional skill with the native red clay, became employees of the pottery. Bowls, pitchers and pottery figures are sent from here to retail channels.

Weaving, a traditional mountain skill, became another of the center's projects, providing additional income for the families of the women who work at the center's weaving room.

These handicraft industries serve not only to raise the general economic level of the area, but also provide a means of making a living for some young adults and their families who might otherwise have to move away from home.

Meanwhile, Taylor, on horseback and on foot, had been visiting the little churches and the cabin homes of the area, in the gullies and up on the crests of the hills. He felt increasingly that only by working together could the churches reach all the people with the help that was needed.

Finally, in 1945, discussions with other local church leaders brought into being the larger parish and its interdenominational council. The cooperative effort that had been Taylor's dream for years brought new strength to all three of the area's major communions.

With joint resources they could employ a director of Christian education to work with local churches on projects they could not accomplish singly—vacation church school, leadership training courses, religious education in the public schools, health work such as patch tests, and eye tests done in conjunction with the public school religious program community improvement work, recreation and personal counseling.

One summer a director of music brought in by the parish council gave a new appreciation of church music to people who still cling to hymnals with shaped notes.

Now recreational activities are carried on the year round in the gymnasium. Together with a growing Scout movement, the program has gone a long way to providing a solution for juvenile delinquency that results when youngsters have no constructive outlet for their energies.

Taylor and another of the parish ministers, because of their familiarity with the area and its needs, helped TVA authorities map a system of electric power lines to extend into their territory. One by one, homes of the hill people have lighted up, and the drudgery of the women has been lightened by electric irons and washing machines.

Some of the larger parish's most significant work however had been done in the health field. Although development of a county health department had had its effect in combatting pellagra and typhoid, undernourishment still took its toll in lowered resistance to disease, and tuberculosis continued to flourish.

A school child's meals for the day might include cornbread and milk for breakfast, a sandwich and a "fried pie" —dried fruit dipped in batter and fried in deep fat—for lunch, and cornmeal and milk for supper.

A parent-teacher organization formed one winter raised funds for a hot-lunch program in the schools, while two of the ministers rounded up volunteer labor to dig a basement lunchroom under the school building. Ten-cent hot lunches help today's children build resistance to illness.

Then the people of the larger parish, led by their ministers, got together to build a tuberculosis clinic, for even distant sanitoriums were overcrowded and only a local program could answer their immediate need. The Presbyterians furnished a building, the Methodists a nurse and the Disciples equipment such as an x-ray machine, while local people raised funds for operation of the long-needed rest home.

Taylor's dream is coming true. The churches, working together, are helping to relieve poverty and illness among their people, and their people in turn are coming closer to a better life that centers naturally around the church.

One local pastor has called this larger parish one of the most significant experiments in interdenominational cooperation in the south today.

Taylor himself says that he and his staff have found the thrill of cooperative Christian work is always new.

The Basis for Unity and Peace

By D. W. Charlton*

The gospel of Christ is the one force that can bind the human family into one real brotherhood, bringing unity and peace.

We have just observed World Communion Sunday, and it is hoped that the waves of generous good-will have washed the shores of the world. Now our thinking has widened with the progress of science, and the most pressing problem of our time is how to get along with our world neighbors. Civilization itself hangs upon the answer to the riddle of how to live and work together in the same world in peace.

Unity and peace must be founded on a moral and spiritual basis. A friendly world is possible, we believe, in spite of the "iron curtain" and other curtains that tend to separate people. Certainly these divisive curtains cannot entirely shut out air-waves, and other media that make for mutual understanding and good-will.

Nor do we want unity at the price of uniformity. We want no leveling down process or a "socialized" man that would make us conform to a single pattern. Individual differences that so often separate people may be largely superficial and on the surface, while common interests that bind us together go deeper in human nature.

Some time ago I stood on the beautiful Duke University campus, watching waves of people who made their way to a football game. No two people were alike physically, but they were brought together by their deep interest in this great American game. Or, every snowflake has a different pattern, we are told, but all have the common properties of color and coldness. Freedom allows for a wide variation and mode of life so long as we can agree on basic moral and spiritual principles.

Democracy recognizes the worth and the right of individuals of every variety, and seeks to advance their welfare. In Russia, the welfare state merges the individual in the mass, and he exists for the state. But there are some dark trends in America. As someone remarked of the government: "The individual is no more than a security number." A university professor, we are informed, numbers his students and calls them by number, and rarely if ever by name. Surely we can have unity without a socialized and standardized people; unity is possible without the deadening process of uniformity.

In the pledge often given by the youth to the Christian flag are the words: "One brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love." There is a common basis of unity regardless of the difference of race, class, and nations. A Russian and a Chinaman were traveling together on the train through Siberia. One of the men held a Bible in his hands, and observed that what they had in common was more than the things that separated them.

The Scripture says that God looketh not on the outward appearance, but on the heart, and that He has made of one blood all nations to dwell on the face of the earth. (I Sam. 16:17; Ac. 17:26.)

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Outstanding Speakers Feature Mass Meeting at Charlotte October 18; All-Day Event for Madison

FAITH TO BE THEME OF MASS MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

Hundreds of preachers and laymen from the Western North Carolina Conference will gather at First Church, Charlotte, Tuesday, October 18, for a conference-wide Advance meeting. Theme for the all-day meeting which will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will close with an evening service starting at 7:30 o'clock will be Our Faith, first in the series of four teaching and preaching emphases for the quadrennium. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, will be in charge of the entire program.

Lunch for all persons attending the meeting will be served at 12:30 o'clock by the host church. All visitors will be guests of the movement.

Following an opening devotional by Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson of Lexington, Bishop Harrell will address the audience on the purpose of the meeting. At 10:30 a.m., Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham will discuss "Rearing Our Children in the Christian Faith." At 11:00 a.m., Luther Wells of Richmond, Conference Lay Leader of the Virginia Conference, will speak on the theme, "The Advance in the Local Church."

At 11:30 o'clock, Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Des Moines, Iowa, will bring a message entitled "The Dignity of Man."

Following the luncheon hour, at two o'clock an assembly for church leaders will be held. Dr. R. Dwight Ware, superintendent of the Asheville district, will discuss "The Pulpit Emphasis," and Dr. Edgar H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte district, will speak on the theme, "The Faith Booklets—Their Value and Distribution and Use."

The program will end with an address by Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, Penn., on the theme, "Faith in Christ."

The Charlotte meeting will bring to North Carolina many outstanding visiting speakers. Bishop Brashares, a native of Ohio, has had a notable ministerial career. Holding A.B. and S.T.B. degrees, as well as several honorary degrees, he has served churches in Massachusetts, Maine, Ohio and Michigan before his elevation to the episcopacy in 1944. He is in



Luther W. Wells



Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

his second quadrennium as presiding bishop of the Des Moines Area. Bishop Wicke, also a native of Ohio, was elected a bishop in 1948, following successful pastorates in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is in charge of the Pittsburgh Area.

Mrs. Hillman has been quite active in the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She has been president of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction organization, and vice-president of the General organization. She is also a member of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

Luther Wells, outstanding Virginia layman, is well known throughout the Jurisdiction. During the summer he was chosen to be director of the Junaluska Assembly expansion campaign. He holds other prominent places in the church.

The Charlotte mass meeting is one of 78 similar meetings being held throughout the nation during October to launch the emphasis on Our Faith. The North Carolina Conference Mass meeting was held at Raleigh Monday, October 3.

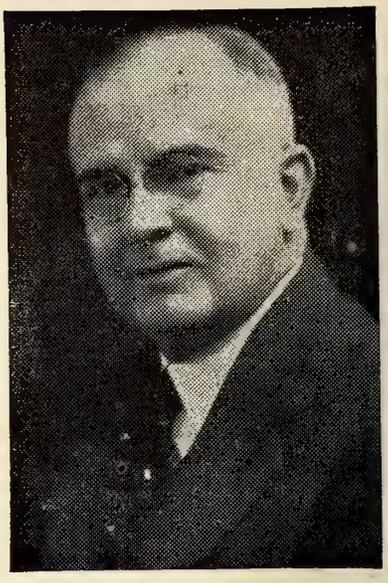
WALT HOLCOMB TO LEAD ONE-DAY REVIVAL AT MADISON

Dr. Walt Holcomb of Atlanta, Ga., will be with Rev. Joe Johnson of Madison for a one-day, week-end revival, Sunday, October 23.

A strange incident entered into the



Mrs. E. L. Hillman



Bishop Costen J. Harrell

evangelist's lift at Madison, as he was there while still in his teens seeking a public school as a teacher. Failing to find such a school on account of his age, it was suggested that he go over into Virginia as there was no age limit on teaching in public schools there. It was while praying and walking to and fro on the platform at the railway station that he faced the greatest decision in his life up to that time. The trains met there and he decided to take the first one that came in which pointed towards Martinsville. This step finally led him to secure a school and after some months he went to Richmond where he began his evangelistic career.

No doubt it will be of great interest to the people of Madison when he relates this story at his opening service in the approaching one-day revival.

The pastor is making extensive preparation for this one-day evangelism and is inviting people of all the churches and the surrounding counties to be present and to hear Dr. Holcomb who will return after the lapse of nearly half a century. The services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., in the Madison Methodist church and in the afternoon there will be a visitation campaign of evangelism directed by the pastor.

If we are not masters of ourselves, we are not fit to be leaders of others. —Spurgeon.



Bishop Charles W. Brashares

News in Brief -- Personalities

REV. J. A. SHARP's new address is Box 475, Spencer, N. C. He will be glad to fill appointments and assist in revivals.

FIRST CHURCH, HENDERSON, gave a tea Friday, September 23, from 4 to 6 in the church parlor for all teachers in the city schools, with 75 teachers and several hundred members attending.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD of First church, Henderson, began its fall activities with a fellowship dinner for all members and prospective members on Friday, September 20.

REV. J. O. ERVIN wants all his friends to know that he has no "charge to keep," and that he is in position to pinch-hit for any pastor in need of such assistance. His address is Charlotte, Rt. 9, Box 218A, telephone 56-7835.

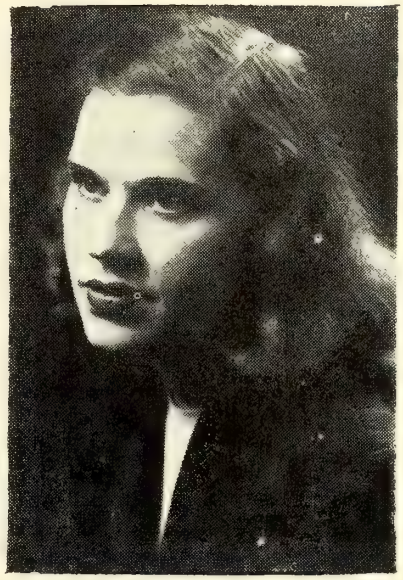
ROBERT FORD NEESE of Pleasant Union church, and Miss Nance Elva Hill, of Mizpah church, were married Sunday, September 25 at 7 o'clock a.m., in a private ceremony at Grace Methodist Church in Greensboro by the Rev. J. L. Trollinger, former pastor of both the young people. The double ring ceremony was used.

O. A. SWARINGEN, lay leader of the Salisbury district, celebrated his birthday Sunday in an unexpected way. Members of his family and friends gave him a party at a High Point restaurant that evening, with many gifts and a delicious meal. The editor and his family, on their way back from a preaching engagement, and appearing at the height of the party, shared in the birthday cake.

REV. AND MRS. L. M. HALL of Calvary Church, Durham, have invited members of their congregation to attend an informal reception Tuesday evening, October 18, following revival services. The event will mark Mr. Hall's birthday, his retirement from the officers reserve corps, United States Army, and his fourth anniversary of both his separation from active army duty and the beginning of his duty as pastor of Calvary church.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE has registered 748 students for the fall semester, with 14 states, Cuba and Poland represented. There are 16 religious denominations, with 353 Methodists, and 168 Baptists; 272 veterans; 571 men, 177 women, 243 freshmen, 168 sophomores, 132 juniors, 138 seniors, 17 special students of whom 10 are post graduates although graduate work is not given at High Point College. North Carolina furnishes 707 of the students, Virginia 8, New York 6, Pennsylvania 5, South Carolina 4, Florida 3, Indiana 3, Georgia 2, New Jersey 2, Maryland 3, and Alabama, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Illinois. Cuba and Poland, one each.

CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH, New York, has been selected by Columbia's television department to be one of the collaborating institutions, Protestant, Jewish, Roman Catholic, in the program "Lamp Unto My Feet." Miss Edith Lovell Thomas, director of church school music, will supervise when Christ Church children are used. "Lamp Unto My Feet" seeks to explain in simple, clear terms the different creeds, the import of their rituals and symbolism, and the application of the basic tenets of the several faiths to daily life. Discussions, dramatizations, films and other methods will be used to carry out this purpose. The program, which begins its second year, is on CBS-TV Sundays, 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. EST.



MISS MARY HARRELL, above, of Elkin, is the new director of Christian Education at First Church, Salisbury. A graduate of W. C. U. N. C., Miss Harrell for the past two years has been in charge of women's and girls' work at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A., Elkin. During the past summer she was in Italy where she helped build a youth center.

DR. WALT HOLCOMB, author, traveler and evangelist, is attending the Virginia Conference at Richmond where he began preaching and was known throughout the state as the "boy preacher." During the conference week Dr. Holcomb will preach at the Washington Street Methodist church, Petersburg, Sunday, October 16. He will also hold an autograph party at the Methodist Publishing House in Richmond while visiting the Annual Conference.

SHILOH CHURCH of the Bethpage-Shiloh charge has been completely renovated inside, including sheet rock on the walls, celotex on the ceiling, hard wood flooring and the interior, including the pews, painted. This is the first painting or redecorating done in this building in 67 years. A new heating system is being purchased for the sanctuary. On Sunday, September 18, 100 persons attended the morning worship service. This is an increase of 250% over the last decade. Bethpage church is installing a new furnace in the parsonage basement. The basement was dug and made ready by the men of the church.

TRIPLET CHURCH on the Centenary-Triplet charge will observe homecoming Sunday, October 16. All former pastors, district superintendents and friends of the church are invited to attend. Dr. J. H. Armburst, superintendent of the Statesville district, will preach at the 11 o'clock service and also hold the first quarterly conference. Dinner will be served on the ground at 12:30 o'clock. At 2:00 p.m. Dr. Armburst will dedicate the new educational building, and at 2:30 he will also dedicate the new Wurlitzer organ, after which an organ concert will be given by Professor Herbert F. Kraft, representative of the Cannon-Jones Music Company of Charlotte.

MISS CATHERINE BOYER, who resigned recently as director of Christian education at Trinity church, Kannapolis, is enrolled for graduate work in religious education at the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga.

CROP has already organized 32 North Carolina counties in the current campaign for farm produce for overseas relief. More than 20 other counties will complete their organization by mid-October, according to a CROP announcement from the Durham headquarters.

FIRST CHURCH, HENDERSON, honored 85 new members who have united with the church in the last 10 months with a fellowship supper Wednesday, October 5, in the social hall of the church. Several hundred members attended. A short sing and informal program followed the supper.

MISS GAYLAN COLLIER succeeds Miss Vivian Burton in the department of speech in Greensboro College for the coming year according to an announcement by President Luther L. Gobbel. A native of Fluvanna, Texas, Miss Collier did her undergraduate study in Abilene Christian College, where she obtained the A.B. degree, and her graduate work in speech at the University of Iowa, which conferred upon her the A.M. degree.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of Central church, Kings Mountain, held an all day study class on September 28. The spiritual life study, Newness of Life, by Miss Estelle Carver was taught by Mrs. Charles A. Butterworth, Mrs. M. L. Biser, and Mrs. Paul E. Hendricks. There was a morning session, a covered dish luncheon, and an afternoon session. Meeting with the W. S. C. S. members of this church were those from Grace Methodist Church.

BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE of the Atlanta Area, accompanied by Mrs. Moore, will sail November 4 on the S. S. President Monroe from San Francisco for Singapore, Malaya. Bishop Moore has been appointed by the Council of Bishops to preside over the annual conferences of the Singapore Area and the Southeastern Asia Central Conference, which is planned for February. Since the retirement of Bishop Edwin F. Lee in 1948, these conferences have been without the services of a resident bishop. Bishop and Mrs. Moore expect to return to the United States next March.

CENTRAL CHURCH, ALBEMARLE, will sponsor a family institute October 16-20, with all churches in Stanly County invited to participate. Mrs. E. H. Ould of Roanoke, Va., outstanding authority on Christian family relations, is the principal speaker. Mrs. Ould will speak each evening at 7:30 o'clock as follows: Sunday, "Keeping the Home Christian;" Monday, "I John Take Thee Mary;" Tuesday, "Successful Parenthood;" Wednesday, "Character is Homemade;" and Thursday, "In-laws and Out-laws." Parents' classes will be held Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10 o'clock and youth conferences will be held at the high school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30 o'clock. Morning devotions centered around Christian Family Week will be conducted over the local radio station each morning at 9:15 o'clock by Rev. Karl Koestline of First Street church.

Concord Church Builds; Alaska Gets New Mission Workers: Board of Evangelism's Recommendations



Harmony Church, Concord

CONCORD CHURCH COMPLETES EXPANSION PROGRAM

Harmony Methodist Church, Concord, held its annual homecoming services Sunday, September 18, in the new church building. During the past year the church sanctuary has been enlarged, a balcony erected, a new entrance made on the east side and a new tower built and equipped with Webster Tower Chimes. The interior has been completely remodeled with new paneling and ornamental ceiling, and memorial windows installed throughout.

The Youth Fellowship presented a large window with Holman Hunt's famous painting of Christ knocking at the door. A large crowd gathered for the services in the morning and for the picnic lunch. Rev. Ralph Taylor, a former pastor, and O. A. Swaringen, district lay leader, spoke in the afternoon.

Rev. R. Hoy Whitlow is finishing his sixth year at Harmony.

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10 NEW METHODIST MISSIONARIES ENTER ALASKA

Three new missionary families are now in the service of the Methodist Church, and two more families are going there at an early date, it is announced by Dr. Earl R. Brown, executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. These missionary recruits—all with pastoral service in the United States—have been welcomed into the Alaska Methodist fellowship by Dr. P. Gordon Gould, director of Methodist work in that country.

Rev. and Mrs. Le Roy Heilbrun have gone to Unga to carry on the work there and to expand the church's program in the Shumagin Islands. Mr. Heilbrun is a member of the Erie Conference, and his last appointment there was the Bethany-Hamlin Chapel charge.

Rev. and Mrs. Gene Elliott and infant son have been appointed to Hope and Moose Pass and to expand the work in the Kenai Peninsula. The Elliotts' son, Fred, got his first look at Alaska at the "advanced" age of four months. Mr. Elliott is a member of the Oregon Conference and was formerly at the Chiloquin charge.

Rev. and Mrs. Keith Whittern and two small sons are stationed in Unalaska. The work at Unalaska was completely disrupted by the war, with all property being taken over by the government. The Whitterns face the job in rebuilding the church's program in this area. Mr. Whittern is a member of the Michigan Conference. His last appointment was the Manton charge, Michigan.

Early in October, two more workers will be in Alaska to open up new fields. Rev. Douglas Harrell, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in Seville, Florida, and his wife and small daughter go to Ketchikan to take charge of the new North End chapel. This new church has been a missionary project of the Ketchikan Methodist Church. The Ketchikan Methodist people have watched it grow from infancy to its adult status of a separate church with its own pastor. North End Chapel is located in a rapidly growing section of Ketchikan. Mr. Harrell will also have charge of the work at Clover Pass. The people of Clover Pass have asked that the Methodist Church come into the community. Plans are being made to build a small chapel. They are so anxious to have a church that all labor for the building of the chapel is to be donated by the men of the community.

Rev. J. P. Porter, who has been doing public relations work at Brevard College, Brevard, N. C., and his wife and child go to Douglas. This is a new church in a rapidly growing community just a short distance from Juneau, the capital city of Alaska. Early in July the first unit of this new church was dedicated by Bishop Gerald Kennedy, and plans are being made to build the sanctuary just as soon as possible.

CONFERENCE ADOPTS EVANGELISTIC GOALS

The Western North Carolina Conference, in its annual session held recently and upon recommendation of the Conference Board of Evangelism, set the following objectives for the new Conference year:

1. That each district secretary, in cooperation with the district superintendent, call together as soon as possible in the Conference year the preachers for a prayer retreat. During this quadrennium our General Conference has set a goal of 2,000,000 new members on profession of faith. According to this basis the goal for the Western North Carolina Conference will be 13,444, reduced to districts as follows: Asheville district, 834; Charlotte district, 1,727; Gastonia district, 1,476; Greensboro district, 1,870; Marion district, 948; Salisbury district, 1,425; Statesville district, 1,518; Thomasville district, 1,607; Waynesville district, 595; and Winston-Salem district, 1,444.

2. We suggest that each district secretary of Evangelism, in cooperation with the district superintendent, send to each pastor the membership goal for his charge immediately following the Annual Conference session.

3. We urge that each pastor present the membership goal for the year to the local committee on membership and evangelism, and that together they work out a program of evangelism designed toward reaching **their goal.**

4. We recommend that each district committee on evangelism, in cooperation with the district superintendent, direct a district-wide program as follows:

a. A thorough house to house survey in every community served by a Methodist church.

b. A week of visitation evangelism in every church.

c. District and sub-district youth revivals.

d. One or two weeks of public evangelistic services in every charge.

5. We recommend that the district secretaries of evangelism shall present our conference program of evangelism to the first district and sub-district meetings after Annual Conference before the following organizations:

a. Sub-District Methodist Men's Meetings.

b. District and Sub-District Youth Organizations.

c. District and Sub-District Woman's Society of Christian Service meetings.

6. We urge wholehearted cooperation in the United Evangelistic Advance, thus uniting with other groups in evangelistic endeavors.

7. We recommend and urge that every pastor give diligent attention to the training of prepartory members, in compliance with paragraphs 121, 123 of the 1948 Discipline, and that Bishop Harrell's book, "A Methodist Child's Membership Manual" be used in preparatory classes for children.

Laymen to Stress Missions; CROP Gifts Appreciated; Orient Needs Christian Help: Pittsboro Builds

MEN AND MISSIONS SUNDAY SET FOR NOVEMBER 13

The 19th annual observance of Men and Missions Sunday, in which all Protestant churches of the United States and Canada have been invited to participate, will occur on November 13, 1949.

The single purpose of that observance is to influence the laymen of North America to support more generously the missionary work of their own communions or denominations.

The observance is sponsored and promoted by the Laymen's Missionary Movement of North America, Inc. It is represented in thousands of cities and towns by either a local pastor or a layman who serves as resident chairman. This resident chairman invites every pastor in the city to appoint one of his laymen to speak briefly on Christian Missions preceding the morning sermon on Sunday, November 13.

This year's theme is "'Let's act now for one world in Christ."

GERMAN INTERNEE THANKS CROP FOR FOOD

With collections for CROP in North Carolina only a month away, the questions of many a potential giver turn to the destination of his gifts. Willing to sacrifice to meet human need, many a farmer still wonders whether the foods or fibers he gives do go to satisfy the wants of a fellow human being. Here, from a convalescent home for returning internees in Germany, is a description of what happened to some CROP gifts sent last year:

"I herewith thank the Relief Project for the food donated stemming from foreign gifts, which was sent to this home. . . . Many of the repatriates have not lost their faith in God, but their faith in mankind. For many years there were only suffering inhuman exploitation; they were always a number, never experiencing love or understanding. Therefore, it is for these people like a miracle from another planet, if one can tell them that the Christians in America are sending free gifts. . . . Again and again we experience here that after weeks of recuperation, people leave us with much more hope, and many of them find again faith in God and mankind. Our work in helping people who are mental and physical wrecks would be infinitely more difficult if we could not point to deeds coming from obeying God's commandments and which flow like a vivid spring, aside from preaching God's Word. Men have lost their faith in words, as a result of many disappointments. A deed helps them regain faith. . . . We thank the Christian donors abroad. Without their help it would have been impossible for us to help the way we are able to do it now.

SPEAKERS PLEAD FOR CHRISTIAN AID IN THE EAST

NEW YORK CITY.—Christianity must reach the Middle East, China and India with a "dynamic and meaningful" program before these areas are too deeply influenced by "other forces," Dr. Walter A. Anderson, professor of rural sociology at Cornell University, said here yesterday.

Dr. Anderson spoke at a luncheon given by Agricultural Missions, Inc., of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, reporting on a recent trip through the East sponsored by the agency. Also reporting at the luncheon was Dr. Mary Sweeny, child welfare specialist who returned recently from a similar assignment in Asia.

Warning that these areas are "in a state of unrest," Dr. Anderson said that while the agricultural program of the church had in the past been "tremendously significant" it will only continue to be significant "if we seize the opportunity now."

Pointing out that peasants in these areas are clamoring for "at least something to eat," Dr. Anderson said the church could point the way to a solution of their need by the development of demonstration programs.

"The church cannot hope to solve all the economic and social problems of these areas," Dr. Anderson said, "but its programs can serve as lighthouses which will guide the people to solutions of their own."

Dr. Sweeny, a former associate director of the Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit, urged the introduction of social studies in all Christian educational institutions for all age groups in the Orient.

She pointed out that such courses would aid young people to adjust to cultural transitions in their countries, especially in India where wide-spread social and political reforms have been launched.

Urging mission boards to set up nursery schools as a part of their Christian program, she said that "women, aware of social changes, are eager for help. The avenue to their interests lies through their children."

PITTSBORO CHARGE COMPLETES NEW PARSONAGE

Climaxing a building program that has extended over several years, members of the Pittsboro charge have just completed a new eight-room brick veneer parsonage which is now being occupied by the pastor, Rev. W. T. Phipps, and family.

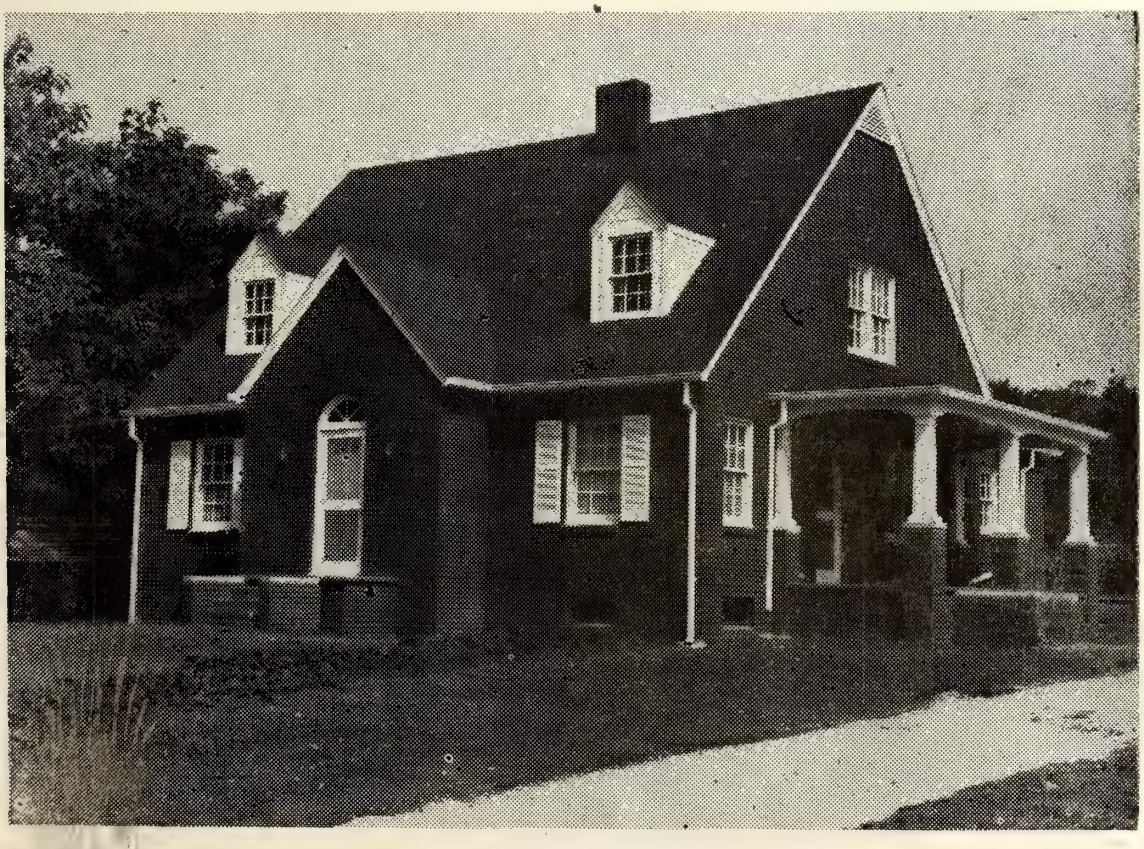
Modern throughout, the parsonage has four bedrooms, a study, eight closets and a large basement with inside and outside entrances. It is located on a new lot purchased by the charge.

The building program on the charge began almost four years ago when the Pittsboro congregation decided to brick vaneer the church and erect an educational building. Total value of the improvements has been placed at $58,000, with the pastor drawing the plans and supervising the work.

Brown's Chapel church was dedicated last October following a building program that extended over two years. It is a brick veneer building furnished in light oak, has 17 memorial windows and sufficient classrooms to take care of its growing church school.

The other two churches on the charge—Pleasant Hill and Chatham—have made many improvements in their church property.

During the four-year pastorate of Mr. Phipps, 104 persons have been received into the churches on the charge.



New Pittsboro Parsonage

Edited by CARL H. KING

Conference Council of Children's Workers



Mrs. O. D. Nelson, Greensboro
District Director Children's Work



Miss Kate Crowell, Charlotte
District Director Children's Work



Mrs. W. P. Moore, Salisbury
District Director Children's Work

Under the leadership of Mrs. W. R. Reed, the Conference Council of Children's Workers met at Sunny Acres October 7, 8, 9, to consider plans for the new conference year. The theme for the three-day session was, "The Faith of Our Children." Miss LaDonna Bogardus, General Board of Education, Nashville, spoke to the group on "Helping Children Achieve Christian Faith," "Visual Aids and New Lesson Materials," and served as a resource person throughout the council meeting. Other areas of activity discussed were "Laboratory Schools," by Miss Elizabeth Jarratt, Myers Park, Charlotte; Missionary Units," by Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, Statesville; "Forward Steps in the Large Church," by Miss Elsie Ellen Moore, Wesley Memorial, High Point; "Children's Songs and Games," by Miss Kate Crowell, First Church, Charlotte; "Forward Steps in the Small Church," by Miss Bogardus; and "A Look at the New Year," by Mrs. W. R. Reed. Worship services were led by Mrs. W. P. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Mason, Mrs. O. D. Nelson, and Carl H. King. Approximately 30 persons representing most of the districts of the conference were in attendance. Everyone who participated felt that the sessions were of the highest order in interest, worship, information, fellowship and practical planning for the children of our conference.

TRAINING SCHOOL COURSES FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

Teachers of children request training school classes and take advantage of these opportunities in a fine way. Between now and Christmas classes will be taught in "Bible Manners and Customs," by Mrs. J. C. Goode; "Recreation for Children" and "Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth," by Mrs. C. A. Rauschenburg; "Home and Church Working Together for Children," by Mrs. W. R. Reed; "Guiding Kindergarten Children in Christian Growth," by Mrs. Herbert Beam; and "When Children Worship," by Mrs. W. R. Reed. In the training school program throughout the conference, workers with children are constantly on the alert for every opportunity to prepare for and to lead children in achieving a Christian faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK CENTRAL, ASHEVILLE

"Today, October 2, through Sunday, October 9, has been designated as Religious Education Week in our Church. During the week, teachers will visit in the homes of their new pupils, and all classes and departments are asked to contact their inactive members. The week will conclude with Rally Day on October 9, when it is hoped we will have a large number of persons present at 9:45 a.m. for church school."—Church Bulletin.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AXIOMS

Religion can be taught, but those who profess to teach it must both have it themselves and be skilled in the art of teaching.

Better programs and materials placed in the hands of untrained teachers will, in the majority of instances, not only fail of their purpose, but cause discouragements and opposition to their use.

CONFERENCE REPORT OF CHILDREN'S WORK

The director of children's work has been in the conference for only six months. During this time district superintendents, district directors of children's work, the conference secretary of children's work for the W. S. C. S., ministers, local church school leaders, church school teachers, vacation church school workers, members of the conference Board of Christian education, the conference staff, and the office secretaries have all given cooperation, inspiration and encouragement to the work of giving boys and girls of this conference the chance to grow as Jesus did, "In wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."



Mrs. W. R. Reed

Activities of Conference Director

Participated in 13 vacation church school institutes in five districts during April and May.

Spoke to parents' meetings in First church, Salisbury, and Centenary church, Winston-Salem, in May.

Taught a class at Duke in June for the Duke Foundation students for help in vacation church school work.

Taught a class at Pfeiffer College in June for the district secretaries of children's work for the W.S.C.S.

Taught Bible and nature study classes at the Intermediate camp in June.

Taught a class at the young adult assembly at Lake Junaluska in July.

Spoke to the general superintendents at the church school superintendents' conference at Lake Junaluska in July.

Junaluska Assembly

Attended the conference at Lake Junaluska for conference and district directors, and the leadership school in August.

Taught in a Christian Workers' School in Morganton, September 4-8.

Held an all day session at Myers Park, Charlotte, September 12, to help the children's workers plan their fall units of work.

Vacation School Statistics

District	Schools	Churches	Enrolled
Asheville	41	43	1,999
Charlotte	49	50	3,110
Gastonia	48	51	3,009
Greensboro	62	63	4,030
Marion	31	31	1,522
Salisbury	61	65	3,730
Statesville	40	42	2,731
Thomasville	66	81	4,156
Waynesville	48	51	2,304
Winston-Salem	57	60	3,586
Totals	503	537	29,977

Respectfully submitted,
EDITH WILLIS REED
Director of Children's Work

Executive Board Meets; Guild Board Makes Plans: Saxapahaw Charge Has New Society

Edited by Mrs. A. H. Borland
2010 Pershing St., Durham, N. C.

W. S. C. S. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh on Wednesday and Thursday, September 28 and 29. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, the president, presided.

Mrs. A. M. Gates led the meditations for the sessions, bringing to the attention of the women that "the urgency of Christian missions has been lost."

Mrs. A. H. Borland was appointed as the contact person between the conference and the jurisdiction for press and publicity. Mrs. J. Roy Jones of Columbia, S. C., is the jurisdictional officer in charge.

Miss Elizabeth Lamb, former conference secretary of spiritual life, was a special guest of the board. She came to ask that the "Elizabeth Lamb" room and scholarship at Scarritt be changed to the North Carolina Conference room and scholarship. But she was voted down, for these are a perpetual memorial to her and her wonderful work not only through the conference but throughout the whole church. All the women of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guilds are asked to pray for the young women who will occupy this room and who will share in this scholarship.

Miss Ida Collie was another special guest. She is to leave for her work in the Philippines in a few weeks. The blessings and good wishes of all go with her as she undertakes this work for the Master. She will be stationed in the Mary Johnston Hospital in Manila, as far as she knows at the present time.

At the conference on "The Bible and Human Rights" in Atlanta, Mrs. W. E. Denning from Benson, represented the N. C. Conference. She brought a very interesting account of her experiences there. She spoke to the group in a very informal manner, which was most delightful.

Miss Mary Gardner, former secretary of the department of literature and publications, and also former editor of this page, was a special guest. We were delighted that she was feeling better and could visit with the group.

Regular members of the board in attendance were Mrs. Cutchin, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Borland, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Mrs. W. P. Moore, Mrs. Fred L. Johnson, Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. H. I. Glass, Mrs. F. B. McKinne, Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, Mrs. Henry W. Maddrey, Mrs. M. W. Warren, Mrs. H. A. Davis, Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, Mrs. J. M. Jerome, Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Mrs. R. L. Cox, Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Mrs. N. P. Edens, Mrs. Hubert Odom, Mrs. L. A. Watts, Mrs. S. S. Holt, Mrs. D. L. Fouts, Mrs. T. G. Stem, Mrs. E. R. Meekins, Mrs. Russell Johnson, Miss Sarah Godfrey, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Mrs. C. H. Walston, Mrs. J. B. Chase. Representing the Wilmington district was Mrs. W. I. McLamb, secretary of status of women.

1950 CONFERENCE IN HENDERSON

Mrs. H. I. Glass, vice-president and program chairman, was announced as chairman of the program for the conference in 1950 to be held June 20-22 in Henderson.

INTERIM REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MINUTES

Mrs. C. D. Barclift, conference recording secretary, asks that all officers send in their written reports for the five months interim to be in triplicate for the conference journal. The deadline set for these is November 1.

BY-LAW CHANGES

At the board meeting, the By-Laws committee submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That in By-Law IV, section 2, group I, the office of secretary of student work will be transferred to Group II; and, in Group II, the office of secretary of youth work be transferred to Group I.
2. That in By-Law V, the words "district presidents" be inserted following the word "officers."
3. That By-Law VI shall read: "There shall be three executive board meetings each year: one at conference, the other two spaced by the president to meet conference needs."
4. That By-Law VIII shall read: "The Committee on By-Laws shall be composed of the president, recording secretary, promotion secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild secretary, and one or more members from the body."

W. S. G. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the North Carolina Conference met September 17 at the home of Mrs. L. C. Larkin in Raleigh, with ten members present. The meeting was called to order by Miss Sarah Godfrey, conference secretary. Miss Pete Hill was elected secretary. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin led in prayer.

From the reports received by the conference secretary, it was evident that the importance of the promotion secretary was not realized by the local unit. The election of a promotion secretary was urged for each local guild.

It was voted to recommend that the Guild weekend at Lake Junaluska in 1950 be stressed, and that the Guild Institute at Pfeiffer be omitted.

District meetings were announced as follows: Raleigh district, September 17, at Hayes Barton church in Raleigh; Rocky Mount, September 25, at Tarboro; Fayetteville, October 30, at Hamlet.

Miss Godfrey explained that the work of the promotion secretary for the conference had grown to such an extent that she would like to have an associate secretary. Mrs. W. N. Davis, New Bern district secretary, was named. Miss Charity Holland of Kinston was elected to fill the vacancy in the New Bern district.

Mrs. J. H. Cutchin took the chair and asked that the executive board elect Miss Godfrey, who had previously been appointed by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, delegate to the Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio, April 18-20. Miss Godfrey was elected.

June 24-25 was decided upon as the date for the 1950 weekend Conference to be held at Duke Memorial, Durham. Durham district will be hostess.

The meeting was adjourned after lunch.

MRS. POE ORGANIZES W. S. C. S.

On Friday, September 9, Mrs. John Poe, leader of the Alamance zone, met with Mrs. D. D. Traynham and members of the Orange Chapel and Clover Garden churches and organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service. There are 16 charter members.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Walter Lloyd; vice-president, Mrs. Edmond Stroud; recording secretary, Mrs. Floy Ferguson; treasurer, Mrs. Bob Eubanks; promotion secretary, Mrs. Grady Crawford; Christian social relations, Mrs. Edgar Pickard; supply work, Mrs. Mattie Eubanks missionary education, Mrs. Ervin Womble; children's work, Mrs. Ira Lewis; spiritual life, Mrs. Johnson O'Daniel; literature and publications, Mrs. G. L. Maynard; student work, Miss Jo Amick; youth work, Mrs. Clem Crawford; and status of women, Mrs. Colon Thompson.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial is October 25-31. Special gifts are needed for United States projects, Maynard-MacDougall Hospital, Nome, Alaska; and Wesley House, Knoxville, Tennessee. Special gifts are needed for foreign projects as Hiroshima College, Hiroshima, Japan; Aoyama College, Tokyo, Japan; social center in Songdo, Korea; two social centers in Seoul, Korea; social center in Wonju, Korea; social center in Inch'on, Korea; and a dormitory and social work in Manila, P. I. The offering will be divided equally between projects at home and projects abroad.

Let us deny ourselves that these needs may be met.

Available materials for this Week of Prayer observance may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. This order must be in the office by October 15.

DR. GLORA M. WYSNER

Dr. Glora M. Wysner of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, an internationally recognized authority on the relationship of Christianity and Mohammedanism, and formerly a missionary in North Africa, has been appointed a secretary of the International Missionary Council, highest missionary consultative body in the Protestant world. Dr. Wysner will be located in the Council's American office, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, in charge of work among Moslems and other Christian work in North Africa and the Near East, and also in promotion of Christian work for women and on behalf of the Christian home around the world. Formerly an Ohio school teacher, Dr. Wysner went to North Africa under the Methodist Church and was the first woman ever ordained to the Methodist ministry in Algeria. She is the first woman ever chosen to an IMC secretaryship.—Women in the Church.

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Churches Last Year Paid 98.3 Per Cent of Home Askings; Thomasville District Leads; Children Busy

By O. V. Woosley

THE NEW YEAR

A new conference year is with us. Our ministerial leaders, including the 172 who have moved to new charges, are either renewing their efforts or getting acquainted with the new challenges of the ensuing year. District set-up meetings are now being given special emphasis. The new year in the Western North Carolina Conference is off to a good start. Already Pleasant Grove on the Marion Circuit, Cold Springs on the Mount Pleasant circuit and Unity on the Landis circuit, have paid their Children's Home basic apportionment in full.

THE OLD YEAR

The reports to the recent annual conference indicate that the year just closed was full of good works. More recruits were added to the church rolls than in previous years. All benevolences were not only paid in full but in most instances overpaid. Ninety-eight and three-tenths per cent of The Children's Home total askings were paid; 102.5 per cent of the total Children's Home askings were paid during the previous year.

DISTRICT RECORD

The following percentages indicate by districts the receipts on total askings for The Children's Home: Thomasville, 109.82; Greensboro, 107.19; Statesville, 100.7; Winston-Salem, 99.94; Gastonia, 97.86; Charlotte, 97.32; Salisbury, 93.64; Waynesville, 90.19; Asheville, 86.3; Marion, 85.79.

CHARGE RECORDS

A tabulation reveals that 187 pastoral charges paid more than their total Children's Home askings; 104 paid all of their askings; 159 charges paid less than their total askings. Those charges paying less than their total askings were not confined to what is usually termed the weaker charges, those paying their pastors the smaller salaries.

THOUSAND DOLLAR CLUB

Thirty-one pastoral charges paid $1,000 or more to The Children's Home during the past conference year as compared with 32 the previous year. Two charges dropped out of this select class but a new charge was added. Less than $100 would put 10 additional pastoral charges into this select company another year. Less than $200 would put 14 additional charges, 24 in all, in this select company for another year.

DEEP RIVER FRIENDS

Our friends on the Ramseur-Franklinville charge continue to lead the conference on a percentage basis in their giving to The Children's Home, these friends having contributed more than double their total askings. Wesley Memorial, High Point, and Bethlehem, Climax, came very near doubling their total askings.

SAME APPORTIONMENTS

At the Annual Conference held at Centenary, Winston-Salem, eight years ago the graduated scale of Children's Home askings was adopted, these askings being made necessary because of an increased number of children and decreased income from endowment earnings. Through the intervening years a gradual increase of contributions has been recorded in our

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office. The same apportionments as prevailed heretofore were adopted for the ensuing year. The total askings included an amount equal to ten per cent of the pastor's salary as the basic asking, are as follows:

12% for charges paying the pastor less than $1,500.
15% for charges paying the pastor from $1,500 to $2,499.
18% for charges paying the pastor from $2,500 to $3,499.
21% for charges paying the pastor from $3,500 to $4,499.
25% for charges paying the pastor $4,500 or more.

LOTS OF FRIENDS

Over 300 delegates and visitors to the Annual Conference took advantage of our open house on Friday afternoon of the Conference to come and visit with us. Our buses were busy transporting our friends to and from The Children's Home. On the following Sunday afternoon nearly as many additional friends came to visit with us. Our family was made to feel that it had lots of friends. It was interesting to note how the children perked up as they recounted that so many good people were interested in them.

A GOOD GIRL

The picture this week is that of Carolyn Kinley, a member of the senior class in the Richard J. Reynolds High School. After three years of very satisfactory service as an assistant to the home mother at the Baby Cottage, Carolyn is now a member of the James A. Gray Building family. Her work assignment is in the fitting room where the girls and the boys come for their seasonal clothing. Carolyn is sponsored by the Woman's Bible Class of Central, Shelby, Mrs. J. P. Randall being the correspondent.

CHILDREN AT CHURCH

The attendance at our recent Annual Conference was the largest in its history. We hesitated as to whether it would be advisable for our children to be in their accustomed balcony positions at Centenary church on Sunday morning of Conference when seating capacity would be at a premium. Our hesitation was dispelled when Dr. Mark Depp, our pastor, urged us to bring the boys and girls over to church. They were rewarded with an unusual experience as they listened to the good music, a challenging sermon by Bishop Harrell and the receiving of the young ministers into full connection, the latter ceremony being particularly attractive to them.

THE ORPHANAGE CONFERENCE

For many years representatives of the child caring institutions in North Carolina have been coming together each fall for a conference of mutual helpfulness. This year this conference met this week at The Children's Home and to it came representatives from most of the 26 institutions. The day was spent in discussing practical problems. No one attempted to tell anyone else how to deal with children, but some very interesting experiences were recorded. Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, of Oxford Orphanage, was the presiding officer and Miss Mabel Bean, of Mills Home, was recording secretary. Officers elected for the ensuing year are Thomas Moose, of Nazareth Orphanage, president; Rev. Leon C. Larkin, of the Methodist Orphanage, vice-president; and Miss Mabel Bean, secretary.

CHILDREN'S INTERESTS

Our boys and girls are now in the prime of physical fitness, intellectual study and helpful work and play. The fall of the year is always a profitable time with us. It is the time of harvesting the fruits of the soil, the engaging in athletic contests and the enthusiasm of intellectual activity. Learning lessons, winning football games, digging "taters" and sowing grain feature the family's activities.

COMMISSION'S STUDY

The Conference Commission on World Service and Finance gave a lot of study during the past conference year as to whether a new basis of apportionment be used for securing funds for the Minimum Salary Fund, District Superintendents Fund, Conference Claimants Fund and The Children's Home Fund. This study had to do with whether these funds would be based on the pastor's and associate pastor's salaries as heretofore or on the combined total of funds a charge raised on "Current Expenses and Incidentals," "Church School Administration and Supplies," and "Pastor's and Associate Pastor's Salaries." Their report stated that if the new plan were adopted "small charges would receive small reductions in apportionments ranging from $100 to $200 a year while a few large charges would receive increases running into thousands of dollars. These many small charges are paying their apportionments now with few complaints. On the other hand, when a larger church faces an increase of several thousand dollars in its apportionment, very probably there will result an equivalent cut in benevolent giving. Your commission is convinced that the Conference would be most unwise to change the proposed basis at the present time." The Conference sustained the Commission's position by almost unanimous vote.

Sunday School Lesson for OCTOBER 16

God and the Nations

Isaiah 1:21-28; 10; 13; 19:19-25; 31

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By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

The Hebrew prophet is a wonderful combination of pessimism and optimism. To his eyes the Hebrew nation as compared with God's ideal seemed degenerate, but as his God was almighty and infinitely merciful he always had a vision of the nation purified, restored and gloriously prosperous. The man who is all the time holding his nose is never a prophet, nor is the man who smells nothing but perfume. Some people apparently enjoy describing the perversity of the politicians and the rottenness of the state. But the prophet never did. He was like a man whose heart bled as he admitted the rascality of his own son. His condemnation was mixed with tears (Acts 20:31). Zion had become a harlot. Jehovah was her husband; but alas, she had given herself to false gods. But because the gracious ruler of heaven and earth was determined to have a city and a country whose morals were not like an open sore, Isaiah hears God say to Jerusalem, I will turn my hand upon thee in stern judgment, and thoroughly take away thy dross. The prophet sees in the coming of the cruel Assyrian conqueror who seemed to be the incarnation of all evil, the hand of God to bring Israel to repentance.

Isaiah illustrates in himself the Savior's words, Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. From outward appearances the advance of the Assyrians seemed to say, The Good God is dead; but Isaiah saw that Jehovah was causing the wrath of men to praise him, and he was sure that after the Assyrians had been used to humble Judah God would humble them. Which he certainly did. It was not long before the boasting Assyrian conqueror was slain by his own sons (2 Kings 19:36-37).

Isaiah steadfastly refused to think of Jehovah as merely a local divinity. He was the God of the whole earth, and while he uses the heathen to punish his people who were as salt that had lost its savor, and were henceforth good for nothing but to be trodden under foot of men, mercifully he will make the humiliation of his people the means of their restoration and then he will punish the stout heart of the arrogant worshippers of false gods.

The vision with which our lesson concludes shows the wonderful missionary idealism of the prophet. There will actually be on the border of heathen Egypt an obelisk and an altar to Jehovah; and the Egyptians will worship him in company with the Hebrews. And this Egyptian nation that in times past had enslaved and cruelly oppressed Jehovah's people will call on him when they are oppressed, and Jehovah will deliver them. Moreover there will be a great highway between Egypt and Assyria, passing through the land of Israel, and this highway will bind the warring nations together in the bonds of peaceful intercourse. And the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians who had been their bitter enemies, and the little nation of Israel will be a third with the two great powers of that day, a blessing in the midst of the earth. And God will say, Blessed be Egypt, my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.

We today, accustomed to the light that shines from the gospel of Jesus, cannot appreciate how wonderful it was for the prophet thus to rise above the narrow prejudices and hatreds of his day. The question for us to ask ourselves is, Do we, with all the revelation that comes from Christ so rise above the narrowness and unbelief of our times that we could deem it more than possible, nay, likely that a world conference will assemble at a Russian city that is now a center of communistic atheism to plan for the unification of mankind and the spread of the gospel throughout the world?

THE BASIS FOR UNITY AND PEACE

(*Continued from page five*)

Someone told of seeing two babies in the hospital. They were much alike in size and form, and their screams were common to all infants. But one baby was of darker skin than the other. Some day the child of pigmented skin may rudely awake to the fact that his color may cause him to be shunned and pushed aside by many people. But generous-hearted people will recognize merit and character wherever they find it, and will follow out the implications of goodwill for all men.

A university student from Africa declared near the end of an Annual Conference: "Since I came to this Conference I have almost forgotten that I am a colored man. We Africans have always been a subject race; my German brethren are members of a conquered race; but here we are all one in Christ."

Sholem Asch said that he could not publish his book, "The Nazarene," in Poland because the people would have cried: "Kill the Crucifiers." Their traditional hate of the Jew blinded them to the spirit and reality of Christ. So the author came to America to give his volume to the world. Thank God the Jew has never been openly persecuted in our country.

There are differences between the employer and working class of people, but some industries have achieved a wide area of unity and cooperation by adopting the principle of the Golden Rule. But the Steel Industry Board recently made a statement, according to an editorial in Life magazine, that "the worker is a machine to be depreciated like any other." That, of course, is an un-American and an anti-Christian decree.

"Our society," said David Lilienthal, "is not founded upon the cold and bloodless economic man of the Marxist, but upon faith in man as an end in himself. We believe in men not merely as production units but as the children of God . . ."

A mere conventional religion is not adequate for this critical hour. Dr. Albert E. Day, we believe, has a most timely emphasis in his Life Movement. Deeply let us experience religion, and do something about it in our every day relationships among men. Brotherhood has been proclaimed for ages. We need more men who will show it works in every day life.

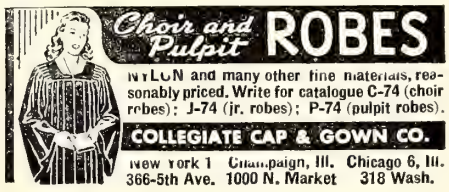
Beyond our borders, Albert Schweitzer goes to the other side of the globe to share his religion with a backward and benighted people. E. Stanley Jones tells of riding through a plague-stricken city in India where the streets were littered with the dead and dying. Emerging from one of the homes was a missionary lady who spoke to him but said that she could not shake his hand because her own hands were plague-stained.

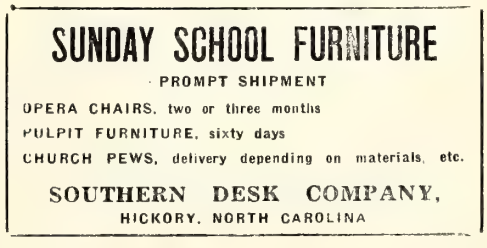
Distant peoples are crying for those who have the religion of Christ to share with them. General MacArthur said of Japan: "The church has not faced a situation like this in five hundred years, anywhere. Where you have sent one missionary, send a hundred, and lay your foundations broad and deep to make this a Christian nation."

As someone has said: "Only the living Christ can fill the inner, deeper needs of man. . . Truly people need less of our materialism and more of our genuine spirituality; less of bullets and bombs and more of the Prince of Peace; less of everything destructive and superficial and more of everything that makes Christ and his saving grace known and experienced in the world."

The gospel of creative, persistent goodwill is the essential need of the world, and offers the power for the building of a cooperative world.









In Memoriam

Mrs. T. A. Davis

Albemarle.—Tabernacle church lost a faithful member in the passing of Mrs. T. A. Davis Thursday, September 8. She was a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society. The memory of her will be sacred in the years ahead. May the characteristics of her life be seen in us. —Mrs. T. A. Still, Pres.; Mrs. Bruce Hatley, Secy.

George E. Young

Lowell.—Whereas our Heavenly Father has called home our faithful friend and brother, George E. Young, and

Whereas our temporary loss is his gain, be it resolved, by the board of stewards of Lowell Methodist Church, of which Brother George E. Young was a highly respected and valued member who served faithfully, that we miss the presence and kindly advice of our departed friend and brother but we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Be it further resolved, that we cherish the memory of our departed brother and that we strive to emulate the good example of loyalty as shown by him in his daily life.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the board of stewards of the Lowell Methodist Church and a copy sent to his wife and that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—T. P. Rankin, C. W. Falls, W. H. Holmes, Committee.

Hertford G. Self

Burlington.—Whereas God in His infinite wisdom saw fit on August 17, 1949, to call Hertford G. Self from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward.

Therefore be it resolved:

1st. That we, the members of the Baraca Class of Davis Street Methodist Church, wish to pay our loving tribute to the memory of our teacher and friend who has been so faithful for the past twelve years. Not only did he devote his time to our class and its work, but he gave untiringly of his efforts in the new church building program. He was chairman of the committee to solicit funds for the new church, also was secretary of the building committee.

2nd. We are grateful for the privilege of having such a teacher, a man with high ideals, a generous heart, and a noble character.

3rd. That a copy of this tribute be sent to Mrs. Self, the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and that a copy be filed with our class secretary.—Committee: J. G. Rogers, H. M. Patterson, M. A. Coble.

Ellen Vest Kapp

Rural Hall.—Ellen Vest Kapp, daughter of L. M. and Mary Schaub Vest, was born on May 1, 1868, and departed this life August 16, 1949, at the age of 81 years three months and 15 days.

On October 31, 1889, she was married to John William Kapp and to this union five children were born. One son, Sid Vestal Kapp died in the First World War in 1918. Surviving are two sons: H. D. and Frank W. Kapp; two daughters: Mrs. Everett Speas and Miss Josephine Kapp; four sisters: Misses Eliza and Sarah Vest, Mrs. Annie Russell and Mrs. Lelia Russell; one brother, Will Vest; eleven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was converted early in life and united with Antioch Methodist Church and lived a beautiful life of service for Christ, in the church, in the home, and in the community where she lived. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Her funeral was held at Rural Hall Lutheran Church at eleven o'clock on August 18, 1949, and burial was in the church cemetery.—C. E. Ridge, Pastor.

Frank E. Parrott

Creedmoor.—Whereas, in the providence of our Heavenly Father, Frank E. Parrott has been taken from our midst; and

Whereas Brother Parrott has been not only a loyal and faithful member of Banks Methodist Church, but has also served for more than 30 years as Sunday school superintendent and in many other offices; and

Whereas we are grateful to God for the life of this our fellow-laborer in Christ, grateful for his sterling character and for his noble example in Christian service; and

Whereas we would assure his widow, Mrs. Gladys Peace Parrott, and his children, Frank Edward, Jr., Winston, and Jennie Sue, of our love and esteem and of our earnest prayer for God's abiding blessings upon them;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we make these sentiments a matter of record, sending a copy to Mrs. Parrott, giving a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, releasing a copy to the press, and filing a copy with the records of this Board.—The Board of Stewards, W. N. Bobbitt, Chairman.

Martha Ann Wahab

Ocracoke.—On Wednesday evening, July 27, 1949, God in his wisdom and mercy took from our midst one of our most beloved friends and church members, Martha Ann Wahab, age 82 years. She had been a loyal member of the Methodist Church for more than 65 years. She served on the board of stewards, also as Sunday school teacher for years. She was always zealous in church work, a friend to those in need; and always interested in the upbuilding of God's kingdom here on earth.

She leaves behind to mourn her passing, which is our loss and her eternal gain: five children, two sisters, one brother, a large group of grandchildren and also great-grandchildren.

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, pay this tribute of respect and admiration to our departed sister.

That we send each of the family a copy of these resolutions, a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and also a copy be placed on our minutes.—Signed: Mrs. Murray Talson, Mrs. Charles Scarborough, Mrs. T. W. Howard.

Miss Mary Emma Giddens

Goldsboro.—Goldsboro lost one of her most beloved citizens, and St. Paul Methodist Church one of her most faithful members when Miss Mary Emma Giddens passed away on July 29 in Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville.

"Miss Mary Emma," as she was affectionately called by her many friends, had been a member of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, since her childhood, and had served her church in many ways. At the time of her death she was a member of the official board and of the choir, having been a choir member for more than forty years. She had served as vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and was an honorary life member of the Society. She had taught in the Sunday school since 1907, when she took a class of young boys and was their teacher until they went to college, after which she taught the Tom Robinson class of young ladies for many years.

In addition to her church work, Miss Giddens was active in civic affairs, having served as president of the Goldsboro Woman's Club and as president of the Thomas Ruffin chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy twice, the second time for six or seven years.

Though an active member of a Goldsboro firm and devoted to her business, she was never too busy to go to a friend in distress or to help anyone who needed her. Outstanding in her life was her unselfishness and her kind consideration, not only of her friends but of everyone, even the poorest and the humblest, for all of whom she had a ready smile and a pleasant word.—Mrs. Geo. S. Baker, Miss Annie Stevens, Allen P. Brantley.

Mrs. Bertie Lanier Lloyd

Thomasville.—In the early hours of Tuesday morning, August 30, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and knowledge, saw fit to call one of our most faithful and loyal members to her eternal home. Mrs. T. A. Lloyd was greatly interested not only in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but in the whole program of the work of First Methodist Church.

To the adults of our church, Mrs. Lloyd was known and loved by her given name, Bertie, and to our children she was known and loved as "Aunt Bertie"—not because of her age, but because of her nearness to them and her sweet personality. To know Bertie was to love her, and she numbered her friends by her acquaintances.

It has been a great privilege and joy to have known her and to have had the opportunity to work with her in the church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Truly our loss is heaven's gain. And though our hearts have been saddened by Bertie's passing, we bow our heads in deep humility realizing our Heavenly Father knows best and "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord."

We pray Heaven's blessings upon her loved ones and pray they may realize that Bertie is not dead, but is alive forevermore and waits for them in that land where no pain, sorrow, or partings ever come. Her beautiful Christian way of living will be remembered by all who knew her.

We, the members of the W. S. C. S., offer in love the following resolution:

That we express to her entire family our deepest sympathy. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, a copy be put on our records and a copy sent to the husband of the deceased member.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist Church, Thomasville.—Mrs. W. A. Leonard, Mrs. T. W. Cameron, Mrs. A. H. Ragan, Committee.

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Gastonia District
W. A. Stanbury, D. S.
606 S. York Street, Gastonia, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of Oct. 6)

Thomasville District
George B. Clemmer, D. S.
11 Mock Street, Thomasville
Telephone 304

October

Thomasville, First, 11 16
Thomasville Area Training School, Memorial, 7:30 16
Advance Rally, Charlotte, First, 10 18
Lexington, Erlanger, 7:30 20
Archdale, 11 23
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Asheboro Area Training School, Asheboro, First, 7:30 23
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Coleridge: Concord, 11 30
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Welcome: Center, 11 6
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Lexington, First, 7:30 8
Pleasant Grove, 7:30 9
Seagrove: Seagrove, 7:30 11
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Thomasville, West End, 7:30 4
Asheboro, First, 7:30 5
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Davie: Oak Grove, 3 18
Farmington: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 18
Richland: Charlotte, 7:30 20
Fairfield, 7:30 21

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(See schedule in issue of Oct. 6)

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

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Evangelists' Slates

Roy T. Houts
New Market, Tenn.

October 8-20—Wernersville, Penn.
Oct. 23-Nov. 6—Park City Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
Nov. 6-16—Cliffside, N. C.
Nov. 20-30—Trentville, Tenn.
Dec. 4-18—Mascot, Tenn.
Jan. 1-6—Cincinnati, Ohio.
Schedule filled in Florida until the first of April.

John R. Church, D.D.
Rt. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Oct. 5-15—Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.
Oct. 16-27—First Meth., Herrin, Ill.
Oct. 30-Nov 10—First Meth., Granite City, Ill.

BOARD DEDICATES NEW OFFICES

NASHVILLE.—In an unusual service, the new offices of the Editorial Division of the Board of Education were dedicated on Thursday, September 29. The offices, which are still at 810 Broadway, have been moved to another floor and this occasioned the dedication service, conducted by Dr. C. A. Bowen, executive secretary of the division, and participated in by members of the staff. The service made reference to the offices as "shrines in which the worship and work of God take place together." One of the prayers asked for God's blessing "upon all thinkers, writers, artists, craftsmen, and those who in any way are related to the common task," and that "our daily work may help to bring in thy kingdom through Jesus Christ."

FAIRBLUFF CHURCH HAS LOYALTY SUNDAY

FAIR BLUFF CHURCH observed Loyalty Sunday September 25 with a service which welcomed back many former members and visitors. A capacity congregation gathered for the morning worship service, and an offering was taken toward the retirement of the indebtedness on the remodeling and improvement program. Later in the day, it was announced to the congregation that the amount was sufficient to complete payment of the extensive program that was completed last year. The sanctuary is one of the loveliest buildings in our conference, and adequate educational facilities have been provided. After the morning worship, the group gathered for a picnic dinner on the church grounds which extend to the banks of the Lumber River. The beautiful wooded lot has recently been cleared and shrubbery and lawn added to make an attractive place for use by all church groups. Following a bountiful Columbus county dinner, group singing was enjoyed, and the church orchestra gave an open air concert in the afternoon. The Fair Bluff church is on the newly formed Fair Bluff charge. Rev. Gene Purcell, Jr., is the pastor.

Book Review

Perfect Everything, by J. Rufus Moseley. (Intro. by Stanley Jones), Macalaster Park Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., 156 pages, $2.

Here is a book that is different, filled not so much with sermon as soul material, bringing authentic tidings of the Spirit. It witnesses to a first-hand experience of the glorified Jesus, to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and to perfect love, but in such a way that it sends one out hunting not for an argument but hungering for God. I predict it will become a devotional classic.

Briefly, the message of the book is this: Jesus became what we are and He now makes us what He was and is. In ineffable union with Him, we become loving; the more loving we become, the more we become one with Him and grow up into His likeness. If we abide in Him as the branch abides in the vine, we shall become even as He is, in body, mind, and spirit.

The book flashes with insights that have the marks of divine inspiration. Here are a few. "In Him everything is opportunity; He turns everything to good that is turned over to Him, the seeming worst as well as the certain best."

"All of man's efforts to save himself apart from repentance, faith, union and marriage with Jesus, are far greater in promise than in achievement and fail us most of all when we are in most need of help."

"When everything else fails, Jesus and His love have their best opportunity."

If Methodism would take what it already has in the way of social vision and organizational ingenuity and add to it the spirit and message of this book, then, I believe, Methodism would have the decisive, saving word for the present age.

—Wade Goldston.

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SO, RUSSIA HAS THE BOMB!

So, the Russians have enough know-how of atomic secrets to cause an explosion—perhaps to make a bomb? Did anyone, outside the military, ever imagine it could be kept a "secret" from the Russians? Every scientist or student of science knows that when a "discovery" gets to a certain point, the next step is usually made by several persons almost simultaneously: discoveries today are seldom accidental, but are the result of careful calculation, reasoning, experimentation. As well might the English have thought to keep the longbow a secret from France, or the Moors to have kept gunpowder a secret from England, as for America to hide atomic power from any civilized nation!

The devastating and frightening thing, however, is not that Russia has "our" know-how, but the reaction of America's military-controlled government to the fact: a rush to greatly increase our nation's stockpile of atomic bombs! That is the typical military approach: to pile up the weapons of destruction, to add to the world's fear of our strength, to waste the nation's resources of wealth, of brains, of manpower. As a nation, led by the military mind, the United States is becoming dependent upon other nations' fear of our "superior" airpower and of overwhelming stocks of atom bombs to achieve what it wants on the diplomatic front, the economic front, the political front.

All history points to the fact that fear never built friendship and goodwill between individuals or nations; and that without that friendship and goodwill there can be no fair trade, no disarming of borders, and no true peace. But brass hats read only the story of battles, not the philosophy of history.

A recent study, in which a number of military experts (not now in uniform) concur, points out that an air-plus-atomic war could not achieve any of the political or economic objectives for which wars are fought; in fact, it would so ruin the attacked nation that remaining political and economic values would be nil—and it would probably ruin the invader as well. An air-plus-atomic **civil** war would ruin both groups within a nation; and against a foreign foe a war could destroy only industrial cities (not open farms or scattered villages), and the cities, their former industries, their people would be rendered valueless to the attacker. Indeed, the very hate that such attack or invasion would render the "booty" a liability to the conquerer. (Consider America's dangers in Germany, Japan, and Korea today as a result of "victory"!)

The time arrived long ago when the American government should give its strength to the waging of a great "peace offensive." A sign of weakness? No, a sign of a moral and spiritual strength far beyond anything the military can comprehend! Even a tithe of a tithe of War Department expenditures could set a "Department of Peace" machinery to work to reach peace objectives. Armaments **can** be reduced to a point where they may vanish. Atomic bombs **can** be outlawed. Wanton destruction of populations of cities from the air **can** be ended forever. All economic, political, and human right problems **can** be adjusted and adjudicated by the United Nations. The cold war **can** be replaced by frankness and understanding. Trade between East and West **can** be adjusted and resumed. People who could harness atomic energy **can** bridle war and give wings to peace.

But someone must begin this change of attitude, this change of front. Military minds in civilian clothes and jobs are unequal to it. It may take the strength of an initial voluntary withdrawal from some "fixed position": but each argument and understanding will make the next easier. The present military approach is leading to world disaster: no other approach can do worse; it might really achieve peace, if tried!

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FAIRYLAND CAMPUS GROWS—Expansion is planned on Duke University's beautiful Gothic campus which arose like magic in the '30's following the vast philanthropy of James B. Duke.

Outlined above are the tentative locations of new quadrangles planned by Duke in a $12,000,000 development program just launched. This is the first time that Duke University has sought outside financial aid.

New units are: (A) and (B), Dormitories; (C) Student and Alumni Center; and (D), Law and Administration Building.

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Boards of North Carolina Conference Announce Meetings; Forest City Heads Advocate List

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

High Point College Luncheon

The High Point College Luncheon at the North Carolina Annual Conference will be held Thursday, November 3, 1:00 p.m., at Hotel Wilrik, Sanford. Those planning to attend should send a postal card to Henry I. Ridenhour, High Point College, High Point, N. C., before October 25, 1949.

Board of Missions and Church Extension

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the N. C. Conference will meet in the room assigned at Steele Street Church, Sanford, at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 1949.—S. J. Starnes, Sec.

Board of Ministerial Training

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications will meet in the room assigned at Steele Street Methodist Church Wednesday morning, November 2, at 10:30. All candidates for admission on trial, for full connection, and those in the classes who are pursuing the conference courses of study, will meet with the board at this time. R. F. Munns, Registrar.

Board of Conference Claimants

The Board of Conference Claimants will meet in room assigned on Wednesday, November 2, at 2:30 p.m.—J. A. Staton, President.

Committee on Accepted Supplies

The Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors will meet at 2:30 Wednesday, November 2, in the room assigned at Steele Street church, Sanford. All accepted supply pastors please meet with the committee if you want your present status continued; also those who desire to be recommended as supply pastor for the first time.—G. W. Crutchfield, Secretary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The North Carolina Conference Board of Education will meet Nov. 2, at 2 p.m. in Steele Street Church, Sanford, in the Educational Building room designated.

Allen P. Brantley,
President of the Board of Education.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE JOURNALS

All of the copy for the Journal of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference 1949 is in the hands of the printer. The deadline for pastors to get orders to the Conference secretary is October 24, 1949. Send your order immediately to E. H. Nease, 1100 Queens Road, Charlotte 7, N. C.

ADVOCATE REPORT

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FAVORS CONFERENCE CHANGE

Dear Editor:

I favor the advancement of the date of our Annual Conference to an earlier date in the calendar year for the following reasons:

1. For the sake of the children of the parsonage. They deserve a break, and not to have their school year broken.

2. Because of the financial implications involved. The old system of the payment of church obligations at the end of the year should be disregarded. Records at any time of the year are a matter of bookkeeping.

3. I hope that the Conference could be arranged at Duke University between the close of the summer term and the beginning of the fall term of school work. This would be about the first of September. Duke would offer adequate auditorium facilities for the climactic Sunday services of the Conference. It would have adequate entertainment facilities for all who could attend. Many laymen would learn something of Duke who have not seen it.

Burlington. G. W. Blount.

CHANGES IN MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Dear Editor:

I would like to express through your epistle page my opinion of the rules by which the Ministers' Retirement Fund of the North Carolina Conference is governed in the hope that they may be improved. I have been an enthusiastic supporter of this fund. In my enthusiasm I overpaid for a few years for which I was rewarded by receiving a statement that my charge had failed to pay up. That was all right. It may be all right to deduct a few dollars when a man retires because as he struggled years ago he lacked a dollar or two or miscalculated. But, to have a rule that says that if at any time the charge fails to pay out, and if the minister dies before his retirement, his widow in the midst of her sorrow shall be further penalized of her pittance because of the failure of some charge, is unbrotherly if not unChristian.

S. E. Mercer.

Franklinton.

DEATH CLAIMS REV. J. M. MORGAN

Rev. J. M. Morgan, pastor of the Cherryville circuit, died suddenly last Saturday night from a heart attack while returning from a meeting at Hickory.

Well known throughout the Conference, Mr. Morgan had served many churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. He was pastor at Fallston for fourteen years. He had served the Cherryville circuit since Conference, coming to this appointment from the Albemarle circuit, where he had been stationed for two years.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at two o'clock from Friendship church at Fallston, with Dr. W. A. Stanbury, superintendent of the Gastonia District, in charge, assisted by Rev. Harlan F. Creech of Asheboro, Rev. H. D. Garmon of Norwood and Rev. E. A. Lamb of Fallston.

Surviving are his wife and five children, Floyd Morgan, Concord; Oscar Morgan, Fallston; Mrs. Arthur Griggs, Shelby; and Paul Morgan, Shelby.

J. M. Ormond Says . . .

The Minister Should Know

How to assimilate new members into the fellowship of the church. This is an important item in the plan of every successful minister. Along with other essential values which his connection with the church bestows, the new member should experience a growing appreciation of warm and cordial Christian fellowship. This can happen only when the minister, with the aid of his congregation, makes the new member feel that he is welcome, and that he is expected to share in the constructive program of the church. Neglect at this point is costly to both the new member and the church.

In his new book, HOW TO INCREASE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE, Dr. Weldon Crossland states: "Too many ministers are clumsy workmen who woefully neglect, or tragically fumble and bungle, the religious life of new Christians committed to their pastoral care." Thoughtful observers will doubtless agree with Dr. Crossland, yet there is a multitude of alert ministers whose counsel to new members is wise and continuous as they successfully incorporate them quickly and happily into the structure and strength of the body of the church.

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EDITORIAL

How Much Do We Want to Get Rid of Bootlegging?

Church people rejoice in the pledge of nearly 300 law enforcement officers to give their full support in a campaign to reduce bootlegging in North Carolina. Called to Raleigh last week by Governor Scott, the officers not only voted to redouble their efforts against illegal liquor, but asked the governor to appoint a committee to study legislation that would tighten liquor laws and to submit recommendations to the 1951 General Assembly.

The law enforcement officers did not meet too soon. If reports are true, bootlegging in North Carolina is big business. Governor Scott, addressing the group, summed up the seriousness of the situation: "I think the illegal liquor traffic in North Carolina has grown so big and arrogant that all of us concerned with the welfare of our state must pull together to stamp out this evil or else curb it so drastically that the profit element as weighed against the dangers involved will not be sufficient to attract criminals in the illicit liquor traffic."

Concern over bootlegging is not only a matter of serious import to law enforcement officers. It is of vital concern to church people. Often in liquor elections preachers and active church laymen who opposed the legal sale of strong drink have been accused of lining up with bootleggers. Of course, there is not a word of truth in this claim. Church people should now prove the utter falsity of that accusation by commending Governor Scott and those who have pledged themselves to work against the evil of bootlegging. But they should not stop with words of commendation. Every person who believes in sobriety should give every assistance possible to help stamp out this curse.

Of course, we need an efficient and alert police. Particularly do we need law enforcement officers who will diligently seek out and bring before the courts those who violate our liquor laws. Moreover, we need courts that will stand by the law faithfully and honestly. But we need an aroused citizenry also who will respect the law and stand by those who diligently seek to carry it out

It is not too much to say that bootlegging in North Carolina can be reduced to a minimum if the church people want it so badly enough!

It is only when men begin to worship that they begin to live.—Calvin Coolidge.

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever achieved without it.—Emerson.

When we unselfishly serve our fellow men, the joy is its own reward.—Chaves.

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How Can the Churches Answer Dr. Bennett?

Dr. John C. Bennett, professor of Christian theology and ethics at Union Theological Seminary, New York, criticizes American churches on two counts. He blames them for their failure to give distinctive guidance in pronouncements on atomic weapons and for their inability to resolve differences between Russia and the western powers.

Speaking at the tenth annual Conference on Science, Philosophy and Religion held recently at Columbia University, Dr. Bennett pointed out that the scientists were the first to feel the spiritual impact of the atom bomb. He charged the churches with failure so far to reach agreement on the circumstances under which the bomb should or should not be used. And because the churches have failed to reconcile East-West differences, the theologian feels that conditions have steadily worsened until the outlook for an early settlement is very discouraging.

Now, in assuming that the churches can give distinctive guidance on the use of atomic weapons and that they can bring about a settlement of East-West differences is to place upon them a terrible responsibility. There is no greater responsibility in the world today. The individual or the organization that can accomplish this dual task cannot afford to remain silent. The peace and security of the whole world are at stake. The life of every inhabitant on the face of the earth is directly bound up in these tremendous issues. The voice that can speak with authority and hesitates or refuses to do so is guilty of the most dastardly betrayal since Calvary The organization that has even the slightest contribution to make and fails to make that contribution loses its right to exist. The obligation to speak out is made more urgent by the recent annoncement that Russia now has the atomic bomb.

That the churches should have something to say on these tremendous issues no one can deny. Churches have not only the right, but the solemn obligation, to speak out on every issue that involves the welfare of mankind. They are, of course, under no obligation to take over the administration of atomic weapons, but it is their sacred duty to confront those who administer them, as well as society generally, with Christian principles involving their use. The churches are not called upon to enter political negotiations between the East and the West. But they are under divine command to call the nations to repentance and to make clear the mind of Christ in international affairs.

We cannot agree that the churches have failed utterly. Many individuals and denominations have raised their voices on both of these issues. Responsible leaders, in many instances, have sought faithfully to shoulder their responsibility in all areas affecting the peace of the world. That their influence has even been felt may be doubtful. The drift toward disaster may be so relentless that no power on earth can stop it. Our nation has gone on doggedly making and stockpiling atom bombs. Other nations have been working feverishly to discover the atom bomb. At the same time, Russo-American relations have steadily deteriorated.

Why have the churches been so ineffective? There is no simple answer, but at least there are several factors involved in their inability to achieve significant results. The churches themselves are morally confused. They are often too closely identified with national interests and national aspirations. They are so divided into competing sects and denominations until there is no clear Christian voice, but a babel of voices, confused and confusing. So many churches are completely absorbed in petty denominational matters, in trivial, inconsequential issues, that they lose sight of the larger interests of the Kingdom.

The churches do have a direct responsibility to give distinct guidance in pronouncements on atomic weapons. They do have an obligation to help resolve the differences between the East and the West. They need to be trying with all their power to meet these responsibilities. They need to speak out clearly and forcefully. What they have done thus far is entirely too little. Even though it is late, God, through His churches, can still bring order and peace out of the disorder and confusion surrounding atomic weapons and East-West differences.

"Especially the Parchments"

As every person reads his trade journal, so every Christian will read the literature that will make him a better informed and a more useful Christian—the Bible, religious books, religious periodicals.

By RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN*

Writing from a Roman dungeon, dank and chill, the apostle Paul requests his assistant, Timothy, to bring him his cloak and books, adding, "especially the parchments."

It was as though Paul had written, "If for any reason you fail to bring the cloak, do not under any circumstances fail to bring the parchments; I can get along without a covering for my body but not raiment for my mind."

Good literature is one of the many ministries of the Christian Church. We are the publishers of glad tidings. The presses of our Publishing House are an evidence of our brilliant personalities, who, by virtue of the printed page take the wings of the mail to the uttermost parts of the world, with a message of hope and love.

The gospel of Christ is preached in innumerable ways. Artist's brush, sculptor's chisel, musician's score, doctor's skill, nurse's devotion and the writer's inspiration and author's pen.

Without controversy the best literatur is the Bible. Further claims along this line would be superfluous. Emerson said, "Shakespeare leans on the Bible." The Bard of Avon is not alone in this. Classic prose and poetry have emanated from the Testaments. Many books of the month have borrowed not only title but theme from Holy Writ. It is worth nothing that, at one time, on the American stage, there appeared, simultaneously, seven dramas based on the story of the Prodigal Son. The reason for this is that the parable contains much of human emotion and error. It is the saga of restless souls and wandering spirits, either mentally or physically. It is the story of Everyman. Your story; my story. It brings to the fore the patience of a father and the forgiveness of a parent toward an errant child. It is the story of God's love for all mankind.

Our shelves are laden with the gospel in literature. John Richard Green has reminded us in a book under this caption that much of the storyteller's art rests on the Divine Pattern as it effects human destiny. Dr. Stidger, too, is all the time discovering for us, the purpose and design of God, in the modern novel or poem. The Bible is that kind of a Book. It is like a stream that has overflowed its boundaries, inundating the valley through which it flows, enriching its surroundings. Its waters are medicinal and healing.

There are only eleven forms of literature ranging from Homer to Kipling, covering a period of 3,000 years. In that time every great thought that has come down to us has been couched in these eleven forms or types. They are, in poetry, epic poems or epics, lyric poems or lyrics, dramatic poems or dramas and ballads; in prose, histories, orations, biographies, letters, essays, novels and short stories. The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, includes all of these. There are only thirty-six dramatic situations and all attempts to formulate a thirty-seventh have failed. The poet Goethe nearly broke his heart to create it, but gave up in despair. In the Bible you will find the thirty-six situations and up to the present this has seemed sufficient to give us a world-literature. The well of inspiration is inexhaustible.

We search the world for truth, we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old-flower fields of the soul;
And weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from the quest
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

The sermon, too, is a form of good literature. Too often has it been a form of scolding, vituperation, criticism. At its best, it is a form of teaching, a message, an exposition, an interpretation, of Divine Revelation. The Kingdom of Heaven does not come by explosion, but by wooing; not by gunpowder, but by persuasion. The Gospel is not bad news about men; it is good news about God. Preaching, in the last analysis, is not telling the world how bad it is, but telling the world how good it may become through Christ Jesus. While we are endeavoring to get men and women into heaven eventually (eventually covers much territory), we are also striving to get a little more of heaven into men and women, immediately.

A sermon should represent the best of a man's reading, thinking, research. It is, if we understand the meaning of the word aright, a composite of the most noble, the most lofty thought and utterance imaginable. In it should be found the elements of the highest standards of all history and experience. "My son," said John Keble, "all sermons are good; if they are not all good, they at least have some good in them."

Not so many years ago, John Spargo, carried away by his own viewpoint, wrote an article, titled, The Futility of Preaching. Something which we are all tempted to do on any given Monday morning. This however does not alter the situation. Lyman Abbott, then the editor of the famous Outlook, wrote a reply to Mr. Spargo's contention under the caption, The Utility of Preaching. In his article, he traced the power of the spoken Word, from the beginning to the preaching Friars, through the great reforms and sweeping movements to the dictum of the modern pulpiteer. Perhaps we sometimes confuse gospel preachers with preachers of the Gospel. We cannot escape the influence of the latter. They were—and are—Opinion Makers, Credal Shapers, Constitution Framers. They remind us, whenever we mount our own rostrums, that we are "encompassed about with a great cloud of witnesses."

It has always been the purpose of the Christian Church to multiply righteous energy. Life at the center of the tree quickly makes itself felt in every twig, branch and leaf. When we put our people "in conference with the best minds," give them the best information obtainable, the result is speedily shown in an increased interest and energy—activity magnified in obedience to every request of leadership.

It is here that the denominational organ comes in. Getting subscribers to our Advocates is more than building statistics for an annual or quarterly report. Reports come automatically after a certain type of ministry has been accomplished. In the army we have a word. It is eyewash. Sometimes reports, so-called, fall into that category. But getting subscribers for our Church papers, is really a vital part of our religious program. Our religious literature is not a luxury. It is a tool of the trade. Our religious press is not primarily to make money. Money may be made; then again, dollars may be in arrears. But ideas and ideals are worth more than dollars. We spend money but we pass on ideals. The purpose of a religious press is to make righteousness operative and reproductive in the midst of a constituency. We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. The life comes first.

The religious press gives out life. "I am come that they might have life!" Life to challenge, capture, intrigue minds, hearts, souls. Life implies action, movement, growth, progress. Life that is thrilling, pulsating, throbbing, quickening. Where there is life, things get done. Our sanctuaries are not dedicated as sepulchers; they are meant to be resurrection chambers. The Church is not a monument to God; the Church is a

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movement for God. Where there is an informed and inspired membership the Church of the Living God becomes the Living Church of God. It is an institution that is very much alive.

The average congregation is a reading people. Your automobile dealer is a subscriber to Motordom. He keeps abreast of his market, its trends and models. Is this not a matter of his bread and butter? There is the doctor in the house. He reads the Medical Digest. He wants to know the last word on this or that malady and its therapy. Your electrician is an avid reader of Sparks. At present he is interested in Radar and Video. He wants to get television in your living room and appliances in your kitchen. He knows all about Franklin's kite and key. But he knows infinitely more. The president of your woman's society moves and breathes and has her being in The Housewife's Companion. She is a better, more efficient wife and mother because of it. Tasty and wholesome dishes. More calories and vitimins for the family. Even the undertaker has his journal. He wants to be a modern mortician, equipped, so that he may render life's deep sorrow, as his last rites for the beloved, something of a tenderness, reverence and beauty beyond compare.

There is not a vocation or avocation, profession or calling, hobby or trade, without its specific literature—from the skill of growing bigger and better turnips to the breeding of more tuneful canaries. We would declare to all and sundry: "These ye ought to have read and not leave the Church papers unread!"

We venture to state that nobody has grasped the fundamentals of discipleship or the necessity of denominational loyalty, or the obligations of membership or the duties and privileges of official relationship, until there is a familiarity with the intents and purpose, aims and goals, programs and objectives, of our far-flung connection. It is difficult to be enthusiastic about which we know little or nothing.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Thus the apostle. "Give attention to reading." Know the romance of missions, the poetry of reconstruction, the drama of redemption, the epic of God's plan for all mankind. Thanks to the religious press, we are told how all of these miracles come to pass. It is indeed good news. What man, or woman, does not wish to get in, on all these good things?

"Watchman, tell us what the signs of the morning are." Your Church literature is the answer, satisfying, gratifying, reassuring.

"I Spent a Year in Africa"

BY REV. HOWARD F. BUIES,
LYONS, NEW YORK

A year spent in Africa as an exchange pastor was for Mr. Buies a valuable and an illuminating experience. Here are some of his observations.

Late in 1948 it became my happy privilege to exchange my work as a pastor of a church in the Central New York Conference for a pastorate on the foreign mission field. This was possible because St. Andrew's Church at Umtali in Southern Rhodesia has an English-speaking, white congregation. In addition, I was free to observe, to a greater or less degree, all of our Church's work in Rhodesia and a considerable number of stations in the Belgian Congo, as well as to make a few incidental visits to mission stations of other churches in this area.

It has seemed to me that this experience has given a unique perspective from which to see the mission work of the Church. I was on the field long enough for a close observation and intimate acquaintance with the missionaries; while they pursued their work; not simply when they were showing it off for an official visitor or a board secretary. Furthermore, it was all seen against the background of my experience as a pastor in the homeland and in the light of its significance for the work I should do when I returned to that field. The impressions and conclusions I am here presenting may not vary greatly from those of other visitors to the foreign field. But I believe that I may feel them more deeply and with a different insight than the average visitor.

So, I venture to record some of these over-all impressions with a brief comment on their significance to me:

Missionaries are human beings: devout Christian men and women, seeking to serve Christ our Lord in exactly the same spirit that moves most of the rest of us. It is true that they are called upon to make greater sacrifices than most of us in the convenience of their living and their separation from their families. But this is no reason to elevate them to a special category of sainthood. They are still of the same human stuff as the rest of us; capable of the same superior abilities and the same basic human frailties. But this is reason for hope rather than discouragement. It makes it possible for them to live close to the people and to make a convincing demonstration of practical Christian living within the framework of those experiences which are common to all men. To live a genuinely Christian life in the midst of the strain and tension and the intimate relationship of a small group of your own people on an isolated mission station is a supreme test of religious fulfilment.

The mission of the Church is a vast enterprise, much more expansive than I had ever realized. When I recall the extensiveness and variation and complexities of this one area, and then remember that I have seen only a very small fraction of the total enterprise, its magnitude both awes and inspires me. It is a great global venture extended across the face of the earth but reaching down into the most intimate life of millions of people. It meets them in the anguish of pain and suffering; the birth of their children and their primitive confronting of the experience of death; in their education and growth from savagery to civilization; in the remaking of both their physical and spiritual nature, their way of living and their home life; in their deepest struggles with fear and superstition and evil; until the radiance of the redemptive power of God in Christ literally transforms life and character and personality into something of beauty and splendor that is a profound inspiration to witness.

The fields are white unto the harvest. On this point my knowledge is limited to the field of my observation. But within these areas the opportunities are beyond our appreciation and the response is a challenge to the Church of Christ. Here is a whole sub-continent awakening to shake off the shackles of age-long fears and superstitions and to find a place for itself among the peoples of the earth. Close contact with a segment of western civilization and the encouragement of generous government subsidies have created a sweeping cry for education across Rhodesia. The tragedy is that the resources of the Church suffer such limitations of staff and facilities that, even though this aspect of the work assumes an undue proportion of the missionary's time and energy, it is literally impossible to provide more than the simplest rudiments of education for a small fraction of those who want it. And the further tragedy is that these eager people mistake the little they get for the fuller thing they need, and feel that schooling to the fourth grade is education. The new policy of the Belgian government in granting subsidies for education to Protestant missions promises to carry the Congo into the wake of this Rhodesian opportunity.

Before this open door stands the "bottleneck" of the missionary's inability to meet the demands placed upon him. I

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North Carolina Conference to Feature Many Causes at Annual Session in Sanford, November 2-6

PROGRAM

Wednesday Afternoon, November 2

2:00—Meeting of Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Wednesday Night, November 2

7:30—Communion Service and Conference Business.

Thursday Morning, November 3

9:00—Song Service, led by Rev. Charles S. Hubbard.

9:15—Devotional, Rev. Russell S. Harrison.

9:30—Business Session of the Conference Welcome—From the Town of Sanford, W. R. Williams, Mayor; Welcome—From the Churches of Sanford, W. H. White, Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

10:00—Anniversary Board of Hospitals and Homes, Rev. A. L. Thompson, presiding; Address, Dr. Russell Dicks.

10:30—Business of the Conference.

11:00—The Conference Brotherhood and Its Work—Rev. R. G. Dawson; statement by Rev. H. B. Lewis.

11:15—Business of the Conference.

12:00 Noon—Anniversary Board of Christian Education, Rev. A. P. Brantley, presiding; address: "Education for What?" Rev. Mark Depp.

Thursday Afternoon, November 3

2:00—Committee Meetings.

2:30—Annual Meeting of the Conference Brootherhood, Rev. R. G. Dawson, presiding.

3:00—Business Session of the Conference.

3:30—The Commission on Town and Country Work, Rev. Key Taylor, presiding; Address: Mr. Carl T. Hicks.

4:00—Business of the Conference.

5:30—Duke University Banquet—Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall, Rev. Henry B. Lewis, presiding Address: Dr. A. Hollis Edens, Fresident of Duke University.

Thursday Night, November 3

7:30—Preaching Service, Rev. F. W. Paschall, presiding; sermon by Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

Friday Morning, November 4

9:00—Song Service, led by Rev. T. Marvin Vick.

9:15—Devotional, Rev. Tom A. Collins.

9:30—Business Session of the Conference.

10:30—Reception of Class into Full Connection; Message to Class—Bishop Hazen G. Werner.

11:00—Business of the Conference.

12:00 Noon—Anniversary Board of Missions and Church Extension, Rev. J. E. Garlington, presiding; General Policy of the Board during this Quadrennium; Financial Program: (1) Sustentation, Rev. J. W. Lineberger; (2) Duke Fund, Rev. Key Taylor; (3) Missions, Mrs. E. L. Hillman; (4) Church Extension, Rev. O. L. Hathaway; (5) Relation of the Board of Missions to the Advance Program, Rev. Leon Russell.

1:00 P.M.—Board of Lay Activities Luncheon at the home of W. E. Horner, 549 Summitt Drive.

Friday Afternoon, November 4

2:00—Committee Meetings.

3:00—Business Session of the Conference.

3:30—Anniversary Board of Lay Activities, W. J. Smith, presiding; Address: Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, United States Senator.

4:15—Business of the Conference.

Friday Night, November 4

7:30—Preaching Service, Dr. Howard P. Powell, presiding; Sermon by Bishop Werner.

Saturday Morning, November 5

9:00—Song Service, led by Rev. Henry B. Lewis.

9:15—Devotional, Rev. Chester J. Andrews.

9:30—Business Session of the Conference.

10:00—Anniversary Board of Temperance, Cale K. Burgess, presiding; Report of Secretary, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter; Address, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio.

10:45—Business of the Conference.

11:45—The North Carolina Council of Churches, Rev. H. G. Ruark.

1:00 Noon—Fraternal Messengers from the Methodist Youth Fellowship Session.

12:15 P. M.—Business Session of the Conference.

1:00 P. M.—Ministers' Wives' Luncheon, First Presbyterian Church, Hawkins Avenue.



Saturday Afternoon, November 5

3:00—Business Session of the Conference.

4:00—Tea for ministers' wives and women members and guests of the Conference at the Methodist Parsonage, 507 Summitt Drive, honoring Mrs. W. W. Peele and wives of former ministers of Steele Street Church.

Saturday Night, November 5

7:30—160th Anniversary Program of the Methodist Publishing House; Hymns and Songs of the late 18th and 19th centuries by Circuit Riders Quartet—Bishop Francis Asbury, Rev. Hugh G. Allen; Rev. Nathan Bangs, Rev. Lucian E. Sine; Rev. John Dickens, Rev. Lamar Ray; Rev. Ezekiel Cooper, Rev. Fred Stinson. Sermon: "With All My Mind," Dr. Roy L. Smith.

Saturday, November 5

11:00 A. M.-4:00 P. M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SESSION—Intermediates (ages 12-14) and adult workers with intermediates meeting at First Baptist Church, North Steele Street, Bishop Werner conducting the worship service. Senior-Older Youth (ages 15-23) and adult workers with youth meeting in auditorium, Sanford High School, North Steele Street, Dr. Roy L. Smith conducting the worship service.

Sunday Morning, November 6

9:00—Love Feast—Rev. W. H. Brown, presiding; assisted by Rev. C. H. Caviness, Rev. B. P. Robinson and Rev. J. L. Smith.

10:45—Morning Worship—Steele Street Methodist Church, Rev. R. G. Dawson, presiding; Sermon by Bishop Hazen G. Werner; Ordination of Deacons and Elders, Bishop W. W. Peele and the District Superintendents.

Sunday Afternoon, November 6

3:00—Memorial Service—Rev. Walter C. Ball, presiding; Our Honored Dead: J. C. Whitaker, J. A. Martin, J. M. Culbreth, F. B. Joyner, J. W. Potter; Memorial Address: Rev. D. D. Holt Hymn No. 528, "There Is a Land of Pure Delight." Watts. Business Session of Conference; Reading of Appointments by Bishop Peele; Benediction.

CLERGY URGED TO OBSERVE WORLD ORDER SUNDAY

Universal and simultaneous reduction of armaments is called for in a letter to Methodism's 24,000 ministers by the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., Chicago, executive secretary of the Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church. The message also asks for the subordination of military functions to civilian control and the creation of a people's support for the United Nations.

The letter, which urges general observance of World Order Sunday, October 23, is accompanied by the Federal Council of Churches' message for that day and a special sermon by the late Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle on "The Overcoming of Evil." As chairman of the Peace Commission, Dr. Tittle had been asked some time before his death to prepare a World Order day message to be sent to all Methodist clergymen.

In his letter to the pastors, Dr. Boss says that "the United States ought now to take the lead through the United Nations in a universal and simultaneous reduction of arms and armaments throughout the world."

Each minister is requested to "urge your representatives in Congress to completely subordinate the arms program and military function to civilian control."

Dr. Boss also recommends that each pastor study critically the proposed Human Rights Covenant and make provision for a displaced person in his community.

PRAYER FOR SUCCESS OF UNITED NATIONS

Urging the million and a half members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church to pray for the success of the work and ideals of the United Nations, and to write to the officials of UN and to Congress their desires for international action and good will, Miss Thelma Stevens, an executive of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the department of Christian Social Relations, lists some of the "significant achievements" already made by the world body; it has stopped the beginning of five different wars; it has resettled 400,000 families; it has helped feed 4,500,000 children, and prevented disease among 5,500,000 children; it has produced the Bill of Human Rights for all peoples; it has stamped out a cholera epidemic in Egypt and Lebanon; its Trusteeship Council is working on behalf of dependent peoples; its Status of Women Committee is working on behalf of women and families.—Women in the Church.

News in Brief -- Personalities

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle, Jr., of Welcome, a son, J. P., III, on September 26, at Duke Hospital. Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, Sr. (deceased), was a member of the North Carolina Conference.

EVANSDALE CHURCH near Wilson will observe Harvest Day Thursday, October 27, with a worship service at 10:30 a.m., picnic dinner at noon and a sale of farm produce at 1 o'clock Rev. W. N. Vaughn is pastor.

CHAPLAIN (Major) Richard Braunstein, interim pastor, Shallotte charge, has an article in the current issue of the Expositor and Homiletic Review, with the title, "My Four Bibles." Chaplain Braunstein has reduced the 66 books of the Bible and has broken them down to four volumes, namely, My Student's Bible, My Preacher's Bible, My Missionary's Bible and My Scoutmaster's Bible.

THE SALISBURY DISTRICT has accepted Advance mission specials amounting to more than $16,000 and is making progress in all financial phases of its program, according to information released Monday afternoon at the set-up meeting. Pastors' salaries this year will total $140,690 in the district, it was revealed.

REV. J. F. HERBERT, following an extended illness, is back in his pastorate at First Church, Roanoke Rapids, and he and his family are occupying their new eight-room brick parsonage near the church. During Mr. Herbert's absence, the pulpit was occupied by visiting ministers, with Rev. W. F. Elliott, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, serving during the past several Sundays.

THE ASHEBORO Area Training School will be held at First Church, Asheboro, October 23-27, with sixteen charges participating. Teachers include Mrs. W. R. Reed, Miss Elsie Moore, Dr. Raymond Smith, Rev. R. W. McCulley and Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe. Rev. H. L. Creech, pastor-host, will be director of the school. Devotional speakers include Rev. Kenneth Goodson, Rev. Wilson O. Weldon and Dr. G. T. Rowe.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Kings Mountain, started the new Conference year in a most favorable way. The first Sunday after Conference, Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., received ten members into the church, and World-Wide Communion Day was observed. A good offering was made for the needy overseas. The church through the spiritual life committee contributed $59.11 to the American Bible Society during the past month, which was a considerable increase over last year's remittance. Plans are being formulated for an intensive campaign for new subscribers to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and, in other ways, this church is taking an advance step in the work of the kingdom.

IRA SHAMEL was elected district director of the North Carolina Christian Advocate campaign in a meeting of the district stewards of the Winston-Salem district at Centenary church. Mr. Shamel will head an effort to place the conference church paper in the hands of every steward, trustee and church school superintendent in the dsitrict. Those representing various conference interests at the meeting were: O. V. Woosley, Children's Home; Cecil Robbins, North Carolina Christian Advocate; Miss Dorothy Steadman, Greensboro College. Frank A. Stith Sr., district lay leader, outlined proposals for strengthening the program of lay activities on each charge during the year.



MISS MARTHA COTTEN CRITCHER, above, is the new director of Christian Education at Long Memorial Church, Roxboro. The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Critcher of Durham, Miss Critcher graduated from Greensboro College last spring with a major in Religious Education.

SEVENTEEN of the 96 United States senators are Methodists, according to a recent tabulation made by a Washington inter-church organization. Figuring on the basis of about ten million members of the several Methodist denominations, one in every thirteen persons in the continental United States is a Methodist. In the Senate the proportion of Methodists is much larger. More than one in six of these statesmen are Methodists.

REV. H. M. WELLMAN writes that he and family have been kindly received on the Midland Charge. Upon arrival of the parsonage family, the ladies of the Mill Grove Church served supper. All four churches have extended the new pastor a warm welcome. "Brother Fred Baber," Mr. Wellman concludes, "has done a fine work the four years he was here. We can say with the Psalmist: 'The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage'."

FIRST CHURCH, FOREST CITY, presented Rev. J. W. Braxton a new fully equipped automobile at a church picnic held Wednesday, September 28. More than 250 members of the church were present. Leon Padgett, superintendent of the church school, was master of ceremonies and O. J. Mooneyham made the presentation. Other gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Braxton, who were assigned at the recent Annual Conference to First Church, Elkin

REV. AND MRS. N. G. BETHEA observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary last week at a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilcox of Enfield. Many relatives and friends were present and many lovely gifts were received. Mr. and Mrs. Bethea plan to spend the winter in California. Mr. Bethea spent 52 years in the ministry, and at the time of his retirement had 157 more conversions than sermons preached. Their five children include William S. Bethea, Burbank, Cal.; N. G. Bethea, Jr., Whitakers; S. L. Bethea, Denver, Colo.; V. J. Bethea, Greensboro; and Mrs. A. G. Willcox, Enfield.

IRON STATION Methodist Church lost a faithful member in the passing of Mr. D. A. Troutman, Friday, June 24. He had been a member of the church 68 years and served on the board of stewards for 55 years.

FIRST CHURCH, FOREST CITY, for the fourth year is placing the North Carolina Christian Advocate in the home of every family in the church. A check for $424 to pay for 212 renewals has been received by the Advocate office.

THE INCREASE in membership of The Methodist Church has been 5% more rapid than the growth in population during the past eight years the Rev. Albert C. Hoover of Chicago, director of the denominations' statistical office has just reported.

WEST ASHEVILLE CHURCH honored almost 100 members who have joined the church during the past year at a reception Wednesday evening, October 19. G. A. Hutchison was master of ceremonies and music was furnished by the choir. The event was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Men's Brotherhood.

DR. CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL and BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES will be the principal speakers at the 1950 session of Ministers' Week at Emory University. The session will begin on January 16 and conclude on January 20. Dean Trimble expressed the belief that housing accommodations will be more ample than they have been in the immediate past.

THE ASHEVILLE AREA Training School will be held at Central Church, Asheville, October 30-November 3, with sessions held daily at 7:30 p.m. Teachers include Mrs. C. A. Rauschenburg, Mrs. W. R. Reed, Mrs. E. H. Saville, Mrs. E. H. Ould, Dr. G. T. Rowe and Rev. Aubert M. Smith. Eighteen charges will participate. Dr. E. H. Blackard, pastor of the host church, will serve as director.

DR. CLARENCE L. DAUGHERTY, Jr., of Pittsburgh will head a newly created department of pulpit evangelism of the General Board of Evangelism. Dr. Daugherty comes to the Board of Evangelism from the pastorship of the Smithfield Street Methodist Church in downtown Pittsburgh in which he has served since 1940. A native of Pittsburgh, he also served the Bellevue Methodist Protestant Church there in 1934-40.

METHODISTS of the nation will find as November opens, that the services of a powerful ally will be aiding them as they begin their emphasis upon "Our Faith in God" in the current teaching and preaching mission. The Advance for Christ and His Church, together with similar movements, denominational and interdenominational, will be fortified and extended by a full scale concentration upon "Religion in American Life" by the country's leading communications and opinion-making media.

DR. A. HOLLIS EDENS will be inaugurated president of Duke University in special events to be held October 21-23. The actual installation of Dr. Edens will take place Saturday morning, October 22, at 10:30 o'clock. Speakers for the three-day program include Honorable Raymond Blaine Fosdick, adviser to the Secretary of State; Honorable Sir Oliver Shewell Franks, British Ambassador to the United States; Norman Cousins, writer, editor and international relations expert; and Dr. Ernest Cadman Colwell, president of the University of Chicago.

Duke to Raise $12,000,000 for Expansion Program; Waynesville District Makes Plans for the Year

DUKE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

DURHAM.—A major program of development and progress is being undertaken by Duke University, it has been announced.

Plans call for the raising of $12,000,000 to finance the project, and a national organization of Duke alumni and friends has been established to conduct a campaign for this sum. The organization, known as the Duke University Development Program, is headed by Benjamin F. Few of New York, vice-president of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company and a Duke alumnus.

The University's principal current needs are described in a publication now being distributed by the Development Program's National Committee. The booklet points out that the funds sought will be used to finance key requirements such as new buildings, more scholarships and fellowships, more research facilities and increased faculty compensation.

The present efforts to raise a substantial sum for Duke are the first in the university's history, it is pointed out in the Development Program booklet. The university came into being 25 years ago when, through an endowment established by James Buchanan Duke, Trinity College was expanded into Duke University. In recent years the endowment has provided for approximately 18 per cent of the University's expenditures.

Pointing out that Duke has experienced the rapid growth in enrollment typical of most institutions of higher learning, the booklet makes it clear that the present objectives of the Development Program are urgently needed to accommodate the numbers now enrolled.

The new buildings contemplated include:

Men's dormitories to relieve crowded conditions now existing in present dormitories, and remodeling of a woman's dormitory.

A law and adminstration building to meet greatly increased demands for legal training and to provide badly needed space for administrative offices. This building is designed to complete the main quadrangle on the men's campus. Its erection will make it possible to convert present administrative offices into classrooms.

A student and alumni center to offer additional cultural and recreational facilities to students and a central campus gathering place for alumni.

The erection of these new buildings and provisions for necessary utilities and maintenance, will require, it is estimated, approximately $9,000.000.

The remainder of the $12,000.000 sought will be used for instruction and research in medicine, faculty salaries and endowment professorships, and scholarships and fellowships.

President A. Hollis Edens, Chancellor Robert L. Flowers and Vice-Chancellor William H. Wannamaker, of Duke, are honorary chairmen of the Development Program organization. Active membership in the Program's national committee, still in the process of formation, includes more than a hundred Duke alumni and friends. Other committees are being organized throughout the country

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT HAS SET-UP MEETING

The Waynesville district set-up meeting was held Monday, October 10, at the First Methodist Church, Waynesville. Dr. C. N. Clark, superintendent, called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock. Following the singing of the hymn, "Come, Thou Fount," the group was led in prayer by Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hendersonville. Dr. R. L. Madison, prominent layman of the district, and for 26 years president of Western Carolina Teachers College, located at Cullowhee, was introduced. Rev. D. D. Gross, pastor of Clyde Baptist Church and regional supervisor of the CROP program for seven western North Carolina counties, was introduced and spoke on the coming campaign for food for overseas relief. New pastors recently added to the district by the Annual Conference were introduced as follows: Rev. B. L. Roberts, Webster: Rev. A. E. Belk, Shady Grove; Rev. C. E. Murray, Franklin; Rev. Paul Taylor, Dellwood; Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, First Church, Murphy; and Rev. J. E. Yountz, First Church, Waynesville.

Bob Coleman, of Canton Central church, member of the district conference committee on apportionments, made a report, in which he stated that the churches in this district had more than paid their acceptances on World Service for the past year.

Mrs. F. O. Dryman of Lake Junaluska, district promotion secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, spoke on the work and the objectives of the W. S. C. S. Her report showed that from 96 local churches there were 48 societies. She urged pastors to assist her in the organization of units in all the local churches of the district.

W. L. Rickard, principal of the Canton High School and recently elected lay leader for the district, told of plans under way to increase the work of the laymen throughout the district. In the very near future laymen's dinner meetings will be planned for Murphy, Franklin, and Waynesville.

Hugh Massie of Waynesville, chairman of the district trustees, reported that a new oil furnace had been installed in the district parsonage. The home of the district superintendent has also been redecorated and insulated. Total cost of the project was $2,500.

Reports made to the meeting showed that there are more subscribers to the Chicago Christian Advocate in this district than in any other district in the conference. However, pastors were asked to encourage their churches to increase the number of subscriptions both to the national Advocate and also to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 with prayer led by Rev. John W. Moore, retired Methodist preacher of Lake Junaluska.

THEME CHOSEN FOR UNITED 1950 APPEAL

New York.—"One Great Hour of Sharing" has been chosen as the theme of the 1950 concerted appeal for relief, reconstruction and inter-church aid through the radio, press and general promotion, according to an announcement by Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, Director of Promotion of Church World Service, Inc.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH ADDS SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

Within the past six months the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church of the Westover-Pleasant Grove Charge, Raleigh District, has added four sunday school rooms to its sanctuary. Ground-breaking services were held on March 20 of this year and work was begun the following week. Members of the congregation did the work, spending less than $100 for labor. The Woman's Society of Christian Service donated venetian blinds for all the windows in the new rooms. The church hopes to be able soon to add new church pews and pulpit furniture to the interior of the sanctuary. The Pleasant Grove church celebrated its 100th anniversary five years ago.



Pleasant Grove Methodist Church

Methodism in Roanoke Rapids Keeps Pace with Growing Community; Marion District Conference

METHODISM IN ROANOKE RAPIDS

By W. R. Stevens

Methodism in Roanoke Rapids and immediate vicinity is now centered in three separate charges served by three resident ministers. These charges are composed of two stations, First church and Rosemary within the city, and one circuit of three churches, New Hope, South Rosemary and Shiloh, the latter two located just outside the city. Thus, they would be included within the immediate vicinity of Roanoke Rapids and considered partially commuter churches. These churches are composed of a total membership of 2,051 with 1,128 enrolled in the church schools.

Shiloh, the oldest of these churches, was organized in 1881 by a Rev. Mr. Bennett. The present frame building is the original structure, with additions since, which was constructed about the time of organization. The church is located in Gaston of Northampton County, N. C., just across the Roanoke river, north of Roanoke Rapids. Since unification Shiloh has been a part of the Spring Church-Garysburg charge with the parsonage located at Garysburg, N. C. At the 1949 North Carolina Annual Conference a new charge was formed composed of Shiloh, South Rosemary and New Hope churches, with Rev. John T. Maides appointed as preacher in charge. At present Shiloh has a church enrollment of 232 with 244 enrolled in church school. Early in the year a bus was purchased which has been a great asset in the increase of church and church school attendance.

First church, located in the north end of Roanoke Rapids, was organized in the latter part of the nineteenth century by Rev. J. R. Tillery and the first building, a frame structure, at Second and Jackson streets, was built in 1896 under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Frizzelle. The present brick building, located at Fourth Street and Roanoke Avenue, was constructed and equipped in 1918 at a cost of $55,000. The minister at the time of construction was Rev. E. C. Few. In the year 1937, under the leadership of Rev. E. B. Fisher, the mortgage on this building was paid and the occasion was high-lighted with a sermon by Bishop Paul B. Kern. Since 1943 and until this year, the parsonage, a small frame structure, has been located at 318 Jackson Street. This year, under the leadership of Rev. J. F. Herbert, a new, modern, two-story, brick parsonage has been built and equipped. This parsonage is now occupied by the minister and his family. The present church membership is 1,026 with a total of 334 enrolled in church school.

Rosemary church, in the south end of Roanoke Rapids, was organized and the first building, a frame structure on South Henry Street, was built in 1902. The pastor at the time was Rev. E. R. Welsh. On the evening of December 24, 1906, this building was burned to the ground. Immediately afterward, under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Piland, the present building, a frame structure at Tenth and Jackson Streets, was built with church school rooms added later. At present a new modified Gothic, stone church and church school plant is under construction. The new church is being erected on a new lot at the corner of Ninth and Jackson Streets. The congregation hopes to occupy this new building within the year 1950. The pastor is Rev. W. R. Stevens.

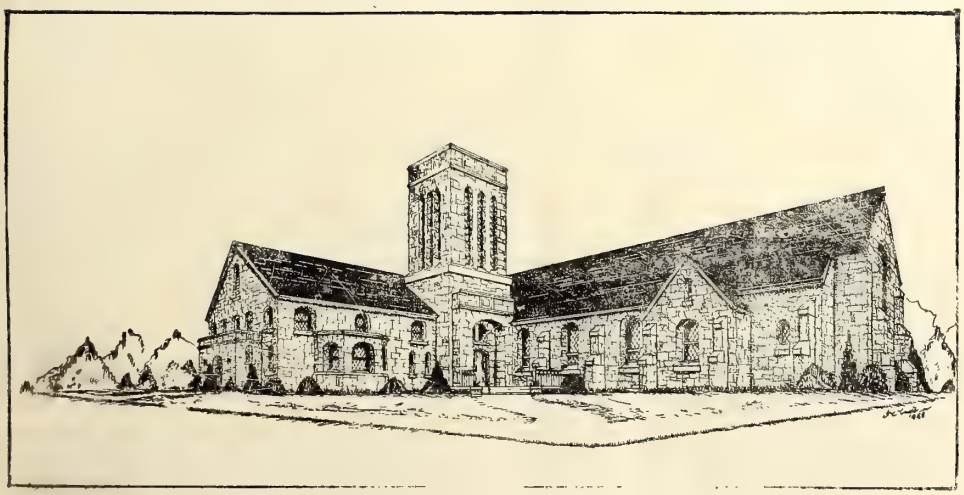
Until 1914 Rosemary was attached to First church. From then until 1940 Rosemary, New Hope and Smiths formed the Rosemary charge. In 1940 Rosemary became a station. Since 1919 the parsonage, a frame structure, has been located at 800 Jackson Street. At present the total church membership is 605 with 335 enrolled in the church school.

South Rosemary, the baby of Methodism in the vicinity of Roanoke Rapids, was organized January 11, 1948, under the pastorate of Revs. John T. Maides and W. R. Stevens, with a charter membership of 120. The first and present church building is a small one-room frame structure located on the back of a lot on which it is hoped a much needed, more adequate structure can soon be realized. The material for the present temporary building was donated by the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis club and some of its members with voluntary community labor doing the construction. The Kiwanis club sponsors a scout troup which meets in this building.

Thus far there is no parsonage. However, this new church has assumed and will pay a budget of $1,281 this year including par on world service. In addition to this, the congregation has a building fund to which it is contributing.

The church now has a membership of 188 with a church school enrollment of 215. It is the only church in a community of about 800 people just outside the city limits of Roanoke Rapids. This church offers a great challenge to Methodism and with proper support can become a church serving a great need in a community which until just recently was an unchurched area.

Certainly, credit for much of the recent progress of Methodism in and around Roanoke Rapids is due to those ministers in past years who have done much ground work and laid foundations on which things are now developing. Thus, new life and progress in recent years might be summed up in these final statements. The establishment of a new church in South Rosemary means a ministry to a host of people who otherwise were not and perhaps would not be in touch with any church. The formation of the new Roanoke circuit, taking Shiloh from a six point charge and placing it with only two other churches, South Rosemary and New Hope, is a great step forward. This has given Shiloh a better opportunity for more ministerial leadership resulting in a tremendous increase in church school enrollment, church and church school attendance and a multiplied enthusiasm and activity in every phase of the church program. There is also a marked increasing interest and participation of lay leadership in the two city churches resulting in more effective all-round programs, enlarged budgets and a gradual spiritual growth. This also applies to the two outlying churches before mentioned.



Rosemary Church, Roanoke Rapids, Now Under Construction

MARION DISTRICT HOLDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

More than 225 persons gathered at Boone Wednesday, October 12, to attend the meeting of the Marion District Conference. It is a little unusual to have Methodists meet at the beginning of a conference year for a district conference, but this meeting was called by Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., district superintendent, in order to bring the objectives for the year ahead to representatives of all the charges of the district. It perhaps sets a precedent.

The routine business of the annual district conference was transacted, except for the mid-year reports which would have been premature. The various causes and special emphases of the months ahead were considered and objectives chosen. These resolutions were then sent directly to one of the secretaries of the conference who mimeographed them and placed copies of the resolutions and other data in the hands of each pastor and delegate as he left the meeting. This conference will be followed by quarterly check-up meetings in various parts of the district.

The characters were passed and the licenses renewed for the following local preachers: A. T. Abernethy, J. E. Bolich, C. W. Brown, M. J. Byers, J. H. Causey, J. S. Gibbs, Jr., G. C. Green, J. William Hoyle, Wesley Joines, J. W. McCoy, J. L. McGalliard, J. J. Melton, Golden Thompson, A. L. Lytle, C. R. McKinney.

The characters of the following ordained local preachers were passed: Rufus Graybeal (D), W. K. Houck (E), and J. D. Rankin (E).

The following were recommended for the status of accepted supply: J. G. Barden (D), J. A. Fitzgerald, Paul Heafner, M. T. Hinshaw, G. L. Lovett, Ernest Moretz, Ernest Stephens, G. B. Tomlinson, and J. F. Bowers.

Boone Methodist Church was host to the conference. The circles of the Woman's Society of Boone served lunch.

S. B. Moss, Secretary.

Howard Serves Youth; Office Has Unique Marital Record; Leadership Schools to Be Stressed

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

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ASSEMBLY DEAN MAKES GIFT TO YOUNG PEOPLE

If you should ask one of several thousand young people in North Carolina who the gentleman pictured above is, the reply would be, "That's Dean Bill." That is, if the young person had been to the senior youth assembly at Louisburg College in recent years. He is the "senior" dean of our current staff of top leaders in assemblies and camps. Of course it would be our luck for him to say sooner or later, "Now let someone else take over a while." And he has already said it! Well, you cannot complain about such a decision. After a minister has given a large part of his time he can get away from his pastoral charge in a given year to the youth assemblies year after year, it is only just to give him some relief, or at least to let him have it if he takes it.

Makes Parting Easier

Dean Howard made his decision easier to get along with by making a very lovely and useful parting gift to the young folk of the conference for use at the assemblies. It usually works the other way around. He gets credit for an original idea as well as for doing a fine and generous thing.

Communion Set Is Given

The gift made by Dean Bill to the assemblies is a beautiful communion set. It is from the Thomas Communion Service Company, and has four trays of quadruple plated silver for the communion cups, and matching plates for the bread. The Saturday noon communion has long been the climax of our assembly weeks at Louisburg. But inconvenience had handicapped the serving of the communion because no adequate communion set was available. Now, whether we succeed in luring Dean Howard back to the assemblies soon or late, he will be remembered with thankful spirit by those who are assisted in worship by this thoughtful and generous gift.

Was Platform Speaker

Dean Howard gave the platform addresses at one session of the senior assemblies. He had worked hard on his preparation and did a grand job. He has been busy since giving inspirational addresses at district, sub-district, and other youth group meetings. We have often told our youth council that their own preachers in our conference could do the job as well as anyone from a hundred to a thousand miles away. It was good to have the assertion proved, as it has been proved before by other ministers of our conference. Another good thing is to work with a leader of youth who likewise does so on his own pastoral charge. At Bethel he has had a lot to live up to (excusing present company) in former pastoral leadership. They say he is doing it in a great pastorate with a congregation made up of some of the finest people on earth, maybe the finest.

ROMANCE CHANGES THINGS

Since the time for more weddings is "drawing nigh" our Board Staff, together with wives and husbands and with a collection of brides-and-grooms-to-be had a



Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Bethel, N. C.

celebration at the "Little Acorn." The good barbecue there did not go entirely unnoticed even in the excitement of two weddings for October.

Our Office By-Product

There seems to be something about this office which produces fine results in romance and matrimony, as well as Christian education. Perhaps it's all a part of the same result. Christian education should result in the founding of Christian homes. Well, it does here. The first week in last November there were four single people working in the board of education office. Come a week from Saturday every one of them will be married! Four weddings from one office in eleven months may encourage prospective replacements when vacated positions are to be filled. Only two positions have been vacated, however, as two of the married folk are working right on.

Nothing New About It

The first office secretary I remember in the board office up here on the second floor of East Duke was carried away as a bride to the Western Conference by none other than Rev. W. Arthur Kale, now president of the board of education of the Western N. C. Conference. The first director of children's work I knew, Miss Georgia Keene, went down to teach a training course in New Bern and didn't come back, at least not for long, for she soon became Mrs. W. F. Dowdy. It has affected the men also, as witness Dr. Luther Gobbel, just when it seemed he was a permanent bachelor.

Too Many Marriages

We cannot go on down through the list. We may get up the whole story, but will need to get someone else to print it as the Advocate editor couldn't spare the space, and, besides, other offices might get discouraged at such a success story. Anyway, not more than two people in the last 25 have come here to work single and left single. This must be the banner year with four weddings in eleven months.

HARD WORK FOR SOMEBODY

At the pre-conference meeting of the Board of Education the Rev. Kelly Ingram of Erwin was appointed to be chairman of a committee to bring in recommendations at the annual meeting in Sanford with regard to leadership education in the conference. Needless to say, there was soon a report prepared. Since Brother Ingram handed us a copy of this report it might do good if some of it should appear on this page. Then all might know what the need is and what it will take to make a good start on the job.

Leadership Education Everybody's Job

The report says, "Recognizing that the preponderance of Christian education must take place in the local church and that the burden of leadership in the most crucial point of our church's program of education must fall upon officers and teachers in the local church, and, being further cognizant of the fact that our conference has lagged far behind in the matter of training leadership for church schools, we most urgently recommend the following program of leadership education:

"1. That a district committee on leadership education be established in each district, composed of the district directors of adult work, youth work, and children's work, the district missionary secretary, the district director of evangelism, the district promotional secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the district superintendent. The chairman of this committee, who is to be the district director of leadership education, shall be appointed by the executive secretary of the board of education, subject to the concurrence of the district superintendent."

Musk Ask Cooperation

The list of persons comprising the proposed district committee above will call for securing cooperation with a good many people, and the agencies directing their leaders in the fields of missions, evangelism, etc. That kind of cooperation ought to be quite possible, as training leaders is a great essential in every activity of church life.

Getting Things Done

The chief duties of the district committee on leadership education would be: (1) to plan for an accredited leadership training school in each sub-district; (2) to encourage each pastor to become accredited to teach at least one leadership course; and (3) to make the necessary arrangements for a seminar in the district on "The Pastor's Responsibility for Leadership Education in the Local Church." Such definite and practical plans will undoubtedly result in sudden doings in our conference in leadership education.

To win a child's respect for religion those who teach it must compare faforably with his teachers in other areas of life.

Many Attend Guild Banquet; Shiloh Has Retreat; 150 Attend Seminar; Name Delegates to Assembly

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GUILD BANQUET—WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

In observance of October as "Guild Month" about 200 enthusiastic members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Winston-Salem district enjoyed a dinner at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, October 4, and heard with pleasure and profit the challenging message of Miss Lucy Steele, professor of Bible at Peace College, Raleigh.

Miss Georgia Barnes, district chairman, presided over the meeting and presented a number of visitors, among them being the conference secretary, Miss Lottie Duncan of Greensboro. Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of the church, welcomed the group in a few well chosen words, and Miss Steele spoke on the general subject of "A Full Check-Up for Winter Service," using as her Scripture the familiar story of Jesus cleansing the temple when he said, "Take these things hence," and then mentioning the importance of a "Fall Check-Up" in our personal lives when we put from us the things that hinder our growth, such as substitutions and casual attitudes, and put in their place worthy purposes and high ideals in regard to social service, race relations, drinking, or mode of dress and amusements. Large delegations from all over the district were in atendance.

NEWS FROM THE STATESVILLE DISTRICT

The work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Statesville district has gotten off to a good start following the fall meeting of the executive committee, where plans were formulated toward a successful year's work.

Recently a spiritual life retreat was held at Shiloh church on the Claremont-Shiloh charge. This meeting was in charge of Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle, district secretary of spiritual life. Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, conference secretary, presented the study in this department of work, "Women of Scripture." Mrs. Stentz also conducted the dedication service.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

First Methodist Church, Hickory, was the scene of the fall seminar of the Statesville district September 15. The theme carried through the meeting was "Toward One World in Christ." Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the church, opened the session with prayer, and Mrs. P. A. Setzer, local president, welcomed the visitors. Mrs. John B. Steele, district secretary of missionary education, was in charge of the meeting and presented the following speakers: Mrs. J. Clay Madison, district vice-president; Miss Lillian Walker, conference secretary of missionary projects; Mrs. Edd F. Gardner, district secretary of youth work Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, conference secretary of children's work; Mrs. C. A. York, conference secretary of missionary education; and Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, conference secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities. The study books presented by these speakers were, "Cooperation for a Christian Nation;" "Japan;" "We the People of the Ecumenical Church," and "Women of Scripture." Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle conducted the dedication service during the afternoon session, assisted by district officers. Lunch was served in th dining room to about 150 women.

Sub-district meetings were announced, Ashe County to be held October 8 at Grassy Creek Church, Sub-district No. 2 at Hopewell church on the Catawba charge, October 15.—Mrs. C. T. Leonard, Recording Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR—SALISBURY DISTRICT

The educational seminar of the Salisbusy district was held at Coburn Memorial church, Salisbury, September 28, with Mrs. L. R. Akers, district secretary of missionary education, in charge. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. E. H. Brendall, pastor, and the theme, "Toward One World in Christ," was carried through the meeting.

Miss Lillian Walker presented the study on "Japan;" Mrs. C. A. York gave "Cooperation for a Christian Nation;" Mrs. J. D. Stentz, "Women of Scripture;" and Mrs. Carl King, "We the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church." Mrs. J. E. Yountz spoke briefly on the youth work. The children's work was presented by Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, and Mrs. J. F. Jarvis, Jr., spoke briefly on the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Sincere regret was expressed over the loss of Mrs. J. E. Yountz, who goes with her husband to Waynesville. Mrs. W. J. Clayton was presented as the new vice-president, who succeeds Mrs. Walter B. West, who has become president of the district.

The meeting closed with a most impressive dedication service led by Mrs. C. W. Murph, district secretary of spiritual life. —Mrs. R. E. Bisel, Secretary.

MATERIALS TO BE USED WITH MONTHLY PROGRAMS 1949-50

A few weeks ago we ran on this page suggested materials to be used with the 1949-50 Programs for the first six months of the year, beginning with September. So many requests have come in for the remainder and for extra copies of the entire list, that we are hereby giving the list from March through August, 1950. We would suggest that if any society wishes to have this list in its entirety, that mimeographed copies be made from this list and the list appearing in the Advocate September 8.

March: Distribute free leaflet, "The Sun of Righteousness Shall Arise," from Literature Headquarters.

April: Since women know little of it, write National College for Christian Workers, Truman Road, at Van Brunt Boulevard, Kansas City 1, Mo., for free leaflets about our school. Material may also be secured from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

May: Distribute new free leaflet, "The Christian Home in Africa," by Mrs. Emory Ross, from Literature Headquarters. For installation service, mount letters from Officers' Letter File on construction paper and fold to present to each new officer.

June: Costumes. Distribute Pledge Cards from Literature Headquarters.

July: The material in Program Book will be two years old—substitute later material from our magazines. Free films, posters, leaflets may be secured from Anti-Defamation League, 11 Pryor Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

August: Costumes. Distribute free leaflets—(new) "Our Unofficial Ambassadors," from literature Headquarters.

Remember postage when ordering free leaflets—"free for postage."

DELEGATES TO ASSEMBLY

Delegates representing the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild to the Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio, April, 1950, are Mrs. J. W. Payne, Mrs. David D. Smiley and Miss Lottie Duncan.

Delegates representing the districts are: Asheville, Mrs. S. M. Garren; alternate, Miss Amy Hackney. Charlotte, Mrs. George Dooley; alternate, Mrs. S. E. Knowles. Gastonia (to be elected). Greensboro, Mrs. Robert Chrismon; alternate, Mrs. Harry Hendrick. Marion, Miss Una Edwards. Salisbury, Mrs. Walter West; alternate, Mrs. Geddie Strickland. Statesville, Mrs. Ralph Sherrill. Thomasville, Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford. Waynesville, Mrs. F. O. Dryman. Winston-Salem, Mrs. R. A. George; alternate, Mrs. Mark Rose.

BETHLEHEM CENTER COUPON CAMPAIGN

Another shipment of 51,900 coupons was made by Mrs. Marian Wooten last week, making a grand total since January of 82,100. The amount received for these coupons is around $350, without the bonus which may be around $25. Remembering that the total cost of fence around the property is about $2,000, this seems a long way to go to reach the goal, but church groups all over the Conference are working diligently and we are climbing steadily. A woman in a large grocery store in Winston-Salem recently overheard a cashier ask a customer if he were a Methodist. The customer said, "Yes," and the cashier said he had a lot of coupons he wanted "the Methodists" to have, and the customer took them and turned them in with some more he had collected for the Bethlehem Center—and so the number grows.

Churches sending in coupons since the last report are: Mrs. R. C. Gordon, Thomasville, 625, which added to what she had already sent made a total of 688. Ogburn Memorial, Winston-Salem, an additional 421½; Bethel, Midland, total of 721½ sent in two groups; College Place, Greensboro, 673.

REFUGEES DESPERATELY NEED HELP

There are some twelve million refugees in Germany in need of clothing for the coming winter, and desperately in need of food, according to Miss Elizabeth Urbig, secretary of "Hilfswerk," the Protestant relief agency in Germany, through which Church World Service and other American church agencies are distributing supplies of all kinds. Miss Urbig has been urging American churches, through Church World Service, to make a new effort to send clothing to the refugees in the next few months. "Ex-prisoners of war return from Russia by the thousands each month, homeless, sick and in rags. Children grow up and cannot attend school because they have no shoes to wear. Fuel is still so short that many aged people yearn for warm wraps, stockings, and underwear. Our refugee sewing centers can use old clothes and material for repairing clothes."

Activities Hit High Peak; Gideons Hold Service; Rotary Program Given; Asbury Churches Visited

By L. C. LARKIN, *Superintendent*

CONFERENCE AT CHILDREN'S HOME

On Tuesday, October 4, a large number of men and women assembled at the Children's Home in Winston-Salem. The child-caring institutions of the State were well represented.

The program was well filled with helpful discussions and valuable information.

Five of us attended from this Orphanage—Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Larkin, Mr. Madison and the Superintendent. Mr. Woosley and his staff of workers were most thoughtful to all those in attendance. Those from our Home wish to thank those of the Children's Home for such a pleasant and profitable day.

ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENT

Each day of each week is well filled with interesting and exciting happenings. The articles for this page are sometimes written under difficulties.

This past week has been a very busy and happy one. Two new boys have been admitted from Kinston. This brings to 28 the new members of our family.

The officers and leaders of the W.S.C.S. and W.S. Guild have held their annual conference on our campus. They made their headquarters in the Burwell Cottage.

On last Thursday, Dr. Patrick and a group of students from Wake Forest College came over to plan a special project in the field of sociology. These students will get some practical training as they serve with us here at the Orphanage.

Sunday night, October 2, Bishop Peele spoke at Edenton Street church to open the program on "The Advance for Christ and His Church."

Monday afternoon about 400 young people of our Conference had a picnic supper on our campus. This was followed by an inspirational service in our chapel. The orphanage Glee Club provided special music for this meeting. Dr. Bosley spoke on "The Claims of Our Faith on Youth."

GIDEONS ARE GRACIOUS

On Thursday night, October 6, the Gideons of our city had charge of our chapel service. The following men took part on the program: S. B. Jones, W. T. McDaniel, Charles Morton and Joe Shockby.

The origin and growth of the Gideon International was explained. Bibles were presented to our junior boys and girls to be used in their cottages and in Sunday school. Each high school student was given a copy of the New Testament and Psalms.

ROTARIANS ARE RESPONSIVE

The Superintendent was invited to give a program Monday before the Raleigh Rotary Club. A moving picture of life on our campus was shown. Mary Elizabeth Pierce gave a vocal solo. Five of the Brown Cottage boys gave a series of recitations.

The writer of this page spoke on the services rendered to deserving children over a period of 50 years.

The members of this club were most responsive and gracious to those taking part on this program.

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HOMECOMING OCCASIONS

There are several churches in our State that serve to perpetuate the name of Bishop Asbury. Two churches that bear this historic name had homecoming programs, Sunday, October 9.

Professor Blaine Madison, principal of our school, carried a group of children to Asbury church on the Bath charge. He reported a large attendance and a fine spirit manifest in this busy day on the Bath charge.

The writer visited Asbury church on the Dover charge. Two boys and four girls had a part on the program with the superintendent. At the request of Rev. B. B. Slaughter this scribe held the fourth quarterly conference. R. H. Lewis, pastor, presented an excellent report.

BOBBY BUBBLES OVER

One of the new additions to our family is an 11-year-old boy named Bobby. He is a very aggressive and alert youngster. He keeps the oldsters busy answering his questions and directing his energies.

He came up yesterday with this urgent request: "Mr. Larkin, I am learning a speech; will you take me to my home church?" "What are you planning to do, Bobby?" His answer was to the point: "I want to get up in church and **show off** before all those boys back home."

His motive may not be so good, but I am sure his message will impress those who hear him speak.

CLAYTON IS CORDIAL

Rev. W. C. Martin opened the church at Clayton to a group from our Orphanage October 2. The members opened their hearts and homes to the boys and girls who presented a program at the morning worship hour.

From the size of the offering that morning many of the people opened their pocketbooks to secure their Orphanage apportionment for the year.

PLEASANT PARTIES

We like for the home of the Superintendent to be a social center for the young people and the grown-ups. Two weeks ago we were happy to have all the teachers and their families with us for a pleasant evening. The new members of the faculty were given recognition.

On Friday night a party was held for the staff members and their families. Joe Bryan, new farm supervisor, and his wife were introduced. Mrs. W. N. Horton, new matron of the Burwell Cottage, was also presented. This being the birthday of our business manager, Mr. Pridgen, he was presented with a gift from the entire staff.

We all look forward to other times during the winter when we can have periods of relaxation and experiences like we enjoyed on this evening.



The three Faulkner girls, Frances, Phyllis and Mary Elizabeth, are happy members of our family. They came to us from Rosemary Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids where their mother holds her membership.

Sunday School Lesson for OCTOBER 23

Isaiah Teaches Trust in God

Isaiah 7; 12:2; 25-26; 30:1-17

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By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

To the superficial reader the study of the political fortunes of little Judah seems a task remote from practical significance. But we must remember that the laws according to which God governs the nations are the same in all ages. If a modern physician were to know exactly how a patient with a certain disease had reacted a thousand years ago to a certain treatment, he would deem it important information for his guidance in handling a patient with the same disease today. So it is with the moral maladies of nations.

Northern Israel had relapsed into practical paganism and had made a conspiracy with heathen Syria to come down and conquer Judah the one little kingdom that had to a degree remained faithful to the worship of the true God. It seemed absurd to King Ahaz to trust alone in Jehovah at this crisis, so he determined to send messengers around northern Israel and Damascus to make an alliance with the Assyrians so that Assyria would attack them from the rear and draw them back from their designs on Judah.

But Isaiah knew that such a course was like a hen making an alliance with a hawk to protect her chicks. He said, these two kings of whom you are so much afraid are but the stumps of torches and will soon flicker out. A virgin shall ere long conceive and bear a son and call his name Immanuel (God with us), in celebration of the fact that God has delivered Judah from her foes. But, alas, if you make an alliance with Assyria, before the child is old enough to refuse the evil and choose the good, this deliverance will be followed by an invasion from Assyria which will reduce men to living on the curds made from the milk of wandering cattle and on the wild honey they chance to find. And Judah's fine vineyards will grow up with briars. This prophecy was soon fulfilled. The two kingdoms which they so much feared were ravaged by the Assyrians. But the tribute that the Assyrians demanded in return from Judah was so great that the Jews rebelled, vainly trusting in Egypt for help and were quickly overrun with Assyrian soldiers.

What is the application of this lesson to us today? The primary lesson is that at a national crisis we are to trust God rather than to turn for help to the enemies of God. At the crisis of the Japanese war our State Department agreed to allow the Russian Communists to overrun northern China in hopes of getting help from Russia against the Japanese. But now the dominance of the Russian Communists in China is as grave a peril as the Japanese ever were. Our experience says, Sacrifice no principles of fair dealing for safety's sake. Make no compromise with unprincipled governments. Isaiah would say to us, in view of the Russian advance, Make sure that the poorer classes of America have such a just treatment that they will not be receptive soil for the Communist propaganda and their promise of a share of the loot from the wealth of their oppressors; and allow no group to feel themselves unjustly treated so that they will be attracted by the communist promise of racial equality. And give no ground for the charge that the church toadies to the rich and refuses to rebuke the predatory greed of the upper classes. That is what the Russian church did and the poor lost confidence in the church. Let the church by no hypocrisy lessen the belief of the common people in God. And let all Christians remember that we have not yet explored the power of prayer. When in answer to united prayer the spirit descended at Pentecost and no man said that aught of the things he possessed was his own, such a thing as bloody atheistic communism was unthinkable.

Book Reviews

The Bible and Human Rights, by Kathleen W. McArthur. Woman's Press, N. Y., 1949, 95 pages, $2.

This book by a consultant to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations explores the religious motivations of democracy. It is her conviction that among the spiritual resources which support the theory and practice of democracy the Bible is most important. The author has been a college teacher of Bible and has written in the field of Biblical literature. She knows her Bible.

Among the chapter titles we find such as the following: (1) "The Biblical Basis of Human Rights," (2) "The Right to Equality of Opportunity," (3) "The Right to Citizenship and Its Privileges." The reviewer finds himself wishing he might quote extensively from these pages. One quotation, however, will have to suffice. "It is clear that wherever man is enslaved, exploited, debased, deprived or despised, God Himself, and the whole purpose of creation, is defied and blasphemed. This is the religious basis of human rights. It is difficult to see how any other basis can support or give meaning to the rights claimed on behalf of humanity." (page 6).

Every page is studded with quotations from the Bible. This is a book which will inspire devotion both to the Bible and to democracy.—Raymond Smith.

Common Sense About Fund Raising, by Robert K. Leavitt. American Book-Stratford Press, Inc., N. Y. 1949. 75 pages, $2.50.

The author of this book is by profession a counselor in advertising, public relations and employee relations. He has worked with a number of nationally known industrial companies. In the course of his professional duties he was assigned the task of analyzing the results of a survey which had been made to determine the public's reaction to two schools of thought on fund-raising, viz., (1) independent fund-raising, and (2) federated fund-raising, or the so-called "Super Fund."

Leavitt is against the federated plan because he believes it is a step in the direction of totalitarianism. "More than dollars, we need the warmth of heart which the very act of giving generates," says the author. People interested in raising money, especially for health and welfare agencies, will wish to read this controversial book.—Raymond Smith.

There is no liberty to men in whom ignorance predominates over knowledge; there is no liberty to men who know not how to govern themselves. —H. W. Beecher.



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Saturday Morning Show

By GENE ARAM

Kathleen started from home right after breakfast on a beautiful Saturday morning in September. She was very happy. In the pocket of her short coat there was a shiny new quarter and she was going to see a movie. It was a very good one, the church magazine said, just for children; an animated cartoon in gorgeous colors, with deer and rabbits and bears having all kinds of breathtaking adventures in a wonderful never-never-see forest.

Kathleen skipped along to the rhythm of a little song of her own:

"To the movies we will go,
—oh—oh—
To the movies we will go."

This small town had just one big business street running through the middle of it, and all the rest of it was gay with grass and bushes and park-like places. But Kathleen walked that way to school and back every day, and she was so used to the pretty little town that she paid no attention to it. She didn't even see it any more.

On the way to the moving picture theater, she met several friends and they chatted gaily together, playing tag to make the walk seem shorter. In front of the theater, children already were lined up to buy their tickets. Kathleen put her hand into her pocket to get her quarter, and suddenly all the joy went out of her. Where was her money? There was no hole in her pocket; it couldn't have slipped into the lining. She felt again and again, but had to face the fact: her coin was gone.

"I've lost my quarter" she wailed. The other girls looked uncomfortable, and one of them said, "That's too bad." But the line was moving toward the cashier's window and no one offered to help Kathleen.

With tears in her eyes, she looked at her friends so sadly that one of them gave her her own candy bar money. But, of course, Kathleen could not buy a theater ticket for five cents.

"Maybe," she thought, "if I walk back slowly all the way I came and look carefully in the grass, maybe I'll find my quarter."

She hadn't gone very far when she stopped, fascinated by what she saw. On the sidewalk, in front of Mrs. Turnbull's house ther was a tiny ant dragging a huge dried-up fly, at least five times as large as the ant itself. Pushing here, pulling there, the ant was making some progress. But what do you know? It was actually trying to lift its huge burden up the cement step. It would crawl up for maybe an inch, and then fall back again. But it kept trying over and over again, never giving up. At last, another ant came very busily out of nowhere at all and hurried toward the first ant. They met and felt each other gently with their horn-like antennae. Then the first ant started up the step again, but a little farther to one side, where there was a crack in the cement running all the way up the step and the second ant braced its little legs along the side of the crack and pulled on the fly while the other ant pushed. Pretty soon they were over the top and Kathleen followed them till they disappeared, fly and all, into a tiny hole where other ants were going in and out, lots of them, in a stream.

"Putting food into your deep-freeze locker, aren't you?" laughed Kathleen.

Suddenly she remembered the picture show and started looking for her quarter again. Pretty soon she came to Mrs. Adrean's front yard, with its pretty fence all draped with morning-glories.

"Those are the ones called Heavenly Blue," thought Kathleen. "I had never noticed how like the sky they are. In fact, I had never noticed them at all."

She stopped to watch them. It would have seemed unkind to pass indifferently by such friendly looking flowers, wide open as though they were offering their beauty in dainty cups to the people on the street. And, as she studied the flowers, Kathleen saw the tender little stems, the tendrils, wound so tightly round and round small twigs, strings stretched there by Mrs. Adrean, in fact round anything they could clasp in their search for support. Kathleen's small fingers played with one of the tendrils, trying to unwind it. Its resistance amazed her. "Why," she thought, "it holds as tightly as baby brother when he clasps my thumb. All right, little plant, I won't bother you."

And Kathleen went on looking for her quarter. But now it was like a game she was playing with herself. She had almost forgotten to be sorry for her loss. Looking so carefully into the grass, she was discovering a new world, the world of small almost invisible things, the world of familiar things which we do not see because it is with us all the time. And her exploration was so thrilling that she was now looking in places where her quarter could not possibly be.

And that's how she discovered that the little brown bird she had mistaken for an English Sparrow wasn't an English Sparrow at all. It had a slender bill and a speckled breast, and it was feeding heartily on bittersweet berries. Now, what kind of a bird could it be? She would have to ask brother Ronny, who was a Boy Scout and studied bird life.

And now Kathleen was right back home again. It had taken her a long, long time to walk from the theater, because there were so many fascinating bugs and plantlets and things all over the place and right under your very feet.

"How was the movie?" asked Kathleen's mother.

"Oh, I didn't see it," answered Kathleen with a careless toss of her golden curls. "I lost my quarter. But I found, oh, such a lot of SHINY new things Mother, did you know that ants help each other carry heavy things. That morning-glories have the tightest little fists? That all small brown birds aren't English Sparrows? Mother, you should WALK to the moving picture theater sometimes. There is such a lot to see on the way there!"

One October Morning

I lifted up my face to stare
At blue October's sky, and there
Among the misty clouds afloat
I saw a phantom sailing boat,
Fashioned especially for me
And all who have the eyes to see.

It vanished soon to reappear
Against the sky a prancing deer;
I saw a child on running feet,
A charger with a knight complete,
And then to add to my delight
A frieze of angels robed in white.

But wait! Before my very eyes
A powder puff trailed through the skies
And smeared the blue with wisps of cloud.
In sudden joy I cried aloud,
"Oh, thank you, God, for autumn days,
And sky and clouds, and eyes to gaze!"

—SOPHIE ROWE.
150 Pinecroft Road, Durham, N. C.

Book Review

Story Sermons and Plans for the Junior Church, by Marian Walter Gannaway. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville 2, Tenn. 154 pages, $2.00.

If one has a junior church, or preaches to children, he will find some suggestive materials in this book. The "plans" cover only a small part of the book; in fact, only 28 pages. The remainder consists of story sermons on a variety of themes. The author bases a good many of her stories on the principle of analogy. This makes them of doubtful value for children six to twelve years of age. Aside from this defect, however, there is much interesting material in the stories. Some are biographical, dealing with Biblical characters, missionary heroes and contemporary world figures. There is also a section containing stories for special occasions.—Raymond Smith.



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October

Asbury Memorial, 7:30 25
Hillside-Merrimon, 7:30 26
Candler: Snow Hill, 7:30 27
Francis Asbury, 7:30 28
Fairview: Tweeds, 7:30 29
Hendersonville, 11 30
East Flat Rock, 2:30 30
Skyland, 4:30 30
Brevard, 7:30 30

November

Reeves-Brown's View, Brown's, 7:30 .. 1
Fannings Chapel, 10 6
Mills River, 11 6
Rosman, 8 6
Weaverville, 7:30 7
Weaverville Ct.: Salem, 7:30 8
Black Mountain, 7:30 9
Swannanoa Ct.: Bethesda, 7:30 10
Pisgah: Davis Chapel, 7:30 11
Leicester: Grace, 7:30 12
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Walnut, 3 13
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Sandy: Western Chapel, 7:30 15
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Piney Mountain 16
Saluda, 11 20
Tryon, 2:30 20
Balfour, 5 20
Edneyville, 7:30 20

December

Burnsville, 11 4
Newdale: Celo, 3 4
Ivy: Laurel Hill, 7:30 4

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October

Marion, First Church, 11 16
Linville Falls: Linville Falls, 3 16
East Marion, night 16
Boone, 11 23
Boone Ct.: Pleasant Valley, 3 23
Todd: Hopewell, night 23
Valdese, night 24
Rutherford College, night 25
Morganton, First Church, night 26
St. Matthews: St. Matthews, night 27
Linville Falls: Linville Falls, night 23
Christian Education Institute, First, Morganton, 3 30
North Morganton, night 30
Table Rock: Oak Hill, night 31

November

Morganton Ct.: Salem, night 1
Avondale-Alexander: Alexander, night 4
Creston: Creston, 11 6
Watauga: Henson's Chapel, 3 6
Elk Park: Elk Park, night 6
Rutherfordton, night 7
Spindale, night 8
Forest City, night 9
Pleasant Grove, night 10
Gilkey: Gilkey, night 11
Kona, 11 13
Bakersville: Bakersville, 3 13
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Cross Mills: West Marion, night 14
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Marion Ct.: Glenwood, night 16
Nebo-Clinchfield: Clinchfield, night .. 17
McDowell: Bethel, night 18
Drexel: Bethel, 11 20
Shady Grove: Burke's, 3 20
Connelly Springs: Connelly Springs, night 20
Henrietta: Henrietta, 11 27
Bostic: Salem, 3 27
Broad River: Providence, night 27

December

Sunshine: Pisgah, 11 4
Mill Spring: Bethlehem, 3 4
Old Fort Ct.: Ebenezer, night 4
Marion, First Church, night 5
Glen Alpine, night 6
Cliffside, night 7
Spruce Pine, 11 11
Avery: Pine Grove, 3 11
Old Fort Station, night 11
Morganton Ct.: Oak Forest, 10 18
Morganton, First, 11 18
McDowell: Pinnacle, 3 18
Rutherford College, night 13
Cross Mills, West Marion, 11 25
Gilkey: Thermal City, 3 25
Marion Ct.: Glenwood, night 25

January

Valdese, 11 1
Burke County Check-up: St. Matthews, 3 1
Rutherford County Check-up: Spindale, night 1
Watauga-Ashe Check-up, Henson's Chapel, night 2
Mitchell-Avery Check-up: Spruce Pine, night 3
McDowell Check-up: First Church, Marion, night 4
Alexander, 10 8
Cliffside, 11 8
Forest City, night 8
Table Rock: Oak Hill, 10 15
Glen Alpine, 11 15
Nebo, night 15
Rutherfordton, 11 22
Pleasant Grove, night 22

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ANSONVILLE CHURCH OBSERVES HOMECOMING

By Mrs. John R. Little

Ansonville Methodist church observed homecoming Sunday, October 2, its first homecoming since the church was established in 1853, according to its older members. Its early history almost parallels that of old Carolina Female College, founded in 1850. It was built alongside the college that the South Carolina Conference erected, an institution of higher learning for young ladies and the best to be found in its day.

In 1927 while members were at the communion rail fire was sighted aloft and in a short time the old white edifice of a lovely Grecian style of architecture, with its white columns and balcony for the Negroes was but a memory. The bell in use today was saved, however, and its mellow tones when it rings on Sunday morning are hallowed by association. The Gothic church of today stands as a symbol to the good taste and determination of Christians whose parents and grandparents worshiped on the spot. Two late features of the building noted at the homecoming were a memorial window to Lieutenant Percy Watkins Robinson and a Minshall-Estey electric organ given in memory of Mrs. Pattie Allen Ross by her children. The present church was dedicated in 1929.

The eleven o'clock service was in charge of Rev. J. A. Baldwin, a beloved friend of the church and the community.

The other churches of the charge had assisted in spreading the tables for the picnic dinner and many old friends renewed their affections around the board.

At the afternoon session the pastor, Rev. John R. Little, made a plea for increased inter-church attendance. Rev. Harvey Glazier, rector of All Souls Episcopal church, and Rev. Walter J. Connell, pastor of the Baptist church of Ansonville, made short addresses. The church history in abbreviated form was read by this writer. Old friends addressed the congregation. A junior choir, under the leadership of Mrs. W. R. Little, and Charles King of Rockingham, violinist, supplied the music, in addition to congregational singing.

In Memoriam

Fred S. Walker

Reidsville.—God in His wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst a faithful member of Lowes Methodist church, Fred S. Walker. He was a resident of this community all his life and was loved and highly respected by all who knew him. He very readily made friends as he possessed a cheerful disposition. Mr. Walker had been a member of the board of stewards for many years, and was chairman of the board at the time of his death, which was August 4, 1949.

We, the members of the board of stewards, pass the following resolutions:

First, We mourn the loss, yet we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Second, We are thankful for his kind and cheerful life, and sincere devotion to the community in which he lived.

Third, We do express our deepest sympathy to his dear wife, and other relatives, and commend them to their Heavenly Father who alone can comfort most in time of sorrow.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his wife, a copy to the Christian Advocate, and a copy be put into the minutes of our church.—The Board of Stewards of Lowes Methodist Church, Reidsville, N. C.

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"I Spent a Year in Africa"

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did not meet a single missionary who was not carrying more of a load than anyone ought to be asked to bear, and yet was torn by the realization that he could not spread himself so widely and do any kind of justice to the work in hand. Days that ran to 16 and 18 hours of work were not long enough; countless details that could be easily carried by less trained and less skilled workers (but there are no other workers to carry them). The number of positions being filled by loyal and often efficient "contract workers," who still lack the urgent sense of mission, is appalling. Isn't the answer too obvious to mention?

Of course, the next "bottleneck" is *the handicap of material resources and financial support*. On the whole, missionary salaries seemed to be adequate; not for any luxury, but under the plan of basic equality and added increments according to need, adequate. But school classes under the trees or in mud-and-stick buildings with small logs for seats and no sign of desk or table, or six classes with their teachers competing for attention in a crude single room church; the necessity, in spite of the payment of all teachers' salaries by the government, for charging school fees, even though small, to provide basic equipment; a school of 900 children without any central building, but with classes crowded into one-room churches and halls, scattered over a wide area; the urgent demand for a literature, in the vernacular, to feed the vast multitudes who have been inspired to read by the method and work of Dr. Frank Laubach; massive congregations crowded into church so small that the ushers can scarcely find stepping space between those seated on the floor: these and a thousand other demands cry out for the wealth and resources of our American churches.

And all this is needed for a *people who are quite willing to contribute a very fair share of self-help*. Every pastoral circuit in Rhodesia is served by a native African pastor. Most of them are far from adequately trained, but they are making the best of what they have. Hundreds of lay preachers conduct services and lead local church activities on circuits so large that the pastor cannot conduct the Sunday services more than once in six weeks or two months. Virtually every pastor receives the bulk of his support from the people he serves. Practically every primary school teacher and many in the higher training schools are native Africans. The hours of freely given labor in the making of bricks and the building of churches and schools are countless. While it is too soon to expect these people to have an adequate conception and sense of stewardship, their chief limitation seems to be the poverty in which they have been forced to live.

Let me conclude this record of my experience with a brief recital of certain convictions it has left, trusting that the brevity of statement will not betray the depth of urgency with which they are felt.

First, the task before the Church has a supreme priority on its energy and resources. This is an hour of opportunity that tomorrow may be gone. These people are surging into new self-consciousness and if they are not guided by Christian leadership, they will find another; and I shudder to think of what lies ahead for this whole sub-continent if these people come to a full awareness of their power, without the influence of Christ.

This means that the whole Church must be awakened to its responsibility to "preach the gospel to the whole creation," and no motive will be powerful enough to move us save a deep sense of urgency to fulfill that command. The foreign missionary enterprise has been the step-child of the Church, nurtured and maintained by a small minority of Christians who have caught something of the concern of Christ. We must preach a gospel that will impart this concern to our youth until a whole army marches out to meet this challenge. The "silver offerings" of missionary teas and the pennies of Sunday school children must be supplemented by a literal flood in dollars by the hundreds and thousands which will represent a decent expression of the vast wealth that has fallen to the lot of Americans.

And, finally, because it is most important, we must follow and undergird with a great surging tide of prayer those who represent us as ambassadors of Christ and those who, in response to their message, rise up to follow Him.

Little Keepsakes

As crumb of bread and drop of wine
Satisfy the soul,
Trophies from a vanished fireside
Symbolize the whole.

From our days of household burdens
We have kept a vase;
Shattered friendships find a focus
In a pictured face.

Hallowed days of old are compassed
By a worn old ring.
All our harvests now are garnered
From the fields of spring.

Little keepsakes, from the lost days,
You will not depart.
Teach us now this major lesson,
Home is in the heart.

ELLEN D. MASTERS
The Methodist Home, Charlotte, N. C.

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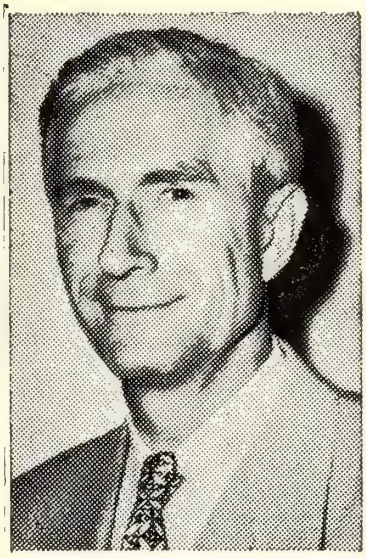
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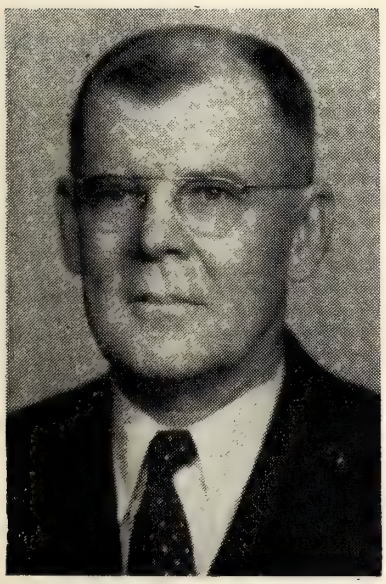
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Walton Discusses Need for Ministerial Student Aid; West Asheville Tops Advocate List

THE CHURCH NEEDS MINISTERS

By A. J. Walton

How serious is this need for ministers? Studies of the Methodist situation makes heart stirring reading. We have charges in almost every conference without pastoral care. Hundreds of charges are being supplied by laymen. In some conferences more than one-third of the charges are served by supply pastors.

The church has been aware of this for some time and has sought to encourage capable persons to prepare for the ministry. Youth has answered in a challenging way. Our seminaries are now being crowded. That is good. But there is an element of sadness growing out of the fact that there are still not enough to make the replacements needed which are caused by death and retirement. The sadness is deepened by more students seeking to enter our seminaries than can be cared for financially.

This year the Duke Divinity School Committee on Admissions, which holds high standards for admission, accepted for entrance 86 applicants. Only 76 of these were able to enter. Forty-eight of these had to have aid from scholarship funds.

What about the ten who could not come? The university used all its scholarship aid for the year, and helped several students to get work jobs to pay their way. Then out of funds, the school could not help these other worthy students.

The university would like to train these men. They are worthy and eager to enter. The church needs them. If they fail at entrance this year, they may fail again next year for the same reason.

As a church are we as earnest about having men volunteer for the ministry as we proclaim? Are we ready to meet the students' answer to the call with the help needed to make preparation?

It would have required an additional $6,000 to see these ten men enrolled. Are there ten churches or ten persons interested in equipping ten men for approximately a total of 350 years of service in preaching the gospel?

What about 100 persons or churches providing $60 each? Not a large load for anyone, but 350 years of ministry as a prospect.

PLEADS FOR SUPPLY PASTORS

Dear Editor:

In checking the appointments of the Western North Carolina Conference, I note that 93 appointments went to supply pastors. In the North Carolina Conference there were 56 appointed last year. I trust that there is more Christian love and brotherhood in the Western Conference with reference to a sharing of the claimants' fund than has been exhibited in our Conference.

I don't suppose that 5% of the laymen in our church know that the claimants' fund has never been shared with these less fortunate pastors. I did not know it until four years ago. Only recently it came to my attention that in our Discipline of 1939, on page 422, par. 1331, are to be found some very clear statements: "Each annual conference which utilizes the services of accepted supply pastors shall create and maintain a relief fund for accepted supply pastors, etc." This is very emphatic and written in the Discipline ten years ago. Why has not this command been carried out? Has it been ignorance, indifference, selfishness or plain lack of Christian brotherly love?

Ignorance of this condition cannot be pleaded by members of the New Bern District or the North Carolina Conference, as there was a resolution passed by the district conference unanimously, and thru the Conference Board of Lay Activities to the conference to be passed thru to the general conference. I have been advised that resolution was never placed before the conference by the committee supposed to do so. But, I ask, why were we not informed by those who should have known that these resolutions were unnecessary, as the 1939 Discipline had given the command? I ask, why have not the proper authorities taken action years ago that would have relieved some of the hardships that have occurred in the interim? I know of cases where hardships have occurred and never a cent of claimants' fund money was ever used.

It is very evident that the work of our church cannot very well be carried on without our supply pastors. Is it right to send these men out to carry on the work of the conference, accepting those charges no one else will have? The salaries are at starvation level and the work most arduous, without the slightest chance of sharing in the claimants' fund, altho they are instructed to collect those funds for the benefit of others more fortunate?

Brethren, I think charity begins at home. Many of the far-flung projects of our church are meritorious, but let's put first things first, and get the grace of God in our hearts, and these projects will fare much better. I cannot enter into the full spirit of these programs, when, and while the above conditions exist, and I know many others who have the same feeling.

N. F. Eure.

Beaufort.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See issue of October 20 for other notices)

Commission on Town and Country Work

The Town and Country Commission of the North Carolina Conference will meet in the room indicated in Steele Street church, Sanford, at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2. Key Taylor.

Inter-Board Council

The members of the Inter-Board Council of the North Carolina Conference are asked to meet in the place assigned in Steele Street Church, Sanford, at 11 a.m., November 2.

Edgar B. Fisher, Secretary.

Ministers' Wives Luncheon

The annual fall luncheon of the Ministers' Wives Association of the North Carolna Conference will be held Saturday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church, Sanford. The plates will be $1 and reservations must be sent by October 31 to Mrs. R. G. Dawson, 507 Summit Drive, Sanford, N. C.

Catherine A. Vick, Secretary.

Methodist Retirement Home Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., is called to meet briefly at 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 4, in the room designated, "Hospitals and Homes," Steele Street church, Sanford.

C. P. Womack, Secretary.
L. L. Wren, Chairman,

CHINA GROVE IS GOOD TO NEW PASTORS

Dear Editor:

We are indeed grateful to the people of China Grove for the fine way they have received all of their new pastors. It makes every pastor happy to be received graciously by any church. I am beginning to learn—as all other pastors up and down the Southern Railway main line learn—that when two trains pass it is time for the benediction for two trains pass every hour of the day and all of the trains are in whistle distance of many of our churches. The folk here are proud of the pastors who have served them during past years. It is an active church in a growing community. R. M. Hardee.

China Grove.

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E D I T O R I A L

Duke University Inaugurates Another President

Trinity College and Duke University have been extremely fortunate in their presidents. In the early days such names as York, Craven, Crowell and Kilgo stand out. In more recent years the names of Few and Flowers have been added to that illustrious procession

Now Dr. Arthur Hollis Edens, who was installed as president of Duke University last Saturday in impressive ceremonies, joins the ranks of that distinguished company of presidents. Reared in a distinctly Christian home, steeped in the best traditions of the South, facing and surmounting tremendous obstacles in his youth, educated in some of the finest institutions of the land, and with a broad experience in the educational world, Hollis Edens fits magnificently into the Trinity and Duke tradition. A towering personality, he is eminently qualified to build upon the labors of all who have gone before him. A man of vision and strength of character, he seems to be just the man for Duke in the years of development that lie immediately ahead. Surrounded by a faculty and staff that share his ideals, and with the full support of trustees, alumni and friends, Dr. Edens will be able to carry Duke University forward to join the ranks of the few really great universities of the world.

His concluding words in his prophetic inaugural address reveal the seriousness with which he assumes his new role: "The university accepts the philosophy inherited from its past that education deals with something more than mental competence, more than intellectual aim. Moral and spiritual values are a part of the warp and woof of its fabric. The world is sadly in need of common truth, honesty, self-reliance, dependability, kindliness and understanding. This is to say that the purposive element looms large in this university, that it is guided by a sense of values. This makes its task more meaningful. It puts the warm glow of hope, aspiration and perception into an otherwise lifeless frame."

The genuine good wishes and the sincere prayers of numberless churchmen, educators and thoughtful citizens of North Carolina and of the nation are extended to Dr. Edens and to the university he serves as he assumes one of the most important posts in the South. They will watch with interest the progress of Duke in the days ahead.

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To love is human; it is also human to forgive.—Palutus.

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Not prayer without faith, nor faith without prayer, but prayer in faith, is the cost of spiritual gifts and graces.
—H. Clay Trumbull.

A Word of Commendation Goes a Long Way!

In an article entitled "Are You a Miser With Compliments?" in the November issue of The Rotarian, Harry Botsford, the author, begins his story with Pierre, New York's best salad chef. Pierre has decided to go back to Paris. The reason? Well, let Pierre give the reason. "Since six months I am in your country," he explained to Mr. Botsford, "and not once have I received a word of praise from a patron. My salads, they are supreme, but no one tells me this and I am desolate. But in Paris. . . .!"

The French-born salad king gives expression to a fundamental human desire—the desire for recognition and commendation. All of us long for it, and yet many of us, as Mr. Botsford implies, are misers when it comes to giving out compliments. We take for granted the dozens of kindly services performed every day in our behalf. Very seldom do we stop to give a pat on the back to the newsboy, the grocer, the shoe shine boy and many others who serve us. Yet how hungry all of these are for a word of commendation.

But we are not thinking primarily of the people who serve us in the work-a-day world. We are thinking about the large number of church folk who serve us—the Sunday school teacher and officer, the steward or trustee, the workers in the woman's organization, those who render the music, the sexton, and many others whose loyalty and devotion make the church an attractive place. We are thinking also of the consecrated pastor who is on call every hour of the day.

Sometimes church people have a way of rewarding their servants with a barb or a harsh criticism. More often they reward them with benumbing silence. What a difference it would make if each of us would pause long enough to express thanks for a job well done. It would cost so little. Yet in inspiration and encouragement to those who received a word of appreciation it would mean so much.

One Excellent Way to Build World Peace

During the past summer several hundred students from all over the world worked with hand and heart to rebuild bomb-ridden churches in lands with which their countries were at war a few years ago. Sponsored by the World Council of Churches, these young people engaged in a broad and meaningful program. In Berlin, for example, according to the Associated Press, 22 youthful workers—twelve Germans, eight Americans, one Swede and one Filipino—cleared away the rubble from a lot where an allied bomb in 1943 destroyed a mission which had been supported by the Berlin Protestant churches as a center of caring for the city's poor. When the project ended August 27, all the rubble had been removed and a site for a girls' welfare home, which will be erected in the future, had been prepared.

The students spent the mornings heaving and hauling rubble; the afternoons, in recreation together; and the evenings they studied together to mend the broken relationships caused by war.

Concerning the experiences of the youthful builders, a Berlin schoolteacher, Herman Berger, made this observation: "Their work did much to make possible a new mission for the one that was bombed. But their work did more than is visible for the hearts and minds of the young people themselves."

We are sure that Mr. Berger has spoken wisely. The young people, by working together and getting to know each other, discovered that they had far more in common than they ever dreamed. They discovered also, no doubt, that discerning young people and people generally in every country, do not want war. They want peace. Learning to know each other, it would be difficult to get these choice young people to want to destroy each other in a mad war.

We believe the World Council of Churches, in bringing together these choice young people, is rendering a signal service to the cause of world peace. Moreover, we believe that if our nation and other nations would spend more in constructive projects such as these and less on the suicidal armament race in which they are now engaged the hope for permanent world peace would be strengthened immeasurably. Given a chance, Christian youth can still save our world from the chaos into which their bungling elders have plunged it!

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Because of the unusual insight and force of this message and because of the significance of the occasion, the editor proudly publishes in its entirety the inaugural address of Dr. Edens, delivered last Saturday following his installation as president of Duke University.

President Hollis Edens
Duke University

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I have never been more aware than I am today of how effectively education serves as a common bond of friendship. The various professions, education institutions, learned societies and philanthropic organizations have gathered here as a friendly gesture to Duke University and also in tribute to the total educational effort in our land. From far and near the trustees, alumni, faculty, students and friends of this university are here united with them in that spirit.

One would be void of emotion if he were not profoundly moved by these words of encouragement from colleagues, students, alumni, trustees, public officials and friends of the university. I am deeply grateful.

No one senses more keenly than I the silent presence of the men and movements that have made Duke University what it is today. Within a span of 25 years a small liberal arts college (Trinity College) has expanded into the university you see today. Some of my colleagues were here when it happened. My predecessor, who is here today, and his predecessor, as contemporaries working together, saw this transformation and helped to fashion the shape of the University. But the historical line of the university is longer than that. Its roots are deep in the soil of North Carolina. A few days ago I stood on the site where it had its beginning more than one hundred years ago. Recently it was my pleasure to read the address made by William P. Few at his inauguration as president of Trinity College 39 years ago. Still more recently, I was shown the charge which the chairman of the board gave to Dr. R. L. Flowers when he was installed as the second president of the university nine years ago. In a very real sense I enter other men's labors. What is done here in the next 25 years will be on the foundations laid during the last 25 years.

Founder's Hopes

Out of need was this greater university born and to greater service was it dedicated. Its gift was from a great heart. It has a purpose. The founder wished to have it share substantially in the development of our resources, in the increase of knowledge and in the promotion of human welfare. James B. Duke, in setting up the trust which created the university, requested that this institution should secure for its faculty "men of such outstanding character, ability and vision as will insure its attaining and maintaining a place of leadership in the educational world," and further, that great care and discrimination should be exercised in admitting as students only those whose previous records show a character, determination and application evincing a wholesome and real ambition for life. Character, ability, application, vision and determination are words weighted with meaning. The university will continue to challenge men of such character only if it holds fast to its aim, as it is committed to do in its by-laws, "to advance learning in all lines of truth; to defend scholarship against all false notions and ideals." In this high calling the university is solemnly pledged to the service of the individual, the state and the nation.

Those who share the responsibility for teaching and for directing the affairs of this university take pride in the catholicity of its interest. The university participates in the intellectual ferment of our time. Its function is to stimulate intellectual activity, to encourage creative thinking, to produce new ideas and to transmit them to the next generation.

The Purpose of Education

Education is not an intellectual broth cooked up to be spoon fed to students. It is not vocational therapy. It is an activity intended to exercise the mind and to develop intellectual skills. Its purpose is to give men competence of a higher sort through the capacity to use knowledge systematically. Therefore, a university must insist upon high quality for men and women in our society who have the intellectual power to take advantage of it. It must set a higher than average standard, for it must be remembered that it is the leader and not the rank and file who determine progress. This makes it all the more necessary that some universities insist upon hard mental discipline for the best minds as an imperative requirement. The ability to form sound judgment, to arrive at independent conclusion, to discriminate between the good and the best will be the test of such minds.

The Scope of the University

A university is concerned with the whole universe of thought. This means that it must not be bound by geographical lines. Its chief concern in this respect need only be that a favorable climate for creative thought is maintained. Duke University has been and will continue to be in the future to an increasing degree a university of national stature. Its point of view is national. Its service is national. Its students have come from the 48 states and many foreign countries. Its faculty and its graduates contribute to research and to public service throughout the nation and they are called upon for counsel in national and international affairs.

However, in a certain sense we cannot forget that this university is located in the South. It must be concerned also with the problems of the South. In 1910 when Dr. Few was inaugurated president of Trinity College one of the most pressing educational problems of the South was the completion of a public school system which would put within reach of every child the opportunity to receive an education through the high school level. Since that time admirable progress has been made not only at this level but in the realm of higher education. Today there are enough colleges to admit a majority of all who have the minimum qualifications and who want to go to college. What the South still needs is better education. It is sending a fair share of its youth to college and university. Its intellectual resources are adequate if they are developed to the maximum. The intellectual resources in our people exceed all other resources put together, and yet no resource has been more neglected than the power of the mind. We have in the South also a rich cultural tradition reaching back into the colonial period of which southerners today often seem to be unaware, but which educated southerners must rediscover and use for their own good and for that of the nation. Those of us in education cannot be content until we have made the best that we have readily available to the South and the nation. To do that calls for the support of all who wish the South to make its full contribution in the affairs of the nation and of the world. Our youth must not be forced to leave the South to get the best. The growing number of southern youth who go outside the South to obtain better advantages as compared to the number who come South is sufficient proof that we have too few institutions which meet the test. No course that this university could pursue will contribute more to the South and the nation than to furnish here higher education of a quality which meets the best standards that exist. That is the course which this university should continue to follow.

The State and Education

The prevailing pattern of state supported higher education in the South during the past century seems to have been a sort of dual system in which a liberal arts college was the core of the state university, and agriculture and mechanical arts formed a second institution of higher learning. Today, each of these has added so many courses that its original curriculum would not be recognizable. This has been necessary because of the increasing pressure from those who demanded instruction in new fields, but it has resulted in scattering our all too meager financial resources so that strong graduate centers have been slow in developing. We have been so busy and so heavily burdened financially in getting more of our youth into college and in providing facilities that we have had too little time and money to spend on research. North Carolina has been more fortunate in this respect than some other states.

During the national emergency in recent years the amount of research in the South has increased. The pure scientist has been called upon to contribute to applied science. He has been told what problems he should solve. This was as it should have been, but we must guard against encroachment upon the free initiative of the pure scientist. Research sponsored by the government may tend to allow the immediately practical to crowd out pure research. Too, we must remember that when days of recession come and competition for the taxpayer's dollar becomes keener, the obviously practical services will win prior attention over pure research.

We have reason to be thankful, I think, for the fact that we have an educational

system that is independent of the federal government, and not completely in control of the government of the states. Local communities share in the support of our secondary schools, and approximately half of our colleges and universities are privately controlled.

We watch with interest the increasing trend toward federal support of higher education and research. In England and in America where higher education has profited so noticeably from private support the adjustment will have to be worked out with vision and courage. The pattern is not yet clear. In non-English speaking countries the general trend is toward government domination of education. One thing is clear—we should guard our heritage of freedom of education as jealously as we guard freedom of religion. As has been said, education dominated by political authority and used for political ends is just as intolerable as state control of religion.



Willis Smith (left), chairman of the board of trustees, hands the charter of Duke University to Dr. Edens, installing him as president of the University.

The Privately Endowed University

This is a privately endowed university, and I shall be glad if my own background of education and training exclusively in privately endowed institutions, beginning with high school, brings some understanding of the problems of such an institution.

In a very real sense there is no such thing as a private university. It is endowed to serve the public interest. It is all for the good of the public that there are colleges and universities where a citizen may invest his money in particular projects of most interest to him. Public support of education is simply the question of involuntary tax support on the one hand and voluntary support on the other.

A private institution often can initiate projects more easily than state institutions before the need has become apparent to the tax paying public. When the need has been demonstrated and when tax money can be applied to it, then the privately endowed university may concentrate on other new and undeveloped areas and activities.

Duke University's function has been and should continue to be to concentrate on the development of distinguished graduate and professional school programs in limited areas of scholarship and research. In the past the university and its associated endowment groups also have taken the initiative in starting programs of great importance to the public interest in the South. This is true in hospitalization, medicine, and legal aid, in forestry demonstration and soil study, in marine resources and tobacco research. Such leadership should continue to commend itself to private philanthropy.

At the base of this educational structure stand the undergraduate schools of instruction. Specifically, they are the college of engineering, the Woman's College and Trinity College. Their value and contribution must not be forgotten. It is according to the pattern of great American universities that a strong liberal arts college shall be at the center. This is as it should be and we shall continue to give every support to our own liberal arts program.

In this rapidly changing world any man is bold who attempts to pull back the curtain and see into the future. Yet this audience has a right to expect that I give some conception of what this great institution means to higher education, to the flow of students passing through its doors, and to the people of the region and nation. It has a right to ask what we have in mind as a plan of development for the years ahead.

Program of Development

I have suggested strongly enough, I think, that our times need a measure of bold venture with emphasis upon positive action. The program of action here at Duke should be one of development rather than expansion and it should be within the framework of concentration of effort. Having determined the scope of activity, we should then strive for the highest excellence through intensification of programs in limited areas. With limited resources we cannot be all things to all men. This will mean that in the years immediately ahead we should utilize a large portion of any new funds made available to us to add to our faculties more of the leading young minds of the nation in those fields of scholarship in which judgment tells us we should specialize. We should seek to gain a financial position which will allow us to do this while at the same time recognizing the worth of the men already here. The work of such men and the influence they exert can reach fruition only if supplementary support for fellowships, scholarships, library and research are made available also. If in the next decade such a program can be activated here, Duke University as an institution shaped in our southern pattern of life can make its full contribution to the life of the region and nation.

Implied in every phase of the university's program is the conviction that the university must be free—free to pursue the truth wherever it may lead. The university must be ever ready to stand guard to keep free men's activities in research experimentation and investigation. When freedom is lost in the university there soon will be little freedom left anywhere. We must keep inviolate this heritage of freedom in education. Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, has stated the case as follows:

"The whole growth of university life, its whole contribution to civilization, thrives only in the air of freedom of mind and spirit. Without that stimulant to creative thought, without that privilege to adventure into doubt—all expansion in ideas must shrink, the critical function must wither, and all but the dry ashes of education are gone. The first obligation of our universities to the future of America is to fight every impairment of intellectual and spiritual liberty."

To weaken or hesitate is to fail. This university is irrevocably committed to the defense of freedom of the mind. Its record is plainly written in more than one instance. Perhaps the famous Bassett case is best known. In our performance here we shall continue to keep faith with precedent.

Educators are being asked how this uncompromising attitude is to be applied in the present international tension where communistic activity is under question.

Communism and the University

Communism, when it is only an ideology advocated by the naive does not show itself to be the wicked force it is. As has been said, there are certain idealistic connotations of brotherhood and sharing even in Webster's definition of the term. However, as the founder of this university said, education must also deal with the "sane and practical." Freedom in education impels men to be charitable, fair, open-minded, tolerant and just. It also impels them to be responsible, and academic freedom must not be invoked as a shield to defend those who would resort to conspiracy and deceit, and who would disclaim moral responsibility. The record is clear, I think, that the communist party is the agency of a foreign power which stands for a way of life that enslaves the minds and bodies of men. It requires its members to abandon

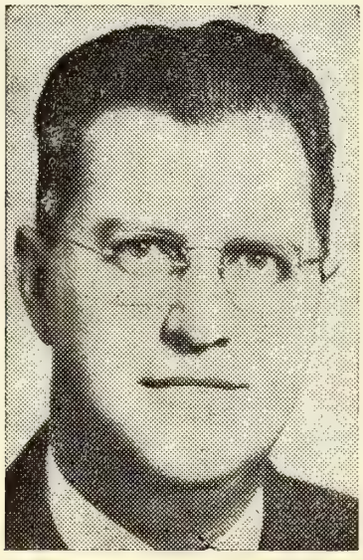
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Sanford Methodists to be Hosts to 600 Ministers and Laymen at Annual Conference November 2-6

BISHOP WERNER AND OTHERS TO SPEAK IN FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(For detailed program see page six, issue of October 20)

All plans are virtually complete for the entertainment of the eleventh annual session of the North Carolina Conference November 2-6 at Steele Street Church, Sanford, according to the pastor, Rev. R. Grady Dawson. More than 600 ministers and lay delegates representing 270 pastoral charges are expected, with Methodists and other church people of the Sanford area sharing in the entertainment. The Conference will be formally organized by Bishop W. W. Peele, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area, Wednesday evening following the celebration of Holy Communion. Earlier in the day the various boards, commissions and committees will meet. Adjournment will come Sunday afternoon, with the reading of the



Rev. R. Grady Dawson
Pastor Host

appointments of the preachers for the ensuing Conference year.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, is the chief speaker at the Conference. Gifted preacher, wise counselor and able administrator, Bishop Werner will preach on Thursday and Friday evenings in services given over to preaching. He will bring the Conference sermon Sunday morning. Other engagements or Bishop Werner include an address Friday morning to the class to be received into full connection; an address Saturday morning at the anniversary of the Board of Temperance; and a message Saturday afternoon to the young people who will hold an all-day session.

Many other speakers will high-light the unusual program which will feature Our Faith in the quadrennial Advance emphasis. On Thursday morning Dr. Russell L. Dicks of the Duke Divinity School will bring the message at the anniversary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes; while Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, will address the Conference when the Board of Education observes its anniversary.

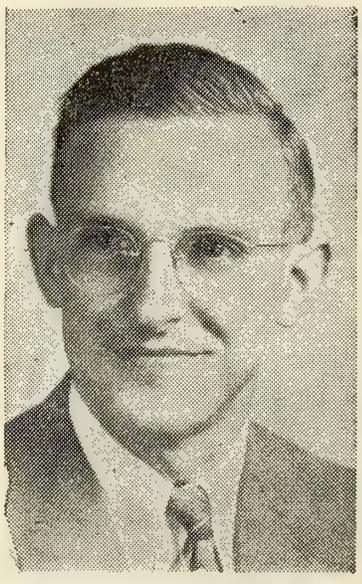
On Friday afternoon Honorable Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, United States Senator,



Rev. W. C. Ball
Superintendent, Fayetteville District

will be the speaker at the anniversary of the Board of Lay Activities; and on Saturday evening Dr. Roy L. Smith, one of the publishing agents of the Methodist Church, will speak at the 160th anniversary program of the Methodist Publishing House, sharing the program with the Publishing House quartet who will represent early Methodist leaders and will sing several campmeeting songs of early Methodism.

At the anniversary of the Board of Missions Friday noon the speakers are Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Rev. Key W. Taylor, Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Rev. O. L. Hathaway and Rev. Leon Russell. Dr. A. Hollis Edens, recently installed president of Duke University, will bring the message Thursday evening at the Duke banquet. Rev. D. D. Holt of Durham will bring the memorial address Sunday afternoon and Carl T. Hicks of Walstonburg will speak Thursday afternoon at the anniversary



Rev. T. Marvin Vick
Associate Pastor Host

of the Commission on Town and Country Work. Rev. W. H. Brown of Jackson Springs will be in charge of the annual Love Feast to be held Sunday morning.

On Saturday young people from all over the Conference will gather for a Conference-wide rally. Intermediates will meet at the First Baptist Church, and older young people will meet at the Sanford High School. Speakers for the occasions will be Bishop Peele, Bishop Werner and Dr. Roy L. Smith.

The Ministers' Wives Luncheon is scheduled for one o'clock Saturday and a tea will be held at 4:30 p.m. the same day.

Many inspirational features and important business matters are anticipated during the five-day session.

Bishop Peele, who will preside at all the sessions of the Conference, needs no introduction to North Carolina Methodism. A native of Gibson, he has served as pastor of St. Johns and Gibson; Aberdeen and Biscoe; Edenton Street Church, Raleigh; Trinity Church, Durham; First Church, Charlotte; and district superintendent of the Greensboro District. He was elected bishop in 1938. Recognized as an able leader throughout the church, he has served as president of the Council



Rev. D. D. Holt
Delivers Memorial Address

of Bishops, chairman of the Methodist Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, vice-president of the Foreign Division of the Board of Missions, chairman of the Methodist Committee on Camp Activities, and chairman of the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

SALARIES PAID IN RICE

Because of the fluctuating values of gold in communist-controlled North China, salaries at the Isabella Fisher Hospital of the Methodist Church, in Tientsin, are now being paid in catties of millet (one catty being the equivalent of one and one-third pounds), reports Miss Margaret M. Prentice, R. N., of Denver, Colorado, a staff member of the hospital. Miss Prentice reports that, despite the upset conditions of the community, the hospital graduated seven nurses this summer, the first since 1940; that 1,336 in-patients and 1,760 clinic patients were cared for during the year; 238 babies were born; 40,000 portions of milk powder were given to infants, and 16,000 servings of biscuits and flour were served older children. Many patients, she says, have become Christian in the hospital.

News in Brief -- Personalities

THE NATIONAL CONVOCATION on Town and Country Work and the National Conference of the Methodist Rural Fellowship will meet in Lincoln, Nebraska, November 6-10. Anyone planning to go may contact Wilson Nesbitt, Rt. 2, Dobson.

JULIAN WALKER FARRAR and Miss Catherine Read, both of Norlina, were married recently in Zion Methodist church, with the father of the bridegroom and the pastor of the bride, Rev. W. G. Farrar, performing the double ring ceremony.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT STEWARDS and pastor met in Statesville on Friday, October 14, and adopted the total budget for the district and ordered the budgets passed on to the charges. The district trustees met on the same day. They have placed a new dining room suite in the district parsonage and will place carpet on the stairs.

DR. AND MRS. E. P. BILLUPS of Monroe were honored recently with an informal reception on their 25th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Central Church, the invited guests included members of the Central church and ministers of the city and their wives. Dr. Billups is also serving his 25th year in the ministry as pastor of the church in which he was ordained.

REV. W. J. McCLELLAN writes that Rev. W. B. Penny has been well received at Spencer Memorial church, Charlotte, and that all churches in the neighborhood came together on Sunday evening, October 9, to welcome the new pastor at Spencer Memorial. He also writes that churches in this section of Charlotte combine each fifth Sunday evening for union services. The building fund at Spencer Memorial continues to grow.

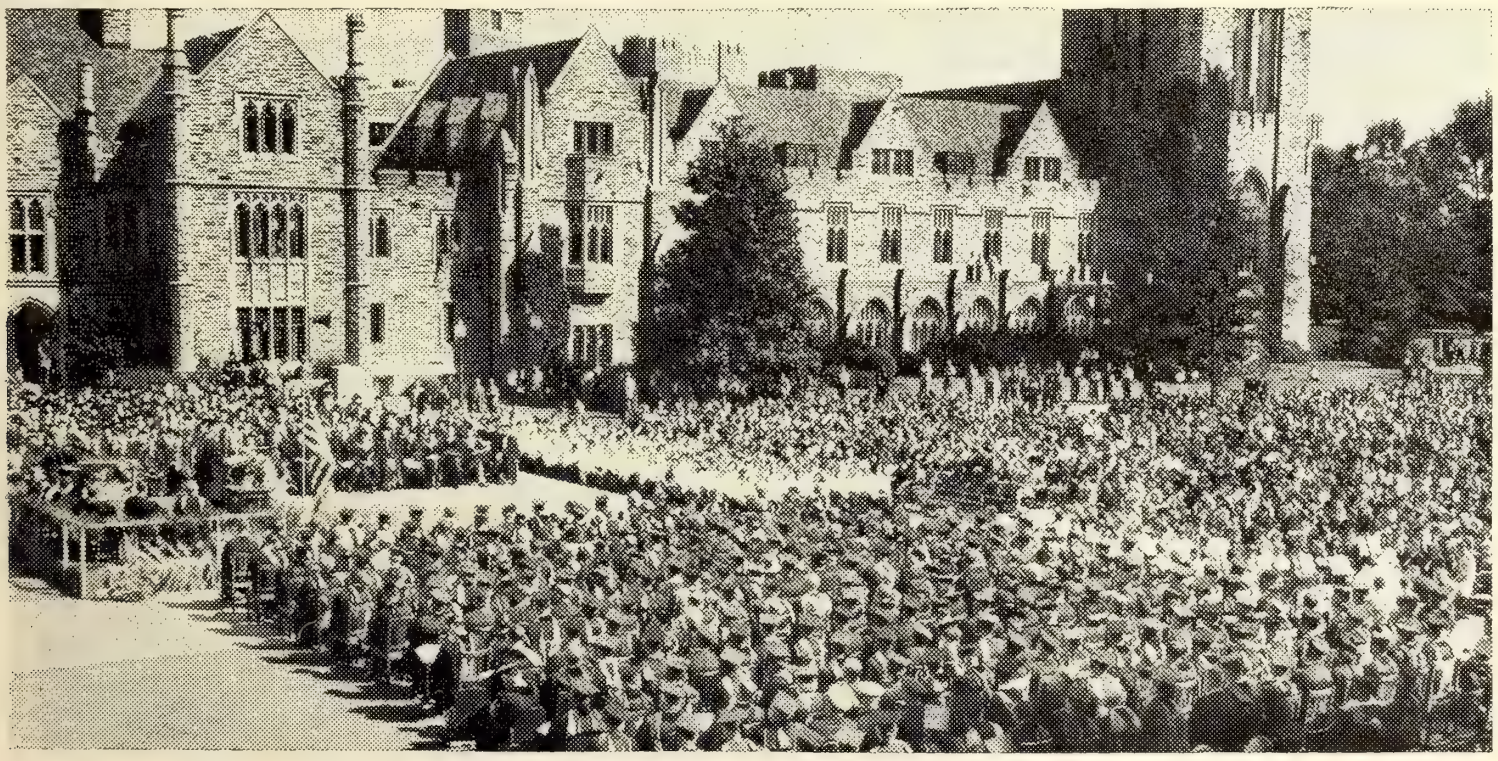
WHEN REV. J. EDWIN CARTER and family of Chadwick Methodist church, Charlotte, moved into their new church community and parsonage recently they found that members and friends had paid a visit the night before and left a liberal pantry pounding of sugar, flour, canned goods, fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry and dairy products. Some individuals are saying they are setting out to "fatten up" the new preacher. A look at the well-stocked pantry would indicate they will soon make good their claim.

LEASBURG METHODISTS will observe homecoming Sunday, October 30, beginning with the morning worship service at 11 o'clock. A report on the church building program will be made in the course of the service. There will be special music as part of the worship service, and the pastor, Edward F. Smith, will deliver the morning sermon. Dinner on the grounds following this eleven o'clock service will give an opportunity for fellowship among all who attend this service.

TRIPLETT CHURCH on the Mooresville: Centenary-Triplett charge, had a great day Sunday, October 16. The church was packed with worshippers. Dr. J. H. Armbrust, district superintendent, preached, after which the first quarterly conference was held. All appropriations were accepted in full. Dinner was served on the grounds. In the afternoon their new social-education building was dedicated. The congregation returned to the sanctuary for the dedication of a new Wurlitzer organ presented to the church by A. F. Craven as a memorial to his family. After the dedication an organ recital was given by Professor Herbert Craft of Charlotte. The congregation is planning to replace the present windows in the sanctuary with art glass windows.

THE WHITNEL young Adult Class since its organization has sponsored a monthly Bible study class for some of the elderly ladies of the church and the community. The young adults provide transportation for the ladies and serve refreshments at the meeting. The meetings are held in the parsonage and the services are planned by the pastor. These meetings have proven of interest both to the young adult class and to the ladies who attend the services. Some of the members of this class are regular attendants at the other services of the church, while for others this is the only service of the church they can attend. One of the most faithful members of this class will soon be 99 years of age.

TRINITY CHURCH, DURHAM, celebrated its 25th anniversary on the first Sunday in October with appropriate services. At the eleven o'clock service, Bishop W. W. Peele of Richmond spoke on "Our Heritage and Responsibility." Also participating in the service were Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham district, and Rev. D. D. Holt, pastor. The choir brought special music. The cornerstone for the present building was laid October 2, 1924, following a fire which destroyed the former church plant. The new building was occupied September 20, 1925, with the sermon delivered by Rev. W. W. Peele, who was pastor at the time. Since the new lovely building was completed Trinity church has made remarkable strides. Its present membership stands at 1,500 and the church has reported an average of $40,000 a year for all purposes. Other pastors include Bishop Costen J. Harrell, John W. Smith, W. A. Lambeth, G. R. Combs, E. L. Hillman, G. W. Perry, and J. G. Huggin. Bishop Garber was also active in the church prior to his elevation to the episcopacy several years ago.



Scene last Saturday during installation of Dr. Hollis Edens as president of Duke University.

—Courtesy Greensboro Daily News.

Mass Meeting Draws 1500; Sanford Methodists Have Record of Progress; Hamlet Has New Parsonage

CHARLOTTE MASS MEETING LAUNCHES EMPHASIS ON FAITH

More than 1,500 pastors and laymen from every district in the Western North Carolina Conference gathered at First Church, Charlotte, Tuesday, October 18, for a conference-wide mass meeting. In an all-day program presided over by Bishop Costen J Harrell, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, the congregation heard speaker after speaker emphasize the fundamentals of the Christian faith as the conference joins all other conferences in Methodism in launching an eight months' teaching and preaching mission on Our Faith, first of the four great emphases in Methodism's quadrennial Advance program. The meeting in Charlotte was one of 78 similar meetings being held throughout the nation during October.

Following the opening devotional service conducted by Rev. Howard Wilkinson of Lexington, Bishop Harrell outlined the purpose of the meeting, calling particular attention to the emphasis on faith and to the progress already made by Methodism in its quadrennial program.

Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Des Moines, Iowa, who climaxed the morning session in his address on "The Dignity of Man," asked this searching question: "Who is this man who despoils God's world, wastes its coal and iron in creating instruments of destruction, who riddles the forests, kills the singing birds and wildlife, blasts cities it took a thousand years to build, leaves once beautiful landscapes to erosion, and reduces once happy people to the status of migrants, slaves, the dying and the dead?"

"There is enough evidence against man," he continued, "to prove him more monstrous than the beasts, but the Christian gospel teaches us that every man and woman and child is dear to the Father. This is true, not because man is good, but because God is good. He created us to be a little lower than the angels. He has equipped us with marvelous abilities. In God's only begotten Son we find a revelation of what all of us should strive to be."

In the final service that evening, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh spoke, using as his topic, "Our Faith in Jesus." Calling attention to two texts: one from John, in which Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life:" and one from Romans, in which Paul states, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth . . ." The speaker pointed out the constantly widening attainments in the faith impacted and service-born Advance.

At the morning session Luther Wells, Conference lay leader of the Virginia Conference and director of the Junaluska Assembly campaign, spoke on "The Advance in the Local Church. Decrying the shortage of active ministers in the Methodist Church, Mr. Wells challenged laymen to assume more responsibility in the program of the church. Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham, another speaker at the morning session, discussed "Rearing Our Children in the Christian Faith." She called upon Christians to take more time together as units in their homes, to practice saying grace before meals and family prayer.

At the afternoon session Dr. R. Dwight Ware, superintendent of the Asheville district, spoke on "The Pulpit Emphasis." The pulpit, Dr. Ware declared, must place great emphasis on the world mission of the church and upon the adequacy of the Christian gospel for these times. "The imponderables of our faith are basic to the furtherance of the gospel," the speaker concluded.

Dr. Edgar H. Nease, superintendent of the Charlotte district, was another speaker at the afternoon service. His theme was "The Faith Booklets—Their Value and Distribution." The speaker urged a wide distribution of the booklets which are currently being used for the emphasis on Our Faith.

During the day the conference quartet sang several numbers, and First Church served lunch to the visitors during the noon hour.

SANFORD METHODISM EXTENDS OVER HALF A CENTURY

By W. E. Horner

Steele Street Methodist Church, Sanford, will be host to the North Carolina Annual Conference November 2-6.

The sixty-two year old church which grew out of the older Jonesboro Methodist Church was organized January 29, 1887, under the leadership of Rev. W. O. Hightower who was at that time pastor of the Jonesboro circuit.

The first home of the church was located near what is now the intersection of Carthage and Steele streets in the center of the Sanford business district. After one year the church secured a lot on South Steele Street and erected a frame building. The building was dedicated in 1888 by the late Bishop Duncan.

The congregation of the church worshipped in the original frame building until 1914 when it was moved to the rear of the lot and the construction of the present brick structure was begun. This building which was erected under the leadership of Rev. H. E. Spence was completed in August, 1915. The building was dedicated by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington of Huntington, West Virginia, April 27, 1919.

In 1941 work began on the church's new educational building but completion of the building was delayed by the scarcity of materials during the war and the structure was finished in 1948.

Many other physical improvements have been added to the church's present structure. A new automatic heating system was installed in 1946. Also during 1946 the P. T. Howard family installed chimes in the church in memory of their son who was killed during the war. During the past year, the sanctuary has been enlarged by utilizing space which was formerly used for the educational department.

The Steele Street Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary February 28, 1937. At that time it reported a membership of 900 and the most recent report shows that the church has 1,279 communicants. During the last twenty years, total contributions to the church have more than tripled.

Rev. W. B. Doub was the first pastor of the church and served for the years 1888 and 1889. Following Rev. Mr. Doub have been: Rev. J. W. North, 1890; Rev. John E. Thompson, 1891-1893; Rev. L. J. Holden, 1894-1896; Rev. D. L. Earnhardt, 1897-1900; Rev. W. F. Craven, 1900-1902; Rev. S. T. Moyle, 1902-1904; Rev. J. H. Frizzelle, 1904-1906; Rev. R. W. Bailey, 1906-1909; Rev. W. H. Puckett, 1909-1910; Rev. K. D. Holmes, 1910-1912; Rev. H. E. Spence, 1912-1915; Rev. W. R. Royall, 1915-1919; Rev. L. B. Jones, 1919-1924; Rev. G. T. Adams, 1924-1929; Rev. S. A. Cotton, 1929-1931; Rev. A. J. Groves, 1932; Rev. L. D. Hayman, 1932-1934; Rev. L. C. Larkin, 1934; Rev. C. B. Culbreth, 1935-1939; Rev. A. P. Brantley, 1939-1943; Rev. H. L. Hendricks, 1943-1947; Rev. R. G. Dawson came to the church in 1947 and is the present pastor.

HAMLET CHURCH ACQUIRES NEW PARSONAGE

Members of the Hamlet Methodist Church have recently purchased a lovely brick parsonage which is now being occupied by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Boone and family. With six large rooms, the building cost $15,000 and has been equipped throughout with new furnishings. The parsonage is the result of nine years of planning and fund-raising which began during the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Lanning, with the women of the church cooperating. Efforts toward the new enterprise were continued during the pastorate of Dr. S. A. Maxwell. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is responsible for the new furnishings, and the entire congregation has backed up the program.



The Methodist Parsonage, Hamlet

Foundation Secures Education Director; Rufty Succeeds Morgan; Advance Meeting Set

MARTIN TO BEGIN METHODIST COLLEGE FOUNDATION DUTIES

Dr. B. Joseph Martin, who was elected recently as director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., will assume his duties about November 1 of this year with an office in High Point or Greensboro, according to an announcement by Foundation officials.

Dr. Martin, son of a Methodist minister, comes to his new post from Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Okla., where he served as vice-president. Holding A.B. and Th.B. degrees from Pasadena College, California, and Th M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Southern California, Dr. Martin has been active for a number of years in educational circles. He has served as business manager and vice-president of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; professor of sociology at Pasadena College; superintendent of Laird Hall School, Hollywood, Cal.; and director of Boys' Work, Wesley-McDonald School, Houma, La. An ordained minister, he also served pastorates for eight years in Ohio and California.

Dr. Martin holds membership in several professional fraternities, including Mu Alpha Nu, Phi Chi Phi, Alpha Kappa Delta and Theta Phi. His wife, the former Evelyn Duryea, has also been active in educational and religious circles.

The Methodist College Foundation, formally organized last year, was created to give active support to the five North Carolina Methodist educational institutions. It grew out of the Methodist College Advance, which sought to raise more than $2,000,000 to aid the five colleges. The membership of the Foundation is composed of representatives from all sections of the State, including the trustees and presidents of the five Methodist institutions; the presiding bishops; the district superintendents of both conferences; the



Dr. Joseph Martin

chairmen and secretaries of the two conference Board of Lay Activities and Education; and fifteen members from each district in the two conferences. This makes a total membership of about 500 which meets annually. A council of thirty members and an executive committee of nine members direct the activities of the foundation. Funds of the foundation are held by a board of trustees.

Officers of the foundation are James G. Hanes, Winston-Salem, chairman of the board of trustees; James A. Gray, Winston-Salem, chairman of the foundation; Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte, president of the foundation; Dr. C. E. Jordan, Durham, first vice-president; M. B. Smith, Burlington, second vice-president; Gurney P. Hood, Raleigh, treasurer; and Rev. J. G. Phillips, Durham, secretary.

The foundation will seek to raise a minimum of $10,000,000 in endowment funds for the five participating schools.

In the annual meeting held last December at Winston-Salem the executive committee was authorized to secure a director for the foundation. Dr. Martin's selection came as a result of the efforts of this committee. "The executive committee devoted much time in trying to find exactly the best possible director for the foundation," Edwin L. Jones states, "and feels that it is fortunate in persuading Dr. Martin to assume this work. His personality, his enthusiasm, training and gifts make him ideally suited for this most important work."

RUFTY SUCCEEDS MORGAN ON CHERRYVILLE CIRCUIT

Owing to the death of J. M. Morgan, newly appointed pastor of the Cherryville Circuit, and the vacancy created thereby, Bishop Harrell has authorized the appointment of W. E. Rufty, who has been serving the Mills River Circuit, to succeed Brother Morgan. This appointment is effective as soon as Mrs. Morgan is able to move from the Cherryville Circuit parsonage. Professor C. E. Roy, of Brevard College, has been named to take charge of the Mills River Circuit, and will begin his service October 30.

R. Dwight Ware, D. S. Asheville District
W. A. Stanbury, D. S. Gastonia District

SALISBURY DISTRICT ADVANCE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

The Salisbury District Advance for Christ and His Church will be held at First Methodist church, Salisbury, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, November 6. All members of our churches are urged to attend. The following speakers will appear on the program: "I Believe in God," R. H. Taylor; "I Believe in Man," E. H. Brendall; "I Believe in Christ," L. R. Akers, Jr.. "I Believe in the Holy Spirit," C. C. Herbert, Jr.; "I Believe in the Church," J. G. Winkler; "I Believe in Immortality," J. C. Madison.

Oxford Methodists Begin New Educational Building



Ground-breaking exercises for the new $65,000 educational building for First Methodist Church, Oxford, was held Sunday, October 9. The pastor, Dr. S. A. Maxwell, was assisted by Rev. O. W. Dowd, pastor emeritus. The ground was officially broken by Miss Carrie Fuller and Mrs. J. Y. Crews. The fountain pen with which the contract was signed was presented to F. F. Lyon, son of the donor of the original building constructed in 1912. Ribbon bookmarks cut from the ribbon used in the ceremony were presented to the Building Committee, the Fund Raising Committee, and the leaders in the Church School. The new two story building designed by H. N. Haines, Durham architect, will utilize the Lyon Memorial building, which is to be redesigned on the interior, a second floor and a large wing added. There will be on the second floor a chapel and a departmental Sunday School plant. The first floor has been designed for general social use. The new structure and the remodelled Lyon Memorial will represent $80,000 in educational facilities for First Church, Oxford.

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ASHEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

Ministers and laymen in a meeting last January started plans for their training school scheduled at Central Church, for Sunday afternoon, October 30, at three o'clock. Courses and instructors have been selected with care and indications are that a fine, responsive group of church school workers will be ready to greet the faculty at the opening session. In keeping with the church-wide emphasis on Our Faith, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Duke University, Durham, will give a course on "Christian Beliefs." The text **is A Faith for Today** by Harris Franklin Rall. In the author of this book and in the teacher of the class, we have two of the great teachers of our time guiding our people in the area of Christian Beliefs. Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke, will lead the young people in a study of "Christian Home-Making." Mrs. E. H. Saville, Roanoke, will take the adult officers and teachers of intermediates, seniors and young people in the class on "Teaching Youth." Mrs. W. R. Reed will guide parents and teachers in the realm of "The Home and Church Working Together for Children." Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Atlanta, will teach "Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth" with special attention to the new closely graded primary lesson materials. Aubert M. Smith, Wesley Heights Methodist Church, Charlotte, will offer the class in "The Church Working with Young Adults." The six classes offered cover the work of the church school in a fine way.

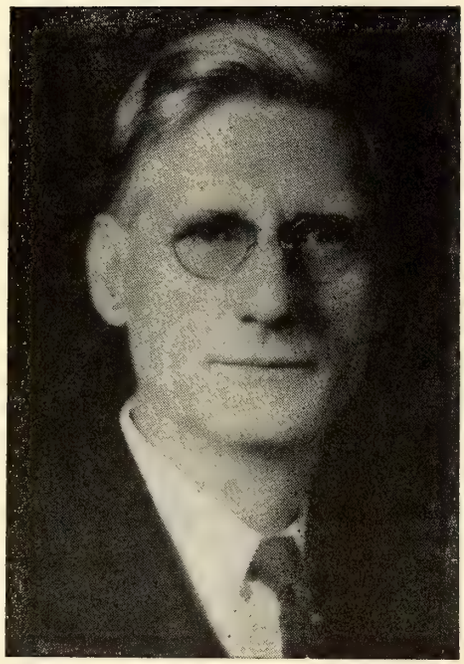
Responsibilities for the school are being carried by Dr. R. Dwight Ware, District Superintendent; Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Pastor at Central Methodist Church; Mr. Clarence Morgan, Church School Superintendent at Central and Mayor of Asheville; Mr. J. W. McRary, Superintendent at West Asheville; Thad L. McDonald, District Director of Adult Work, Black Mountain; Mrs. P. M. Camak, District Director of Children's Work, Hendersonville; and Mrs. Clarence Bishop, along with the help of all ministers and superintendents of the participating churches. The school is sponsored jointly by the Methodist Churches of the Asheville Area and the Conference Board of Education.

Ministers of Participating Churches

Working with Dr. Ware and Dr. Blackard are: T. A. Groce, Abernethy; Miles A. McLean, Asbury Memorial; C. D. White. Biltmore; J. R. Dawkins, Emma- Riverview; G. E. Keeler, French Broad; W. D. Corriher, Haywood Street; J. R. Bogle, Hillside-Merrimon; C. E. Williams, Oakley; W. J. Huneycutt, West Asheville; C. V. Hall, Asheville Circuit; T. L. McDonald, Jr., Black Mountain; J. A. Allen, Candler; E. C. Price, Fletcher; J. E. B. Houser, Leicester; C. D. Brown, Swannanoa; Paul N. Cassell, Swannanoa Circuit; P. S. Kennett, Weaverville; and B. H. Zeiglar, Fairview.

GREENSBORO AREA SCHOOL

The Greensboro School began at West Market Street Church, Sunday night, October 23, with the opening devotional led by Rev. Herman F. Duncan, District Superintendent. R. Harold Hipps served as dean and director of activities for the week. Courses and instructors were: **New Testament: Content and Values** by Dr. J. H. Phillips, Duke; **Improving the Church School**, Dr. A. J. Walton, Duke; **Youth and Christian Home-making** by Mrs. E. H. Ould; **Teaching Youth** by Mrs. E. H. Saville; **Recreation for Children** by Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg; **Bible Manners and Customs** by Mrs. J. C. Goode; and **The Church working with Young Adults** by A James Clemmer. Ministers of the participating churches were Dr. E. C. Few, R. L. Reed, M. V. Thumm, J. S. Higgins, J. T. Shackford, T. W. Hager, E. D. Page, M. Teague Hipps, Dr. J. C. Stokes, J. C. Kendrick, A. D. Shelton, J. A. Lindsey, T. H. Swofford, Paul W. Townsend, Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Dr. P. E. Lindley, R. E. Hinshaw, E. E. Hiatt, Jr., W R. Harris, Phil Shore, Jr., W. H. Benfield. R. P. Waugh, J. L. Ingram, A. B. Pearce, Jr., E. C. Widenhouse, John A. Lowder, James D. Turner, R. A. Hunter and W. T. Ratchford.



Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe

ASHEBORO AREA SCHOOL

The Asheboro Area School began at First Church on Sunday night, October 23. Rev. George B. Clemmer, District Superintendent, led the opening worship service with more than two hundred people in attendance. Classes were taught by Dr. G. T. Rowe in **Christian Beliefs;** R. W. McCulley in **Music in Christian Education;** Dr. Raymond A. Smith, **Teaching in the Church School;** Mrs. W. R. Reed in **The Home and Church Working Together for Children;** and in **Youth and Worship** by Miss Elsie Ellen Moore. Ministers of the participating charges were: Harlan Creech, Jr., First Church; W. R. Kelly, Central; H. G. Lanier, West Bend; K. D. Crouse, Asheboro Circuit; G. C. Graham, Coleridge; O. L. Easter, Liberty; E. A. Fitzgerald, Liberty Circuit; W. E. Fitzgerald, Farmer; F. H. Edwards, Old Union-Mt. Lebanon; J. W. Vestal, Ramseur-Franklinville; A. J. Clemmer, Jr., Randleman; G. B. Ferree, Randleman Circuit. Y. D. Poole, Randolph-Gray's Chapel. Paul Bruton, Richland; J. J. P. Kincaid, Seagrove; R. F. Hilliard, South Randolph.

STATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL

The Statesville School will be held at Broad Street beginning Sunday night, November 6. Four classes will be offered as follows: "Christian Beliefs" by Dr. G. T. Rowe; "Bible Manners and Customs" for workers with children by Mrs. J. C. Goode, Richmond; "Teaching Youth" by Mrs. E. H. Saville; and "Personal Religious Living" for young people by C. C. Herbert, Jr. of Salisbury.

This school is under the direction of J. H. Armbrust, District Superintendent; Robert G. Tuttle, and the following ministers: J. H. Cooke, Boulevard; J. C. Grose, Race Street; J. S. Folger, Statesville Circuit; J. M. Taylor, Jr., Cool Springs; R. G. Wagoner, Elmwood; W. H. Neese, Harmony; F. A. Wright, Hiddenite; E. H. Lowman, Monticello-Rose Chapel; D. T. Huss, Olin; R. L. Phillips, Shepherds; R. V. Martin, Taylorsville; O. E. Croy, Troutman; J. R. Duncan, Stony Point.

HIGH POINT AREA SCHOOOL

The first school of the new conference year was held at Wesley Memorial for the churches of the High Point Area. With an enrollment of 156 and with 122 receiving certificates of recognition on the closing night, the school was a decided improvement over the previous year. Miss Elsie Ellen Moore, Director of Christian Education, Wesley Memorial, served as dean of the school. Teachers were E. K. McLarty, Jr., Mrs. W. R. Reed, Mrs. Herbert Beam, Courtney B. Ross, and Mrs. E. H. Saville. A distinct feature of the school was the omission of the so-called popular classes designed to reach large groups and the scheduling of classes to meet the actual needs of the people wrestling with the real problems of teaching week after week. Significant achievements for the cause of Christian education were realized during the school.

THOMASVILLE AREA SCHOOL

With an attendance of two hundred people, the Thomasville school began at Memorial Church on Sunday night, October 16, with the opening devotional led by Rev. George B. Clemmer, District Superintendent. Wilson O. Weldon, host pastor, directed the school. The three courses and instructors were "The Life of Jesus," Dr. B. G. Childs; "Personal Religious Living," Kenneth Goodson; and "The Home and Church Working Together for Children" by Mrs. W. R. Reed.

HOME AND CHURCH EMPHASIS AT ALBEMARLE

With Central, Albemarle, as host church, Ralph Taylor and his fellow ministers have been engaged in an effort to build stronger ties between the family and the church. Mrs. E. H. Ould was secured to lead in this program during the week of October 16. Mrs. Ould met with parents and youth groups at the church and also spoke to the high school and to other

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Study Guide for Months Ahead; Mrs. Jones Honored; Orange, Alamance and Durham Zones Hold Meetings

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MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. N. P. Edens, conference secretary of missionary education, writes: "Our seminars are behind us and we are ready to go into a wonderful year of study and action. We know that we can count on each one of you to make this year the very best that we have ever had in missionary education."

Following are some helpful suggestions which will be well to keep for reference.

A suggested study calendar is Cooperation for a Christian Nation, during September, October or November; Women of Scripture, during the quarter December, January and February; The Ecumenical Church, sometime during the quarter March, April, May; and the study of Japan, during the summer months of June, July or August. You may plan to have these studies in any order. Credit will be given any time which you may have them. But do plan to have one each quarter. In that way work will not be piled up at the end of the study year.

Refer to your publication catalogue for a list of the study books. Enrich the study class by using supplementary materials. In the catalogue are many good suggestions. At least one supplementary book is a "must" for a jurisdiction recognition class. The Catalogue of Publications of the Woman's Division is valuable to you. Refer to it for all your orders.

Do not you think that we could have more jurisdiction recognition study classes? Real studying is done in this type class. Write your district secretary of missionary education for a jurisdiction report blank. Return the blank to her, completely filled out, when the class is finished.

There is a guide published for each study. These are excellent. Do not plan a single study without first studying the guide for that particular course.

Is there a reading circle or a missionary library in your local church? Very few are reported. With all the missionary material available at this time, an excellent library could be started. The reading circle will grow, when the library has been opened.

"Again," said Mrs. Edens, "we wish that we could write the word "report" deep on your heart. You do not know how important it is to report. We challenge you to help us go 100% in reporting for our conference this quarter. Fill out each question. Which district will lead in reporting this quarter? It all depends on you."

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO ORDER LITERATURE?

Literature for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild should be ordered from their own Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. They are equipped to give complete service of Woman's Society materials, study books, program and worship materials, departmental handbooks, materials for organization and promotion, and free leaflets.

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In ordering materials for the W. S. C. S. direct from the Literature Headquarters gives them a small profit which they apply to free materials. The more is ordered from them, the more free literature we may expect in the future.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Moses Jones of Snow Hill was presented a life membership pin and certificate for faithful service through the years at the meeting of the Central Zone of the New Bern District held in the Wharton church on the Grimesland charge. Mrs. Jones is secretary of the zone. This zone meeting was held in connection with the fall educational seminars.

ALAMANCE ZONE MEETING

The Alamance zone of the Durham District met Sunday afternoon, October 2, at Saxapahaw church. Mrs. John R. Poe, zone leader, presided.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Marvin Newlin of Saxapahaw. The music was under the direction of Mrs. Rachel Hall.

At the roll call 131 members were present. The presidents made the reports. The attendance banner was won by Salem church for having more than half of their members present.

The newly organized society at Glencoe asked for the spring meeting. The invitation was accepted. Mrs. Poe welcomed the new Orange Chapel-Clover Garden society.

Life memberships were given to Mrs. B. E. Jordan of Saxapahaw, and Mrs. Nezzie Smith of Salem church.

Departments presented were Status of Women by Mrs. J. O. Gunn of Yanceyville; Children's Work by Mrs. Clyde McCarver of Durham; and Promotion by Mrs. Edd C. Thomas of Mebane.

District officers present were Mrs. G. B. Robbins, president; Mrs. Sudie B. Warren, vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Cates, supply work; Mrs. Raney Crumpton, youth work; Mrs. W. C. Mosier, missionary education; Mrs. S. F. Nicks, spiritual life; and Mrs. E. L. Hillman, missionary personnel.

Other zone leaders present were Mrs. Taylor Long of Caswell, and Miss Claudia Carnay of Person.

The inspirational message of the afternoon was given by Mrs. E. L. Hillman. Mrs. Poe lead the dedication service and Mrs. Nicks closed the meeting with prayer.

ORANGE ZONE MEETING

The Orange Zone of Durham District met on Saturday, October 8, in New Sharon church. The zone leader, Mrs. H. H. Brown, was in charge.

The speaker of the morning was Mrs. Isawo Tanaka from Japan. She was introduced by Mrs. W. C. Mosier, secretary of missionary education for the district.

The roll was called and the presidents made theirs reports. Mrs. Edd C. Thomas, promotion secretary, spoke on the progress of the district.

After lunch the various departments of work were presented by the secretaries present: Mrs. Mosier, Mrs. R. W. Morgan, Mrs. J. A. Warren, Mrs. Chas. Cates, Mrs. Clyde McCarver, Mrs. Raney Crumpton, Mrs. S. F. Nicks, Mrs. John O. Gunn, Mrs. E. L. Hillman and Miss Kathleene Cox.

The closing meditation was given by Mrs. Clyde Roberts.

MISS FROENDT SPEAKS TO DURHAM ZONE

On Wednesday evening, October 5, Miss Antonia Froendt of New York was the guest speaker to the Durham Zone meeting in Duke Memorial church. After supper Mrs. A. K. Umstead, zone leader, presided over the meeting. Mrs. A. H. Borland read the Scripture and led in prayer. Mrs. F. R. Darkis, secretary of missionary education for the Duke Memorial Woman's Society, introduced Miss Froendt. Miss Froendt spoke on the growth of the ecumenical movement, presenting the first of the study of "We the People of the Ecumenical Church."

About 90 women and men attended this inspiring meeting.

MRS. DOUGHTIE HOME AGAIN

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie of Clinton, promotion secretary for the Wilmington District, has just returned home after visiting with her daughter and the twin grandsons. Yes, Eulala has two new babies! Twin boys!

A PRINCE OF SIAM

So many leaders at the United Nations are products of mission schools and many more are needed to get their peoples ready for self-government and world co-operation.

It is said that a young prince from Siam greeted a missionary at Lake Success with these words on the day Siam was admitted to the United Nations: "This is the day you were getting us ready for in the little school in Siam."

This statement brings to mind that the churches on the mission fields are further advanced in cooperation than we in America; that ecumenical Christianity was reborn out of the need of pooling resources on the mission fields.

If all this is true, then it is our inescapable responsibility to help recruit new personnel for this service on the edge of the world Christian community. Only the best equipped and most thoroughly trained young people are worthy of this great responsibility and priceless opportunity. These young people must come from our own homes—none but the best are good enough.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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groups in Albemarle. Both the ministers and their people agree that most worthwhile achievements were realized.

CLASSES AT WESLEY HEIGHTS

Two classes on "Teaching Children" and "Understanding Young Children" were taught at Wesley Heights by Miss Elizabeth Jarratt and Miss Kate Crowell the week of October 17. These classes were scheduled, promoted and financed by Aubert M. Smith and his local church Board of Education. This was a worthy project by this group in the interest of better teaching for children.

CLASSES AT MYERS PARK

"The Child's Approach to Religion" is being given by Mrs. F. B. Outman for parents and teachers at Myers Park. During the week of November 6, Mrs. E. H. Ould will again be in this church for a series of meetings on the Christian Family. Here is another church that is wisely investing additional funds for the training of its teaching staff.

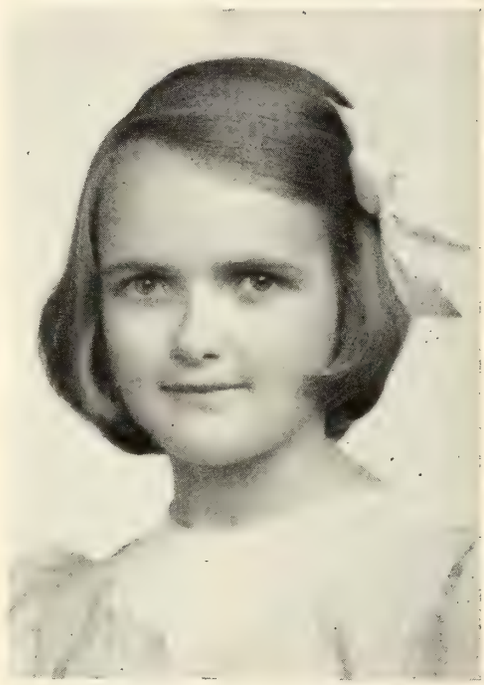
Many Gifts Being Received: Football Team Wins 7 Games; Sunday is Children's Home Sunday

By O. V. WOOSLEY

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You Can Be Joyful, Too

A JOY BELL

When you look at the picture on this page you are looking at Joy Bell, an interesting and satisfactory twelve-year-old girl. This Joy Bell is sponsored by the Nursery Mothers' Class of Central, Asheboro. Her picture has appeared before on this page. It is again presented for two reasons: First, Joy Bell provides joy for us; and second, she is initiating the "joy bell ringing" at the beginning of a new conference year. All congregations paying as much as their basic Children's Home askings will be listed as joy bell ringers. Those paying their entire askings will be listed as big bell ringers.

HAPPY HAPPENING

At the recent Asheville district set-up meeting District Superintendent R. Dwight Ware called his ministers' attention to a letter he had written for such guidance as they might want to use in emphasizing the raising of The Children's Home askings on or before Thanksgiving. The first paragraph of this letter reads: "Over in Winston-Salem our church is maintaining a wonderful home for orphan children. This is possible because of the faithful interest and support of Methodists all over our Conference. There, dear little folks who cannot have the comforts and joys of their own homes, dear little boys and girls who are denied parental care, are clothed and fed and taught and given a chance to become useful in the world. Have you ever thought how splendid they are? How wonderful? How happy? What a privilege it is to have a part in making better their lot!"

FRIEND FINDS FUNDS

A good deal has been said during the past while about voluntary giving to The Children's Home. A few of our conference leaders have become so conscious of the voluntary giving feature to The Children's Home as to appear to drive a wedge between the basic ten per cent apportionment and the supplementary voluntary askings. In our thinking, all giving to The Children's Home is voluntary. There is no conference machinery that tends to penalize any pastor or congregation for not having paid The Children's Home askings. In a given congregation the issue was raised about the wisdom of stopping Children's Home giving during the past conference year with the basic askings, that money in that congregation was needed for something else. Whereupon one dandy good friend stated he thought The Children's Home askings should be paid and then purchase whatever else they needed for themselves. Needless to say that both the payment and the purchase were made.

VOLUNTARY SHARING

Rev. D. A. Oakley, pastor of Thomasville circuit, writes: "I wish to express my personal appreciation of the fine service that you have rendered our church and the kingdom of God in the way you have cared for The Children's Home. I wish that we had the buildings to house every needy child and had some way of multiplying you to the extent that you could care for all of them. I think our charge has paid $104 over the eighteen per cent for this conference year. May God continue to give you strength to carry on for a long time yet."

ASHEBORO FRIENDS

We have had a lot of joyful visitors every Sunday afternoon for quite a while. On the second Sunday afternoon in October a large delegation came from First church, Asheboro, this group including the members of the Men's Bible class, together with their wives. sweethearts and friends. The big chartered bus did not accommodate nearly all of those coming. The group was celebrating the birthday of their teacher, Mr. Idyl Ferree, and was making their first visit to The Children's Home. Before our friends left Mr. Ferree presented us with a check for $100 which he said was a "love gift," not to be included in the congregation's askings. In presenting this check Idyl looked as young and happy as he did forty years ago when as a young ,mischievous lad he attended a school this scribe directed.

FOOTBALL FINDINGS

Our football team continues to win ball games, having so far won all seven of their games. Before this appears in print they may have been defeated but so far this hasn't appeared in print. Already our boys have been invited to be the home team in the Piedmont Bowl game, to be played Friday night, December 2. Our teams have played twice before in this bowl game and last year felt it necessary to turn down an invitation because of our desire to turn the boys' attention away from football to their studies. The local newspapers recount that our varsity boys have not been defeated in scheduled games in over two years, thirty-five consecutive undefeated games having been recorded.

OCTOBER OFFERINGS

October brings another fifth Sunday, a Children's Home Sunday. It will afford our friends a fine opportunity for helping us buy fall clothing, fall food, fall health safeguards and fall coal, if we can find it. Added to this help is the fact that good October fifth Sunday offerings will offer a fine opportunity for making a big credit on the congregation's Children's Home askings. October with its golden colors of foliage offers a golden opportunity for golden helpfulness.

SAYS IT WITH MONEY

A good friend, in sending his check for $500, writes: "The enclosed may be taken as evidence that I still think well of the institution and the work it is doing. You have my wishes of continued success."

A Friend.

LAW AND GOSPEL

Read what Brother Jokeable Joe Hiatt writes: "A short time ago I said good-bye to Paul and Binkley as they turned their red truck towards the land of Winston-Salem. They were all smiles as the truck rolled along carrying forty-five bushels of the finest apples grown at Highland Orchards, Elkin, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Allen co-operated in making the gift of fruit possible for you and your large family. Mr. Allen is our Methodist attorney, and the law and gospel working together always get results."

SUNSET GLOW-ERS

"I will appreciate it very much if you will send The Home Chronicle to me at 230 Screenland Avenue, Burbank, California. I am getting out after working five years over retirement, being in the ministry fifty-two years without a break. Wish my retirement fund was sufficient to make a big donation to The Children's Home. May God bless you and your great work."—N. G. Bethea.

"While not a Methodist, I am sure your children have to eat and wear clothes. I am an old man. Have a small old-age income and I tithe it. So please use this $5."—A Friend.

"A good old friend of mine in Indiana sends a belated contribution to the High Point Children's Home. I am endorsing the check and forwardng it to you. We are still deeply interested in the work that you and Mrs. Woosley are doing so well. Mrs. Dixon is not well at all and I am rather lonesome here in Maryland. Pray for us as we pray for you."—A. G. Dixon.

STATE STEPS IN

We recently visited a child caring institution which is soon to be closed by our State Welfare Department. Some well-meaning religious enthusiasts bought a piece of unused hotel property and opened it for the admittance of orphan children. These well-meaning friends had more faith than works, and the welfare authorities found that the twenty-two enrolled children were not sufficiently well cared for and directed, and therefore closed the institution. The Children's Home was being asked to accept some of the children. It is a fact that the Welfare Department of our State has the authority to see that orphan children are well provided for in institutions purporting to serve them. Better than all that, our Methodist people have a right to expect that our own institution serves our own children decidedly well.

The Prophets Preach Social Righteousness

Isaiah 3; 5; 22; 28; 58:1-9a; Jeremiah 35

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By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Palestine was a land of vineyards, and Isaiah pictured Israel as God's spiritual vineyard planted with choice vines. The descendants of Abraham were inheritors of a great tradition, and from the watch tower in the vineyard prophet after prophet of mighty eloquence had sounded forth the word of God. Israel had never been without a warning of coming danger or without a challenge to hope and faith. At this distance it is difficult for us to realize the unique religious privileges the Jews enjoyed as contrasted with the surrounding nations. But the people did not seem to understand that God's special grace meant special expectation of good works. This failure of the Jews to realize that great privileges meant great responsibilities is a common lack with us today. Nothing is more important for the rising generation to realize than that their extraordinary privileges in this land of free schools, libraries, religious liberty and open churches mean that God expects great things from them. The failure to respond to these great opportunities will mean more than simply the loss of a blessing. It will mean that our vineyards will be trodden down, the vines laid low, and thorns and briars will come up in their place. Jesus' stern words will then apply to us, If the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. Of all objects of contempt it is a man in clerical garb at a bar getting maudlin drunk. We think less of him than of a drunken tramp, and so do all the other topers at the bar.

We note that Isaiah is not stressing failure in the fastidious performance of religious rites. He is condemning the way the wealthy land owners join field to field and by shrewd covetous manipulation push the poor off their few acres. He says, You push the poor away in order that you may be undisturbed in your vast estates; the time will come when your great houses will be empty and you yourselves pushed far off.

These words have more than a national application. They apply to every covetous man who makes the accumulation of money the dominant aim of his life. In connection with the greed of the ruling classes the prophet notes their drunkenness. For when the rich oppress the poor and thus gain the wealth from which they expect to derive happiness, they are surprised to find themselves miserable, and they are apt to resort to drink, and in time this habit grows on them and they rise up early in the morning to follow strong drink and tarry late into the night till wine inflame them. When the prophet says, The harp and the lute, the tabret and the pipe, and wine are in their feasts, we think of the modern night club. Liquor and music are resorted to as a substitute for the exhilaration that comes from a clear conscience, enthusiastic devotion to God, and love and charity with all our fellow men.

One of the great tasks of the church today is to recover the hilarity in God's service that characterized the apostolic church. If we invite Jesus as the guest of honor to all of our social gatherings, he will always turn the water of the commonplace into wine, and substitute for the trifling and the boresome the joyful exhilaration that comes from the presence of the Spirit of God. But Jesus will never be a guest in any home or festive gathering that ignores the gaunt hunger of the poor and forgets to carry out the spirit of his saying, When thou makest a feast, call the poor, the blind, the lame and the halt, for they cannot recompense thee, but thou shalt be recompensed in the resurrection of the just.

HOW TO MAKE A CWS BANK

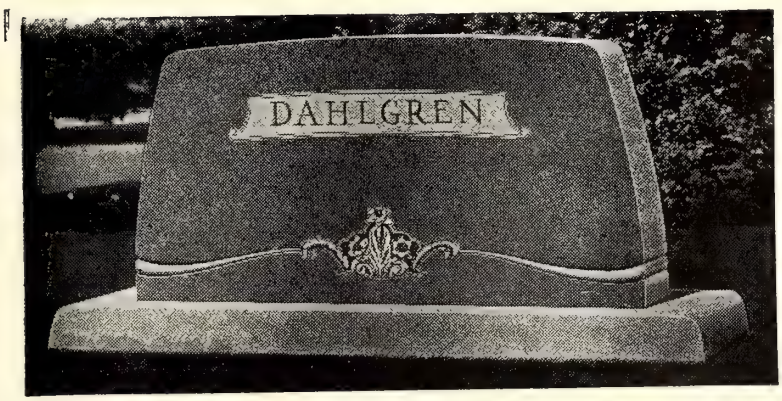
In order to help its fall clothing drive to "pay its own way," Church World Service has created a CWS bank—the CWS standing for Collecting, Warehouses and Shipping. The object is to secure a cash donation of 8 cents for every pound of good used clothing. For example, if a church group gathers 100 lbs. of clothing, it is asked to provide $8.00 to meet the actual handling and shipping costs.

The CWS bank is easy to make. A sticker, with appropriate printing in two colors has been prepared in a size to circle a pint ice cream container. After the label is pasted to the container it is suggested that a two-inch opening be cut in the cover. This same CWS sticker may be used on a milk bottle or on a small can. Any church group may secure these stickers free by writing to its nearest Church World Service Center, or directly to the Promotion Department, Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y.

The cash placed in the CWS bank, either in the home, church or other places, is to be converted into a check covering the total amount and mailed to the nearest CWS Center, or to New York headquarters. It is expected that each local church will have many Banks in operation.

While some may feel that they cannot provide both the good used clothing and the 8c a pound, others who do not have the clothes may want to help pay the cost of shipping the material overseas. The demand for good warm clothing is still great and the fall drive is expected to bring the total CWS receipts up to its 8,000,000 lb. goal for the year 1949.





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Ted's Threshing Dinner

Ted had no idea what threshing day meant on his uncle's big farm, for it was the first time he had ever been in the country, except just to drive along the road in automobile or a train and see the fields and houses fly by. "I'm a little bit afraid to have Ted go to Uncle Frank," said Ted's mother. "He may eat too much and get sick."

"Why, mother, I never eat too much, do I?" asked Ted.

"No, but this is different," said his mother.

Everything moved so fast that morning that Ted could scarcely believe his eyes. A big puffing engine turned in the farm gate with a big machine that he did not know the name of hitched behind, and then back of that a wagon of some sort. The man had to be careful not to tear down the big gate-posts; then half a dozen teams drove up and in a few minutes the ripe grain was rushed out of a kind of trough and men were quickly sacking it in big grain sacks to be hauled away, emptied, and the sacks brought back.

"Come, we've got to go to the house," said his cousin Tom. "Hurry up! There will be more grain when you get back."

Ted was not anxious to go, but Lottie and Tom and all the children who had come with the mothers, who were now helping Aunt Jane to cook, rushed off to the kitchen door, and he had to follow.

"Are you getting hungry?" asked Aunt Jane, seeing the little crowd at her kitchen door. "We've been expecting you."

She went back to the kitchen and presently came out with a big tin pan filled with backs and necks of chickens. A lady followed her with a big pile of bread and butter sandwiches.

"Now, wash your hands clean," said Aunt Jane, "and then help yourselves."

"I didn't know dinner came this early," said Ted.

"This isn't dinner!" cried all the children. "This is a piece. We always get a piece everywhere when we go threshing."

Almost before the children had picked the bones clean and handed them over to old Bruce, the lazy dog, the engine tooted three times and the men began to come to the house to wash up for dinner. The big, long table was quickly filled, and through the kitchen door the children could see the ladies hurrying back and forth with heaping dishes of food. Then came the clearing away and the dish-washing, and after what seemed ages the children were called to eat with the cooks.

There was more chicken and vegetables and pie and cake and so many good things that Ted had to unbutton his belt, as all the others did. He forgot all about what his mother had said about eating too much and filled himself up with the good hot food.

"Now, I think that will last till supper time," said Ted, sliding down from his chair. "I couldn't hold another bite."

"It won't have to last," said Lottie. "There will be another piece this afternoon."

It was late at night before Ted got home, and, sleepy as he was, he had to tell his mother about the wonderful day. "I ate three big dinners and one supper," he said, "but with all that I'm as hollow as a log. I could drink a glass of milk right now. I tell you, mother, threshing is awful hard work."

"It must be," said his mother, going to get the milk. "I used to eat three dinners on threshing days myself, so I know how it goes."—Richmond Christian Advocate.

One Sunset

How beautiful the heavens were! while slow
The Golden sun moved downward in the west
As if to seek our mother-earth's sweet breast
And fall on sleep. Now brighter the glow,
The ethereal radiance which might well flow
From near the throne of God Himself, then rest
On earth a little while and stir the best
In human hearts to bourgeon forth and grow
Toward love and duty and Divinity.

Small hands reached upward and most reverently
Two childish voices claimed: "THAT is my place
In Heaven," "and THAT." O little boys of mine,
Long since, as men, you've met life's battle face
To face: quit you like men nor think that thine
Is warfare worse than other souls must dare,
Nor doubt that in God's Beauty you will share.

METTA FOLGER TOWNSEND

Lenoir, N. C.

TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

With every passing year my conviction deepens that Christian truth is the only hope of this world. The greatest imperative of life is to get men and women to experience this truth and then under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to go out into the world to live and to teach it in all areas of life. Some day we will understand that our Sunday schools rank among the most important institutions of earth. They are organized to teach Christian truth to human beings.

The destiny of our nation depends more largely upon their success than our finite minds can grasp since they are our adopted means for implementing indispensable truth and for getting it into the hearts of men and women. They should have the full support and co-operation of all the people. It is literally true that there can be no freedom of the highest order until it comes as a result of truth.

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October

Friendship-Tabernacle: Friendship, 11 30
New London Ct.: Mt. Tabor, 3 30

November

Salisbury, First, 7:30 2
Stanfield: Love's Chapel, 11 6
District Advance for Christ Rally, First church, Salisbury, 3 6
Forest Hill, 7:30 8
Bethel, 11 13
Pfeiffer: Richfield, 7 13
Parkway: Oakboro, 11 20
Concord Ct.: Boger's Chapel, 3 20
Albemarle, Central, 11 27
Albemarle Ct.: Pine Grove, 7 27

December

Badin-New London: New London, 11 ..11
Midland: Mill Grove, 3 11
Mt. Pleasant, 11 18
Landis: Unity, 3 18

Statesville District
J. H. Armbrust, D. S., Statesville, N. C.

October

Hickory: Highland-Fairgrove, Highland, 11 9
Grace Chapel, 3 9
Hickory, Bethel, 7:30 9
Granite Falls, 7 13
Mooresville: Centenary-Triplett, Triplett, 11 16
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Mooresville, Broad Street, 7 16
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McKendree: Rocky Mount, 3 23
Elmwood: Cleveland, 7:30 23
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Statesville, Broad Street, 2 30
Warrensville: Warrensville, 3 30
Jefferson: Zion, 7:30 30
West Jefferson, 7:30 31

November

Union Grove-Zion: Union Grove, 7:30.. 1
Hickory, First, 7:30 2
Rhodhiss, 7:30 3
Newton, Abernethy Memorial, 11 6
Hiddenite: Pisgah, 3 6
Taylorsville: Taylorsville, 7:30 6
Statesville, Boulevard, 7:30 7
Maiden: Maiden, 7:30 8
Claremont-Shiloh: Claremont, 7:30 9
Hudson: Hudson, 11 13
Dudley Shoals: Cedar Valley, 3 13
Whitnel, 7:30 13
Wilkesboro: Wlkesboro, 7:30 14
North Wilkesboro, 7:30 16
Newton, First, 7:30 17
Harmony: Harmony, 7:30 18
Littlejohn-Gamewell: Littlejohn, 11 ..20
Harpers: Moriah, 3 20
South Lenoir-Olivet: South Lenoir, 7:15 20
Hickory, Westview, 7:30 23
Cool Springs: Providence, 11 27
Balls Creek: Center, 3 27
Statesville Circuit: Trinity, 7:30 27
Shepherds: Wesley Chapel, 7:30 30

December

Moravian Falls: Beulah, 11 4
Millers Creek: Friendship, 3 4
Catawba: Concord, 7:30 4
Mooresville: Central, 7:30 6
Lenoir, First, 7:30 7
Laurel Springs: Mt. Zion, 3 11
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In Memoriam

Mrs. Louise Banner Hoover

Draper.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church of Draper, wish to pay loving tribute to one of our beloved members, Mrs. Louise Banner Hoover, who died on April 22, 1949. The society passed the following resolutions:

First, We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and pray that God may bless him always.

Second, Louise, as we liked to call her, was always loyal to her church, to her society, and to her community, although her health would not permit her to do all she wished.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the society, a copy be sent to the family, and that copies be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and to the Leaksville News of Leaksville.—Mrs. D. T. Spencer, Mrs. W. O. Marlowe, Mrs. A. B. Bruton.

Mrs. R. L. Robinson

Dallas.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Dallas Methodist church, have suffered a grievous loss in the passing of one of our loyal members, Mrs. R. L. Robinson, and wishing to express our heartfelt appreciation of her consecrated life, do hereby resolve as follows:

First, We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and daughters, and commend them to the infinite comfort which our Heavenly Father bestows on the broken-hearted.

Second, Mrs. Robinson was a loyal and devoted member of the church and active in the Society. Her fidelity to her home, friends, and community is a living testament to her faith and lovely Christian personality.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our society, a copy be sent to the family, and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Mrs. Fred Stowe, Mrs. S. C. McAllister, Mrs. C. L. Lineberger, Miss Annie Puett.

John D. Howell

Wilmington.—Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to Himself John D. Howell, a member of the board of stewards of Trinity Methodist church; and

Whereas, we all loved him and appreciated his sterling character, his energy and intelligent leadership, and helpfulness in all good works, and especially the work of the church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the board of stewards of Trinity Methodist church:

First, That in the passing of Brother John D. Howell, we lost one of our most valuable and beloved members, an untiring worker for Christ and His church.

Second, That we commend his upright character and example to all men, and rejoice to have been associated with him, and his memory will long be a benediction to us all.

Third, that we extend our sympathy to the family, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent the family and the Christian Advocate, and be spread on the minutes of the board.—I. C. Wright, I. J. Sutton, E. L. Matthews, Committee.

Mrs. Joe C. Mann

Henderson.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church wishes to pay loving tribute to one whose loss we deeply feel, Mrs. Joe C. Mann, who passed away at her home July 22, 1949.

Mrs. Mann, the former Gladys Umstead, of Bahama, was married to Mr. Mann in 1924 and had lived in Henderson a number of years prior to this time.

Gladys, as we knew her, lived a beautiful life, true and loyal to her home, her church, her friends and her community. Her quiet and unselfish manner of life was a blessing and joy to all who knew her.

She was particularly interested in her church work, having been an active member of the choir, a life member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a member of the Church Guild and teacher or superintendent of the Children's Department in the Church school.

She dearly loved little children and her work with them in public schools and Church schools was outstanding. Through the many lives she touched her influence will live on in our community.

"She has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent people and the love of little children; who has filled her niche and accomplished her task; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best she has; whose life was an inspiration and whose memory is a benediction."

We extend our sincere love and sympathy to her husband and loved ones.

Mrs. Jas. W. Jenkins,
Mrs. R. C. Gary,
Mrs. E. G. Royster.

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Inaugural Address

PRESIDENT HOLLIS EDENS

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ethical principles and substitute for them blind obedience to the authority of the party. This party has never even suggested that there will be the slightest pretense at allowing academic freedom in any country in which it comes to power. This party sustains an authority which blinds men's judgment. It has no respect for integrity of mind. It sets up a dictatorship which kills men's will and freedom of action. It has become a religion for those who have no religion.

Therefore, I have no hesitancy in saying as far as I am concerned a member of the communist party does not belong in the company of teachers who believe in moral and spiritual values and are devoted to the search for truth.

This presents no problem at Duke University, nor is any anticipated. The coercion of sound judgment within the university faculty will always be a corrective inclined to accept untested findings and half truths. The spirit of reason will control. There will be differences of opinion, debate and controversy, but this is expected where independent thought is encouraged. It is according to our American way of life and our nation is more secure because of it. I fear unjust suspicion, irresponsibility and a vacuum of faith more than I fear foreign ideologies. The whole physical, spiritual and mental world hates a vacuum and conspires to fill it. Positive good only can keep out evil.

The Place of Science

The university community and the public at large have come to listen with respect to the pronouncements of our competent scientists. The physicists, the chemists, the mathematicians and the engineer command the respect of the business world.

The social sciences have passed well beyond the period of adolescence and have reached a young maturity. They have proven their value in crisis of war and its aftermath. They are contributing heavily to business, industry and government. They have earned their fight to focus the white light of investigation upon every phase of political, social and economic enterprise of this age and other ages at home and abroad.

The humanities are assuming the duty and obligation to put at our disposal the wisdom which men have accumulated down through the ages. Through music, art, languages and philosophy the cultures of many lands enrich our own. Thus, the base of information is broadened and an opportunity is provided for deepening personal experience through comparing it with that of others and of other times. We are encouraged to reflect on this and to evaluate the experiences of the past so that an understanding of both yesterday and today may lead to a richer life tomorrow.

A Disquieting Observation

The observation that man in his efforts to develop the material world has failed to develop himself is disquieting. However, the suggestion that we declare a holiday in the physical and natural sciences in an attempt to enforce balance has no merit. If primitive man has risen from a cringing fear of imaginary evil spirits, if he has learned to seek causes and effect cures, if he has learned to harness the forces of nature, modern man can learn to control violence. He can fashion a form of government, of business and of social organization which will allow him to live at peace with his neighbor. The humanities and social sciences have much to contribute toward such a moral growth and spiritual understanding. These can be interrelated with science so that each shall serve the other for the benefit of mankind.

As I stand in the presence of the architectural harmony of these buildings beneath the lofty tower of the chapel, I cannot refrain from quoting one paragraph from the official report which was made upon its completion:

"If Duke University is to have—unity and 'round completeness,' it must ever cherish some galvanizing central principle that will hold it from disintegration. On this campus the chapel, hard by the library and the laboratories and co-operating with the university in its every effort to promote truth and serve humanity, is not only central, but, with its stained glass, its vaulted roof, and lofty tower, will dominate the place. This is intended to be symbolical of the truth that the spiritual is the central and dominant thing in the life of man."

The university accepts the philosophy inherited from its past that education deals with something more than mental competence, more than intellectual aim. Moral and spiritual values are a part of the warp and woof of its fabric. The world is sadly in need of common truth, honesty, self-reliance, dependability, kindliness and understanding. This is to say that the purposive element looms large in this university, that it is guided by a sense of values. This makes its task more meaningful. It puts the warm glow of hope, aspiration and perception into an otherwise lifeless frame.

An Open Letter

from the

President of Brevard College

to

Young Men and Young Women of Purpose and Ability

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We are happy to have you consider Brevard College as you make plans for your college education. You are facing the future and making decisions which will affect your entire career. In directing your attention to Brevard, we point out certain facts for your careful consideration.

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If you choose to enter Brevard, we shall be glad to have you make application for admission. Students may enter at the beginning of the spring semester on January 23, 1950, or at the beginning of the summer term in June or in September. Please be assured of our sincere interest in you. We hope that you will write to us about plans and problems involved in your education.

EUGENE J. COLTRANE, President.

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STEELE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, SANFORD, WHERE THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETS NOVEMBER 2-6

Methodist Home to Hold Open House: Ormond Discusses Service Above Salary; Announcements

PROTESTANT CHURCHES TO AID NEAR EAST

NEW YORK.—Funds to provide food, clothing, education, recreation, and spiritual leadership for Christian and other refugees in the Near East will be sought from Protestant churches throughout the country during the holiday season.

A special "Bethlehem Appeal" committee appointed by the board of directors of Church World Service, Inc., overseas relief agency for 23 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, has urged special offerings and gifts to aid refugees stranded in Bethlehem and other areas of Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon.

The Rev. Wayland Zwayer, CWS secretary for Europe, stated on behalf of the committee, that funds collected from Protestant churches will be distributed among Christians, Moslems, Jews, and others. However, the Protestant and Orthodox groups are least cared for by their own groups at present, he said.

SHELBY AREA SCHOOL

The Cleveland County School will be held at Central, Shelby, beginning on Sunday night, November 13. Mrs. E. H. Ould will give the course on "Christian Home-Making" for young people. Reid Wall of Charlotte will teach the class in "The Meaning of Methodism"; and Mrs. J. C. Mason, Winston, will have the workers with children in the class "When Children Worship."

The school is under the direction of Dr. W. A. Stanbury, District Superintendent; Frank B. Jordan, pastor of the host church; and R. L. Bass, Lafayette Street; S. G. Ferree, Hoyle Memorial; Caleb Hoyle, Martin Street; R. H. Nicholson, Polkville; R. L. Forbis, Sulphur Springs; W. H. Yokeley, Belwood; J. R. Petree, Cleveland; R. F. Swink, Concord-El-Bethel; E. A. Lamb, Fallston; Iverson Brendle, Vale; J. M. Barber, Sharon.

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HAS NEW ADDRESS

Dear Editor:

I would like to announce through the Advocate to our many friends over the conference that our new address is Shiloh Parsonage, Route 3, Lexington, N. C.

Grady N. Dulin.

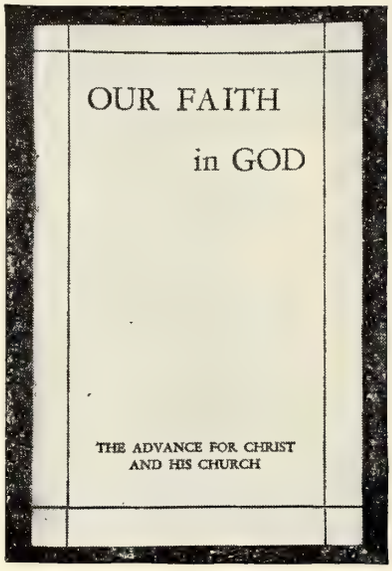
FAITH IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Editor:

It was indeed an inspiration to the thousands who gathered in Charlotte last week to hear the messages of our great churchmen as they urged us to advance!

This year's program on Our Faith is vital, basic, and will undergird the whole program of the church.

I am sorry that more of our laymen from this end of the Western North Carolina Conference were unable to attend the Charlotte meeting.



Last year a mass meeting on the financial phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church was held in Asheville as well as in Charlotte. I judge that the neglecting of the western part of the conference this year is evidence that our leaders believe we already know and practice our faith.

Is this correct?

Canton. George B. Culbreth.

"SERVICE IN ASIA"

The most effective Christian witness in Asia today is the spiritual and material help that has come from the American churches through Church World Service.

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OPEN HOUSE

The Methodist Home in Charlotte cordially invites you to Open House Thursday, November 10, from three to eight in the evening. This is the first Open House since the new residence unit was finished. Products of the craft shop will be on exhibit. Come and see your newest institution of service.

J. LUTHER SNYDER,
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REID WALL,
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Director of the Craft Shop

J. M. Ormond says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That the accurate measurement of his ministry is not his salary. It is a well-known fact that ministers are poorly paid. If ministers' salaries should be as large, for example, as those of physicians, their numbers would doubtless increase, and less confidence in God's call would be expressed. It is most important that we exalt service above salary. It is not sinful for the minister to desire enough financial income to provide adequately for himself and family. It is sinful, however, to allow salary standards to become the measurement of our success.

Is it not generally assumed that, when a minister is assigned, or called, to a church which pays a salary increase, he has had a promotion? Do we not find ourselves guilty of grading any group of ministers by the salaries they receive? Do not church officials vested with the power of appointment lay too much store upon the salary level in estimating the effectiveness of ministers?

It is one thing to achieve ministerial effectiveness which justifies a salary promotion. It is quite another thing to seek a salary increase in order to get a higher success rating.

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EDITORIAL

North Carolina to Begin CROP Week Sunday

Sunday marks the beginning of CROP Week in North Carolina. During the week farmers will be sharing the products of the soil with their less fortunate brothers overseas. From all reports the needs in many countries are still pressing. And from all indications North Carolina farmers will exceed their giving in last year's CROP campaign.

We are so fortunate that we are on the giving rather than the receiving end. This year we have enjoyed another bountiful harvest. Surely as long as God blesses us we shall be glad to share our gifts with those who have so little. In feeding the bodies of men we minister not simply to their physical needs. We help to restore their faith in man and in God.

Struggling Mississippi College Refuses to Sell Its Honor

The trustees of Jefferson Military College of Washington, Mississippi, are to be commended for turning down Judge George W. Armstrong's offer to put their tiny institution on easy street financially by a gift that would perhaps eventually total $50,000,000. The gift was not rejected because the money was not needed. The school is in desperate economic plight, and the future of the college is uncertain. The trustees turned down the offer because they were not willing to bind the institution to the wealthy oilman's requirements, among which was the requirement to teach the superiority of the Anglo-Saxon and Latin-American races and to exclude from its faculty, staff and student body persons who were communists or of African or Asiatic origin.

Speaking for the board one trustee said: "There isn't enough money in the world to make us go through with the philosophy of education based on religious bias or anti-semitic feeling."

The trustees are right. There shouldn't be enough money in the world to tempt any school, however hard pressed, to sell its soul for money. There is no place today for the teaching of racial superiority. We are proud that this college, located in the South, though its back is to the wall financially, is unwilling to become the tool of a philosophy of life that is as decadent as it is false.



The Emphasis on a Study of Our Faith Begins

This week Methodists throughout the nation begin the eight months teaching and preaching emphasis on Our Faith. As a basis for this study the Advance committee has prepared a series of eight booklets with discussions on our faith in God, in Christ, in the Bible, in love, in prayer, in immortality, in the Holy Spirit and in the Kingdom of God. Every Methodist family will want to secure and study carefully the entire series.

But Methodists who are really concerned about a deeper and more satisfying understanding of the Christian faith will not stop by reading the faith booklets. During the next eight months they will study the Bible more diligently; they will spend more time with the church school lessons; they will read more zealously our church periodicals; they will become acquainted with some of the great religious books on faith. During this emphasis the North Carolina Christian Advocate will try to be as helpful as possible in bringing to its readers informative and inspiring articles on faith.

On one occasion the Scripture states that Jesus, seeing the multitude, was moved with compassion, because they fainted and were as sheep having no shepherd. The multitude today is bewildered, confused, shepherdless. So many people today don't know what to believe. God is counting on each of us to be able to make faith intelligible, real, dependable to many about us. The place to begin is to study and know the Christian faith ourselves and to show by example the strength and the joy it affords.

Methodist Laymen Are Providing Better Parsonages

Not too long ago the average Methodist parsonage was inconvenient, unattractive, uninviting. Even though this kind of parsonage has not disappeared altogether, in North Carolina it is becoming extremely rare. The laymen in our two conferences are to be commended highly for the transformations that are taking place in the homes they are providing for their ministers. During the past several months this editor has had the good fortune of visiting two or three of these homes every week. He has been thrilled by what he has seen.

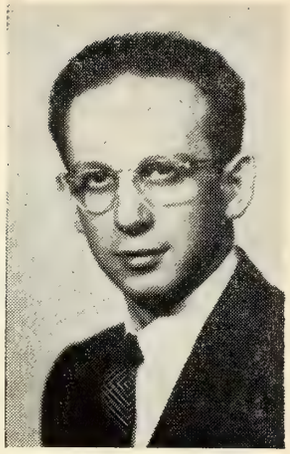
Many parsonages could be cited as examples. The parsonage of Coburn Memorial Church, Salisbury, however, the picture of which was carried in the September 8 issue of the Advocate, is indicative. This English-Colonial type building, located next to the church, has ten rooms. On the first floor there is a living room, dining room, kitchen, two bed rooms, a study and a utility room. The second floor contains two bed rooms and a large storage room. There are two fully equipped bath rooms and a half-bath room. The heating is with hot water from an automatic oil burning furnace. The brick structure has 125 electric light outlets and 15 spacious closets. The building is so arranged that a small family may live entirely on the first floor, with heat cut off on the second floor. Built at a cost of $23,000, it is thoroughly modern in every respect.

Dr. S. O. Holland, one of the members of the building committee of the Coburn Memorial parsonage, made this comment: "It was decided by the planning committee that to build a home for the minister which was modern in every respect would be an inspiration to the people toward trying to build better homes for themselves. The committee also decided that a building somewhat better and more livable than the average would be a good financial investment when all the factors which go into the appointment of a Methodist preacher are taken into consideration.

We believe the Coburn Memorial officials used sound judgment. We believe that all charges are wise to provide good homes for their pastors' families. And we feel sure that grateful parsonage families will show their appreciation by taking the best care of these lovely homes and by giving their utmost to the work of the church.

An Ecumenical Hospital Serves Nyadiri

By JOHN F. SHELDON, M.D.
Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia



The Author

(Editor's Note: Dr. Sheldon, of Vermillion, Kansas, was recently appointed to Washburn Hospital—Nyadiri's first doctor in 24 years. Here he tells of its services.)

Washburn Memorial Hospital is located in Nyadiri about 80 miles east of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, between Meewa and Mtoko at an altitude of approximately 3,500 feet in rolling land sparsely wooded with scrubby trees and bounded by great domes of granite exposed by erosion. The Nyatenga River runs through the mission property and close to the hospital. It is usually well filled with water, but this year it has been dry due to a severe drought which has hit this area. The drought has caused much concern because crops have dried up and our own water supply has been seriously threatened. Just before our only good rain, the 250-foot well on the mission almost ran dry.

The late Dr. Samuel Gurney selected the location of the hospital and built his home and dispensary in 1925. He unfortunately died before he could move into his new quarters. The present wing of the proposed hospital building was built in 1940 of burnt brick as are the buildings of the Nyadiri Mission Boarding School, which is about a mile away. Bricks are cheaper and more durable than wood which is very scarce.

Into this wing is crowded the clinic, wards for men, women and children, maternity, laboratory, surgery and a small store room. It is inadequate for all the purposes listed. A small building adjoining serves as nursery for orphaned infants and a kitchen for mixing formulae. A small three-room hut houses our contagious disease cases. We had ten cases of whooping cough, one mumps and one case of tuberculosis to fit into these rooms. Must I say they were inadequate? The "Line" consists of eighteen huts built in 1924. They are to house patients who need to be treated in the clinic but cannot return home each day. These huts are past repair. The walls have large cracks, doors hang by one hinge or are completely off. The huts cannot be completely disinfected for even with the use of insecticides, vermin live in the thatch of the roofs which are in all stages of caving in. A large ant colony has taken possession of one corner of the huts. The ant hill is about seven feet tall and four feet in diameter at the bottom.

There is now under construction a small building which will have rooms for the laboratory, clinic, storage, and classrooms for student nurses. While this extra room will solve some of the pressing problems of space, there is still much to be desired in furnishing them with proper equipment.

The laboratory technician now works in a corner of the women's and children's ward on one small table and has use of a few stains, a few broken test tubes, a broken centrifuge, no sink and no privacy. He is able to do only a few of the simplest examinations because of the poor facilities. In addition he teaches the students and gives the injections for bilharzia and syphilis. Daylight is our only illumination for the microscope.

The student nurses, natives, also work under the most severe handicap. We have inadequate facilities for maintaining a supply of hot water, sterilizing instruments and dressings. The stove in the kitchen is hardly big enough to fry two eggs yet there are always a dozen articles needing to be boiled or heated for treating the patients. (The patients or their relatives prepare their own food over small fires in the Line huts.) There is no adequate space for putting what little linen and medicines we now have. Cupboards, lockers, and tables are badly needed.

The surgery will be fairly well equipped with instruments thanks to American Methodist generosity. There is need, however, for repair of the decrepit operating table and instrument tray. Cupboards for instruments, leg holders or stirrups for the treatment table, adequate lighting, material for making sterile packs, gowns and dressings are also needed.

Screening needs to be renewed or placed for the first time. The new nursery for orphaned infants is unfinished. Infants less than three months have already been afflicted with malaria! This is a deplorable condition for a supposedly well-conducted hospital. The dormitories for student nurses are also unscreened.

We are hoping to buy new mattresses for the 26 fairly good bedsteads for adults, six cribs for children and fourteen cribs for infants. The present mattresses are old and the ticking is worn out. We are now using shredded paper and excelsior as the best substitute for rice straw which is not now available because of the drought. It would be best if the new mattresses would be of vermin-proof felt. This is the type used in the hospital for natives in Salisbury.

Eleven patients find room on the floor between the beds and use their own mats when there are no beds available. About fifteen patients from the "Line" who need medication through the night find room on the second floor. The number





First picture—
Native nurse dresses wound.

Second picture—
Washburn Hospital serves these boys.

of bed and clinic patients are not the full number occupying the hospital. Mothers accompany their children and children accompany their mothers. Several children may be present but not need treatment. The total population per day is about 150 who sleep in or about the hospital. At meal time there is hardly a patient in the wards, for if they can possibly move, they all have to go out to prepare their porridge (sadza).

The staff of the hospital consists of one doctor, myself; one supervising nurse, who is from Finland; one nurse instructor of the nursing school, Miss Ashby from California, a public health nurse using the hospital as a base for working in the outlying areas, from England; a native male laboratory technician; a native female graduate nurse: and 23 native student nurses. Four men for all work and three women for laundry and cleaning round out the staff.

Building materials are at a premium. Lumber and cement are scarce. The government restricts anything supplied by the hard dollar countries (U. S. A.) because Rhodesia does not have the dollar to spend.

The climate of this part of Rhodesia is pleasant. It is not, however, a truly healthful country if one considers the danger of malaria, bilharzia, hookworm, etc. which are prevalent. Man must fight disease, insects which destroy crops and animals, poor soil, scarcity of water, and sometimes marauding animals.

In spite of the darkness of this report, we find our new life interesting and full of possibilities for great service. The natives are appreciative for the most part and welcome the help that we can give. We hope that we can interpret them to you so you many know of their need and blessings.

Faith Is Our Greatest Weapon

By HAROLD GLENN CUTHRELL*

A militant, persevering Christian faith is the best weapon with which we can combat the twin evils of communism and materialism that threaten to undermine the foundations of our civilization.

In this atomic age fraught with uncertainty, fear and potential tragedy for mankind, when the forces of communism and materialism are seeking to desecrate the spiritual temple of civilization, Christianity is face to face with a solemn challenge and a holy crusade to defend our heritage of freedom and democracy, our way of life based upon the belief in the dignity and worth of man under the Fatherhood of God. We must accept this challenge and march forth in this crusade with a valiant spirit and an invincible faith, knowing that our cause is just and that we fight for the faith of our fathers and the brotherhood of man.

We are proud and grateful that our American heritage is based upon the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, Magna Charta, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Emancipation Proclamation, and all the immortal documents proclaiming human freedom and the dignity of man. Democracy is a political expression of Christianity. And Christianity is the saving grace of our civilization. As Christians and Americans it is our cardinal duty to enlist in the crusade to preserve our American heritage, and to keep our country free from the moral contamination of communism and materialism.

Communism is a way of life based on a ruthless totalitarian dictatorship with unlimited power, resting on coercion and violence, and not on law and morality. It means the suppression of personal liberties, and it employs the terror and brutality of the secret police and concentration camp. It is a malignant virus infecting the bloodstream of the world with atheism, hatred, contempt for the dignity of man, and international suspicion and conflict. It denies God and repudiates Christianity, and despises free enterprise, representative government, and the American way of life. It is an evil plague creeping over the earth seeking to blight and wither our Christian civilization. As J. Edgar Hoover says, we must destroy the poison of communism in this nation, or be destroyed by it.

We believe in the way of life based upon the will of the majority, in free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom from every form of tyranny over the human mind.

The philosophy of materialism with its emphasis upon the supremacy of matter, its denial of the immateriality of the soul and the spiritual interpretation of life, has brought moral deterioration to mankind. The philosophers of materialism and naturalism look upon the universe as a mechanism, cold and impersonal, without mind and heart and will. Such philosophers as Bertrand Russell contemplate the universe as an accidental collocation of atoms, destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system On man and all of his creations the slow, sure doom falls, pitiless and cruel. This theory which considers the facts of the universe to be sufficiently explained by the existence and nature of matter, blinds man to the spiritual significance and the divine purpose of life and the universe. It corrodes the spirit of man and fills him with unutterable spiritual destitution and loneliness. Materialism affirms that man is only dust, that man has no spiritual uniqueness and divine potentiality. This is a doctrine of despair and a philosophy of negation and futility. It denies that imperishable beauty and goodness are interwoven in the fabric of the universe. It denies the Christian belief which affirms that at the center of the universe there is a fatherly heart, the heart of the Eternal Father beating with compassion and love for all of His children.

The American family is being battered continuously by the tidal waves of materialism and secularism. And we are witnessing an increase in national lawlessness, immorality, drunkenness and juvenile delinquency. Thomas Mann in his Culture and Politics states: "Outwardly we live in an epoch of retrograde civilization, wherein treaties are worthless, lawlessness and disloyalty are the contagious mode."

We must arise with inflexible determination and Christian zeal to help preserve the morality and spiritual health of our society, and to help protect the sanctity of the American home and family. As ministers and laymen who love the glories and verities of the Christian faith, let us stand with indomitable fortitude against the infidelities of materialism. We stand upon the holy ground of our fathers to battle for the glory of the Lord and for the preservation of our altars and our homes.

We go forth in our crusade to help save our country from the tyranny of communism and the corruption of materialism, not with swords loud clashing and roll of stirring drums, not with bayonets and bombs, please God, but with moral implements and spiritual weapons, undergirded and armored with the living presence of the God of our fathers.

Our supreme spiritual weapon is our faith in the eternal God. We need the faith of Abraham who obeyed the voice of God and went forth into a strange land looking for the city that hath foundations whose builder and maker is God. We need the faith of Isaiah, who exclaimed: "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. . . . They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with

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*Pastor, Maxton Methodist Church.

Front Street Church, Burlington, Suffers $225,000 Loss by Fire; States Protestant Stand on School Aid

BURLINGTON CONGREGATION PLANS TO REBUILD CHURCH

A loyal and heroic congregation, led by an inspired pastor, is rising to sacrificial greatness to rebuild a church which was destroyed by fire last Friday night. In an impressive worship service Sunday morning in a downtown theatre, members of Front Street Methodist church, Burlington, gave in cash and pledges more than $81,000 to erect a new building in place of the structure that had burned 36 hours earlier and followed recommendations of their board of stewards and pastor, Rev. W. L. Clegg, to proceed at once with plans to rebuild.

The fire, of unknown origin, was discovered around midnight Friday, and was going so strong that the city fire department was unable to keep it from doing damage estimated at $225,000. The entire interior of the building together with most of its contents was left a smouldering shambles. It has not been determined whether the walls which were left standing may be used. The new $172,000 educational building which was to join the church, construction of which was just getting under way, was not damaged. The parsonage next door was also undamaged. The building was insured for $70,000.

Many members of the congregation and friends have been aroused to make sacrificial gifts to the new enterprise, according to Mr. Clegg. On Friday night as the fire raged one member of the church made the first gift which amounted to $200. A little girl brought the entire contents of her bank, which amounted to $2.91, as her initial offering. Many other evidences of sacrifice have been revealed.

Sunday morning the pastor spoke on the topic, "The Church Indestructible" before an intently interested congregation that filled the theatre. The church, he said, is both divine and human. It was founded by Christ, but it is committed to human hands.

Many church groups and other groups have offered the use of their buildings to the congregation during the period of construction of the new building.

The building, which was constructed in 1912, seated about 500. With yellow brick for the exterior and stained glass windows, it was considered one of the loveliest churches in the Burlington area. With more than 1,300 members, the church has been for years one of the strongest in the North Carolina Conference. This year approximately $120,000 had been raised toward the new educational building, which is to be completed next year. It is expected that both building programs will be carried out together, with the new sanctuary harmonizing into the program already under way.

The completed building program is expected to run in excess of $400,000.

SCHISLER DISCUSSES FEDERAL AID TO PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

NASHVILLE, TENN. — "If the Roman hierarchy prefers that its people send their children to parochial schools for secular education, that is its right and privilege, but it puts the citizens of other faiths under no obligation to provide tax funds for the support of such schools."

This was one of the points brought out recently by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, when he replied to a statement made before the local Lions Club by the Rev. Francis Shea, principal of Father Ryan Catholic High School here. In the course of his remarks Father Shea said, "Our Irish is up about the Barden bill. . . We think they're pulling a red herring across the real issue by crying that Church and State must be divided."

The Barden bill now in Congress would distribute $300,000,000 annually to public schools only. Methodists in large measure have supported the bill, according to Dr. Schisler.

Other points made by Dr. Schisler in his reply, which was published in one of the Nashville daily papers, were:

1. Most Protestant denominations use the Sunday schools, youth organizations and programs, and other means for providing sectarian instruction for the constituencies.

2. It is the right and privilege of a denomination to use whatever means which seems best to it to disseminate its peculiar doctrines and beliefs and interpretations of the Scriptures.

3. If the Roman hierarchy prefers to use parochial schools for that purpose no one in America will raise any objections, but it must be remembered that this American democracy has established the public school as a means of providing all the people of every faith, and of no faith, with the opportunity for secular education.

4. The promotion of parochial schools for secular education by the large denominations would not only tend to weaken the public schools but would prove to be a divisive force in our American life, when the need of our time is for a unifying force.

5. The public school is one of the most effective unifying agencies in our nation. It is also one of our expressions of freedom and democracy and no totalitarian power, whether it be of the church or of the state, should be allowed to weaken it.

In the matter of providing federal aid for auxiliary services (free lunches, free textbooks, etc.), Dr. Schisler said "it would allow the camel to get his nose under the tent" and make it easier for the Roman hierarchy to secure outright federal aid for all parochial school expenses.

Dr. Schisler thinks "there are grave issues lying at the root of this controversy, which go deeper than many people now realize."

THE GREAT HUMAN TRAGEDY of the refugees in Germany, Greece, the Near East and the Far East is portrayed in a new film strip to be released by Church World Service on November first. The aim is to challenge American Christians to renew their effort in giving generously for overseas relief and reconstruction especially during Thanksgiving and the day of sharing on March 12. This 70 frame, 35mm film strip with a 15 minute script may be purchased for $1.00. Address orders to: Audio-Visual Department, Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y.



Front Street Methodist Church Burlington, following a $225,000 fire last Friday night

News in Brief -- Personalities

REV. D. A. OAKLEY announces that his new address is 1107 Pine Circle Drive, High Point.

REV. R. A. HUNTER, pastor of West End church, Greensboro, announces that his new address is 1705 Madison Avenue, Greensboro.

CHARLOTTE CHURCHES held a Festival of Protestant Faith recently at First Methodist Church, with Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison of Chicago the speaker.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE Methodist students were entertained by the families of the Louisburg Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, October 16, with an automobile ride and supper.

THE QUEENS-CHARLOTTE leadership training education program began October 25 and will close November 29, with programs being held each Tuesday evening at the Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church. Ten timely courses are being offered.

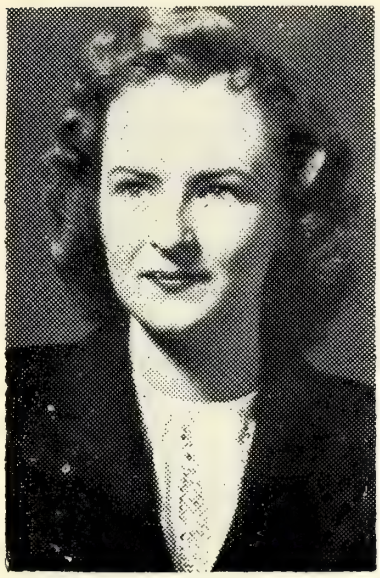
REV. W. ARTHUR KALE, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, has announced a series of vesper services on the following topics: "Can You Be Quiet?" "How to Be Unhappy," How to Judge Other People," "What Is a Clear Conscience?" and "Why Worry?"

GREENSBORO CHURCHES are holding a conference on children and youth November 2-4 at West Market Street Methodist Church and First Baptist Church. Sponsoring groups are the Ministerial Association, the Council of Social Agencies and the P. T. A.

REV. JAMES T. CLELAND, preacher to Duke University, has one of the best sermons of the year which appears in the book "Best Sermons of 1949-50," just published. Used as the first sermon in the book, the Duke minister's sermon was chosen from 6,585 submitted, and is entitled "A Religion That Sings." The anthology represents a cross section of the best preaching throughout the world, and includes 52 sermons by men of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

DUNCAN MEMORIAL CHURCH, Charlotte, held its fourth annual fish fry October 14. Proceeds from the event is approximately $1,000. The event was held on the playground immediately behind the new church building, on which work was begun in August. One interesting feature about this annual affair is the fact that men from the church give their time and pay their expenses to the coast in order to catch the fish. This year weather prevented catching more than about half the fish which were needed.

THE DAUGHTERS OF WESLEY, an adult class of Central church, Kings Mountain, of which Mrs. C. L. Jolly is president and Mrs. W. R. Craig, Jr., is teacher, is "carpet-minded." Not being satisfied with helping to furnish a carpet for the youth chapel, they added a carpet to their class room, redecorated the walls, and placed new draperies at the windows. Then when there was need of the intermediates having a room they joyfully turned this room over to them, and took another room to refinish and carpet. Also, a committee from this class has been named to secure a carpet for the sanctuary by Thanksgiving Day. Besides being "carpet-mnded," this class has a great interest in their Bible study, under their very capable teacher, Mrs. W. R. Craig.



MISS JOAN PLINT, above, assumed her duties September 1 as director of Christian education at Central Church, Mooresville. A native of Winston-Salem, Miss Plint graduated last June at Greensboro College with a major in religious education.

REV. D. A. OAKLEY of High Point was operated on last Monday at Davis Hospital in Statesville. The family requests the prayers of the readers of the Advocate.

MRS. M. C. ELLERBE of Denton was selected as "Lady of the Hour" recently by Station WBT, Charlotte, in a broadcast. Part of the citation read: "This is a lady who made her life one continuous service to others. Never saying 'I don't have time' when she is asked to render aid, this lady is quite active in all church work. The wife of the pastor of six churches, she sometimes attends as many as four services in one Sunday. She makes it a point to visit the sick and needy of all six church communities, as well as sometimes teaching Sunday school and participating in the activities of the missionary societies. . . . Through 24 years of married life this tireless worker has stood by the side of her husband, helping him in his duties as pastor of the Lowesville Methodist charge." Mrs. Ellerbe, whose husband was appointed to Denton at the recent Annual Conference, received an orchid from the radio station.

DR. JOHN OLIVER NELSON, director of the commission on the ministry of The Federal Council of Churches, was the speaker and discussion leader at the annual spiritual life retreat conducted recently by Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland. Held at Camp PO-WA-MA, near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, on a hilltop overlooking the Potomac river, the retreat followed the theme, "The Vocation Wherewith We Are Called." Dr. Nelson led the seminarians in thinking together on "Called to a Faith," "Called to a Task," and "Called to an Allegiance." The program included periods for worship, a fellowship luncheon and dinner, and a time for the sharing of spiritual experiences and prayer. Other leaders were President Lester A. Welliver, Dr. S. Paul Schilling, Rev. James H. Talley, Dr. Earl Furgeson, and Rev. Ray Deming, all of Westminster Theological Seminary.

MYERS PARK CHURCH, Charlotte, will have two distinguished speakers within the next few days. On Friday evening, November 4, U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey will address the men of the church in a supper meeting, and on next Sunday Dr. A. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University, will be the speaker at the morning worship service.

DR. E. H. NEASE held the first quarterly conference at Big Spring church October 24, after which the pastor and his family received a very gracious welcome back to the parish. A new refrigerator has been given to the parsonage. The pastor's salary was raised and at the reception following the conference the parsonage family received a generous pounding.

THE NIPPON TIMES, of Tokyo, Japan, pictured a group of young Methodist missionaries, recently sent there for three years of service under the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, visiting a repatriates' camp. The caption said: "Japanese repatriates from Soviet prison camps seeing Japan for the first time in about twelve years are treated to many strange sights. The oddest of these is the Christian missionaries in Sapporo trying to lead them in an old English folk song, 'Row, row, row your boat.' The missionaries are Japanese, Chinese, and Americans who have been sent out by the American missionary society. Travelling to almost all the repatriates' camps they work with them in readjusting them to the life in postwar Japan."

DR. CORLISS P. HARGRAVES has joined the faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md., as professor of missions and world religions. Dr. Hargraves received his education at Ohio Wesleyan University and Boston University School of Theology. After serving with distinction in the pastorate, Dr. Hargraves was put in charge of religious education in foreign fields for the Methodist Episcopal Church and later became secretary of missionary education, also for the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since unification, he has been executive secretary of the Inter-Board Committee on Missionary Education of The Methodist Church. He has traveled extensively in connection with his work, and has made personal visits to every mission field of The Methodist Church, except Middle and South Africa.

DR. DENNIS H. COOKE, president of High Point College, spoke recently at the college Y. W. C. A. luncheon. For his topic he appropriately chose "The American Girl," and stated that the American girl occupies the most enviable position in the modern world. Especially if she has the advantage of a high school or a college education. "With the changes of the modern world the most startling change has been in the progress of womanhood. A few years ago women were little better than slaves," Dr. Cooke stated. "Today all doors are open to them in all trades and professions and they are both capable and efficient in navigating their own ships." Dr Cooke paid high tribute to womanhood thus: "The American girl in her ideal sphere is not a beautiful creature of fancy to be dreamed about. She is an actualist, a living force in life, a being wrought out of human flesh, shaped by self-control and suffering, made beautiful by charity, sympathy and love."

Thomasville District to Hold Rally Thursday; Church School to Follow Advance Themes

THE CHURCH SCHOOL IN THE ADVANCE

By John Q. Schisler

A Ten-Point Program of Advance

The General Conference inaugurated a great ten-point program for Methodism's church schools. Bishop William C. Martin, general chairman of the Advance for Christ and His Church, says: "This is the Advance in the church school."

Much work entered into the development of the program based on these ten points. The executive secretaries of all the conference boards of education and others contributed to the development of these plans. They have been "boiled down" into summary form and published in a book of suggestions under the title **Our Workbook.** Certain features of **Our Workbook** will be of interest to pastors and church school workers:

1. It is easy to use in workers' meetings.
2. It gives the workers choices in selecting the items to be included in the Advance in their particular school.
3. It may serve as a means of measuring progress on the activities which are agreed upon.
4. It can be used for the remainder of 1949, and throughout 1950 and 1951.
5. The price is reasonable—25c per copy postpaid from The Methodist Publishing House.

In addition to the ten-point program, **Our Workbook** also offers help on such problems as: keeping a supply of teachers, how to make the best use of our buildings and equipment, how to get the most out of the time available, and suggestions on planning together for best results.

Any church school which uses **Our Workbook** will **advance** in this quadrennium!

Using the Faith Booklets

More pastors have asked a question about how to make good use of the booklets on **Our Faith** than about any church-wide endeavor in recent years. The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is an answer to that question. Bishop William C. Martin, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, chairman of the committee on the first objective of the Advance—the teaching and preaching mission—and Dr. Harold Mohn, the general director of the Advance, have said that the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is the best answer to this question.

The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is an extension of the fellowship idea. We have the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Young Adult Fellowship, extended sessions of the primary department and of the junior department of the church school. We have family fellowships at the church. The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship gathers together all the members of the church's families for good times at the church. It will include worship, study and enriching activities. Permeating all is the idea of joyous Christian fellowship.

Children, young people, adults will meet together for a part of the evening. There will be separate meetings of children with appropriate programs and activities, meetings of the youth in the M. Y. F., meetings of adults with discussion of the booklets on Our Faith, and other studies, forums and discussions.



DEAN HAROLD A. BOSLEY, above, of the Duke Divinity School is the featured speaker Thursday, November 3, at the Thomasville District Advance Rally to be held at the Lexington Country Club, Lexington. The meeting, which will begin at 6:45 p.m., is expected to bring together approximately 500 local church leaders and other interested church workers. Subject of Dean Bosley's address is "A Crusading Church in a Critical Age." Special phases of the conference and district program will be discussed by Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Rev. C. O. Plyler, Rev. H. L. Creech, Jr., Rev. H. C. Wilkinson, Rev. W. O. Weldon, Rev. A. J. Clemmer and A. "Stuffer" Myers. The ladies of First Church, Lexington, will serve dinner. The conference quartet, consisting of E. H. Nease, Jr., A. M. Faulkner, M. V. Thumm and J. B. Hurley, will bring special music. Rev. G. B. Clemmer, district superintendent, will be in charge of the program.

Program suggestions for every phase of the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship are contained in **Source Book.** It may be secured from the Branch of The Methodist Publishing House which serves your annual conference. 50c per copy.

Lifting World Service Giving

The first "action" program in the Advance is "lifting World Service giving to levels commensurate with world need." This means increasing World Service giving by thirty-three and one-third percent. In this endeavor, the church school has a most important part through its fourth Sunday offering. Nothing should be allowed to get in the way of this in our church schools. World Service is the main line support of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and it constitutes almost the entire support of all the other general boards and agencies of the church. Conference benevolences are the life blood of the conference boards and their work in annual conferences.

Methodist church schools have made a wonderful record in their offering to this cause, increasing from $750,000 in 1941 to $2,558,000 in 1948. This is a truly marvelous record for which our pastors and church school superintendents deserve and have the deep appreciation of a great church.

The Source of Power

Is the Advance another dead weight to be added to an already heavy load? Another program "to be put on?"

If it is, there will be no Advance. And it may be a load instead of a lift and it will be unless we discover the secret of power. The source of that power is not in the General Conference, or the General Advance Committee, or in any other general or annual conference, or local group in the church. The power is in God.

The electric power which serves our town is continuous and strong. I turned a switch in my house the other day, but no light came on. The connection was broken. The power was there, but I had to repair the connection before my house could be flooded with light.

Is this a parable? Can we advance? Yes, if people and leaders are in such relationship with Almighty God that His power may flow out through them. The better the connection, the greater the power and the further the advance.

BOARD TO PROVIDE EVANGELISTIC MATERIAL

Nashville, Tenn.—Pastors and church school workers will be interested in plans now under way by the division of the local church of the General Board of Education for printed materials for evangelism in the church school during 1950.

"Teaching for a Verdict," a popular leaflet that has been used for the past several years, has been revised, bringing it up to date for the present quadrennium. It contains general guidance for evangelism through the church school. Pastors and church school superintendents, especially, are urged to make themselves thoroughly familar with this.

Three age-group leaflets on evangelism, also in use for several years, are being revised by their respective departments and it is expected that these will be ready by the first of January. Thev are "The Teacher Leading Boys and Girls to Chrst," "The Teacher Leading Youth to Christ," and "The Teacher Leading Adults to Christ."

In addition, the division is urging that church school teachers use the leaflet "The Teacher's Responsibility List," in which the teacher may write the names, addresses and phone numbers of those members of his class who are not members of the church. The "Responsibility List" has been prepared for teachers—many thousands of them—who want practical help in the area of church school evangelism.

Plans for the distribution of these materials are being carried forward with the cooperation of the conference executive secretaries of Christian education who in 1948 reported 151,929 church school pupils joining the church on profession of faith.

NEW RELIGIOUS FILMS ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK.—Five new films being released by the Protestant Film Commission this fall and winter were announced recently by Paul F. Heard, executive secretary, at the quarterly meeting of the orgainzation's board of directors here.

One of the five, Kenji Comes Home, a movie on Christianity in Japan, was shown to board members at a special screening. Another is Prejudice, a study of the Christian approach to racial and religious intolerance.

The remaining three, Mr. Heard said, are: Birthday Party, What Happened to Jo Jo, and The Right Job for Bob.

Fremont Holds Special Services; Rev. B. A. Sisk Dies; Greensboro District Sets Advance Rally

FREMONT CONGREGATION HOLDS DEDICATION, HOMECOMING RITES

Fremont Methodists dedicated a new electric organ and memorial chimes in an impressive service last Sunday afternoon. Rev. B. P. Robinson of Raeford, former pastor, was in charge of the dedication and he was assisted by several former pastors, including Rev. L. C. Vereen of Warrenton, Rev. C. W. Robbins of Greensboro and Rev. E. R. Shuller of Williamston. J. A. Batson presided at the service and Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor, also assisted. Following the dedication service, Mrs. Joe Newsome, organist, gave an organ recital.

The organ, made possible through gifts solicited by members of the choir, was installed several months ago. The chimes were presented to the church in memory of John Lane Yelverton by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lane and Mrs. Percy Lane Hayes, grandparents and mother, respectively.

The service Sunday afternoon culminated an all-day program which began at eleven o'clock in the morning with a homecoming service. At this service the pastor, Rev. J. D. Cranford, was in charge and brought an appropriate message. Following the worship service a large crowd gathered at the American Legion building for lunch.

Many former members, former pastors and friends joined the congregation for the services Sunday.

The dedication of the organ and chimes culminates an improvement program that extends over several years. In 1946, under the leadership of Rev. B. P. Robinson, the sanctuary of the church was completely remodeled. Memorials added at that time included pews, windows, a communion table, pulpit furniture, a cross and other articles. In addition, the educational building, which had been in process of construction for several years, was completed, thus providing the congregation with adequate worship and educational and recreational facilities. Later, an outdoor bulletin board was presented in honor of Mr. Robinson.

UNION CHURCH THRIVES IN RURAL COMMUNITY

One hears so much today about Methodism's retreat from isolated rural communities that he may conclude that the trend is altogether away from the country. This, of course, is not true. In many cases the Methodist Church is moving into new rural fields. Union Church in western Harnett County is an illustration. Several years ago many families purchased small farms in this isolated community and moved in to establish their homes. Soon they realized that they needed a church. There had been churches in the communities from which they came. So they held a meeting, and they discussed the matter with Rev. F. R. Davis, pastor of the Mamers charge. He agreed with them, and they set out at once to establish a church. They met in an abandoned school building—Baptists, Methodist, Presbyterians, and people with no particular church affiliation. A revival was held. A Sunday school was organized, and the old school building continued to be the meeting place. They decided to name the church Union, for it was actually the union of all denominations. Construction on the new building was begun, with the men joining the women and children who had supported the new enterprise most enthusiastically. Duke funds were made available, and two years from the time the first meeting was held, the building was completed and dedicated. There were 26 members back in 1940 when the church was formally organized. Today there are 152 members, with 132 active. The Sunday school has 143 on the roll with about 100 in average attendance.

After nine years, through the sacrificial efforts of Rev. F. R. Davis, Rev. J. R. Regan and Rev. O. C. Melton, pastors, and an increasing number of interested and loyal laymen, Union Church is taking its place as a growing church in the North Carolina Conference.

Recently, it was the good fortune of this editor to visit this wide-awake church with the pastor, Rev. O. C. Melton, and to meet this happy rural congregation. Methodism meets its responsiblity in another rural community!



NINE YEARS OLD, EXPELLED from her Silesian home, little Keete Meyer waits to receive CROP food at a church home in Germany. The food, contributed by American farmers through the Christian Rural Overseas Program, was shipped abroad for free distribution to such needy folk as Keete. During the week of November 6-13 farm people in the majority of North Carolna's 100 counties will have opportunity to make their pledge to the 1949 N. C. CROP Friendship Food Train. Collection of food gifts will be made mainly during the ten days just preceding Thanksgiving.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT ADVANCE RALLY

The Greensboro District Advance Rally wll be held at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Thursday, November 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Speakers include Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., who will discuss the booklets on Our Faith; Mrs. W. R. Reed, who will discuss "Rearing Our Children in the Christian Faith;" Dr. Charles Phillips, whose topic is "A Laymen's Advance in the Local Church;" Rev. Kenneth Goodson, who will speak on "The Dignity of Man" and Dr. James C. Stokes, who will talk on "Our Faith in Christ." Special music for the occasion will be brought by the Little Singers of Greensboro College. The district stewards will meet during the evening to set up the financial program for the district. Rev. Herman Duncan, newly appointed superintendent of the Greensboro district, will be in charge of the meeting.

DEATH CLAIMS REV. B. A. SISK

Rev. Beattie Avery Sisk, 49, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, died in Grace Hospital, Morganton, Saturday, October 29, following an illness of several months. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from First Methodist Church, Morganton, with burial in Mountain Grove Methodist Church cemetery. Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., Rev. S. M. Needham and Rev. Emmett McLarty were in charge of the services.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lillie B. McGimpsey; two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Bauer of Durham and Mrs. G. W. MacDow of Charlotte; and two sons, Robert and Charles of Route 5, Morganton. In addition, three brothers, three sisters and five grandchildren survive.

Until June, when he retired on account of failing health, Mr. Sisk served as pastor of East End Church, Gastonia, having been sent to that appointment at Conference, 1947. Other pastorates included Micaville, Denton, Durham, Old Fort, Gilkey, Balls Creek, St. Pauls in Greensboro and Concord. He was in the ministry 23 years, serving two years as a supply pastor and 21 years as a member of the Conference. He was educated at Duke University, where he received A. B. and B. D. degrees.



Union Church on the Mamers Charge

Progress Report of Mt. Sylvan Church Proves Worth to Small Church of Laboratory on Children's Work

Edited by J. G. Phillips

FOOTPRINTS WHICH PERHAPS—

We are presenting below a description of some results of work done in the children's department under the leadership of Miss Doris Sutton while she served as conference director. These ideas seem like footprints left by an effective worker who then proceeded to march down the Pine Forest church aisle to become Mrs. Raymond Ingram, and a citizen of Raleigh. Perhaps another, seeing these footprints, will be encouraged to undertake the best and most difficult type of teacher training work in our conference. That is, we mean another director of children's work when we can find and employ one. In addition to encouragement for a future children's worker we would like to offer encouragement to districts and sub-districts in our conference where leadership can be developed to the point of engineering their own laboratory schools. Miss Margie McCarty, who represented the general board of education in our conference laboratory school last summer, recommended the latter as being the next logical step in our conference.

Laboratories at Home

Miss McCarty pointed out the difficulties arising in projecting a conference-wide laboratory school. The expense is quite high when you have to send long distances for four teachers who are certified for "lab" school work. Furthermore, so many of the women who work in the children's divisions of our local churches have home responsibilities which make it impossible for them to travel a hundred miles or two away from home and to stay away for nearly a week. Let us therefore hope that we will put into the planning for a newly-awakened leadership education program in our conference, the determination to pursue excellence in the preparation of certified teachers in our conference to the extent that we can project laboratory school work for the teachers of children in the districts and sub-districts of our conference.

Does Work in Small Churches

The conference-wide laboratory school held during this year took place at Duke Memorial church in Durham. All sizes and types of church schools were represented in the enrollment. Miss Sutton asked for a progress report from one of our rural churches of moderate size. Her thinking is that one of our greatest needs is the conviction that the latest and best ideas will work in the small churches as well as the large.

Beautiful Mt. Sylvan

Mt. Sylvan church on the Bahama charge is beautiful, if not large. It is an open country church near a public school. Workers from Mt. Sylvan attended the laboratory school and then went home and made a conscientious effort to put into effect the things they learned. The following paragraphs are in the nature of a progress report, as submitted by the superintendent of the children's division of the church school at Mt. Sylvan.

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"FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN"

Faith of our children, simple, pure,
Such a faith will long endure,
Oh, how their faces turn toward Him
Who crowns us with love's diadem.
Faith of our children, simple faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Our children born in restless days
Have found the secret of His ways.
How sweet will be their fathers' fate
When His love conquers over hate.
Faith of our children, simple faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our children, we will strive
To keep that faith and hope alive,
And by our actions and our deeds,
Minister to the Kingdom's needs.
Faith of our children, simple faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our children, we will love
Both friend and foe like God above,
And preach thee, too, as children do
By kindly words and service true.
Faith of our children, simple faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Mary Helen Culbreth,
Student, Duke University.

Go and Do Likewise

Our church school at Mt. Sylvan Methodist church probably was a little above the average of rural churches in equipment for the children's division and teaching staff for the past few years. We realized, however, that there was room for improvement and growth. When the opportunity came last June to attend the laboratory school for children's workers at Duke Memorial church, Durham, the superintendent of the children's division took advantage of the opportunity and found there the most valuable instruction possible to obtain, and so clearly demonstrated in the actual teaching of children by trained workers in this field. The student teachers gathered there from all over the North Carolina Conference, observing in four groups of children from nursery to juniors. The follow-up discussion was a period of evaluaton by the instructors daily.

Our children's division here is putting into use many of those methods of teaching now and is planning to use them all. Our aim is gradually to add to our classroom equipment and train our teachers in the most effective ways of child guidance. We are emphasizing the fact that children learn through active experiences; not just by what they hear, but what they use or do. Passages from the Bible must have meaning to them to be learned effectively. "Be ye kind one to another" is easily repeated by rote, but is learned only where they are kind to one another in their play or activites in class. Cooperation is learned by each helping with work on a project, which is for the use or enjoyment of all. Each child contributes his part, thus feeling he has a place in his class and that he belongs.

Our teachers are learning that worship follows experience and they lead up to this emotion of wonder and feeling of nearness to God through story and song. The primary children, for example, come to the class room at the opening of the church school, going to the activity part of their room and there working on the project in hand or on some assignment unfinished from last session. When studying the relationship between Abraham and Lot regarding the allotment of land, they made a frieze depicting the land of Canaan with figures on the landscape in appropriate scenes. Again, in the discussion of Jesus' boyhood friends, they made a village of Palestine in very accurate detail. Soon, they are going to begin group projects which will be of benefit to the lower age groups: Doll furniture for the nursery, and small storage cabinets for the beginners. During the latter half of the class period they are seated around the worship center before the table which holds the open Bible, picture for the day's session, and a bright flower or two in the vase.

Here the teacher tells stories, or often the children talk with her at this time about things which especially interest them. This is followed by a prayer of thankfulness for the good things God has provided. This is their time of group worship—at the close of the session.

We have learned, too, that a teacher of children must begin at the level of understanding within the child's experience—experience-centered teaching. They draw out the child's thinking from there. To learn, a child must think so, and not just say so.

Plans are being made to transform both the nursery and beginners rooms into more home-like quarters for the little ones who spend most of their time at home, thus making the transition from home to church easier for him by feeling at home in his church school surroundings. A rocking chair and rug are to be added. A table of appropriate height is already in the room around which the children either sit or stand in their play. Chairs for the children are suited to them. Plans are under way to divide the nursery group so that children under three years will have separate activities, thus permitting wider experience for the older children. In this way, too, the child gradually becomes adjusted to the church school before he is promoted to other classes.

After attending the laboratory school, we are sure that we are using child guidance to better advantage.—The Superintendent of the Children's Division, Mt. Sylvan Methodist Church, Bahama Circuit.



Mrs. Snead Elected; Kernersville Fully Organized: Winston-Salem District Active: Need Overseas Aid

Edited by MRS E. L. BALLARD
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NEW PROMOTION SECRETARY CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

After being vacant for several months, following the resignation of Mrs. L. E. Brown, and the heavy load of the presidency and promotion secretary falling on Mrs. George Dooley, Mrs. P. E. Snead, 2401 Croyden Road, Charlotte, has been elected promotion secretary of the Charlotte district. We welcome her into the fellowship and wish for her a happy and successful tenure of office.

ANOTHER NEW W.S.C.S ON KERNERSVILLE CHARGE

Our hats are off again to an energetic young preacher on the Kernersville charge, Winston-Salem district, who has a completely organized charge now, three Woman's Societies of Christian Service having been organized this year. The last organization to be formed is at Bunker Hill church and the officers elected are: President, Mrs. Delbert Clodfelter, Rt. 2, High Point; vice-president, Mrs. Edgar Idol, Kernersville; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Hedgecock, Care Lindale Farms, Rt. 6, High Point; secretary of missionary education and service, Mrs. Paul Seagraves, Rt. 2, High Point; secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Gerald Clodfelter, 2404½ S. Main Street, High Point. Rev. Clyde W. Faulkner is the pastor of this charge.

SUB-DISTRICT MEETINGS— WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

A caravan of seven women presenting a skit depicting the four point Program of Advance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as it has visited the four subdistrict meetings has brought much favorable comment from the more than 200 women who have attended. The group is composed of Mrs. Mark Rose, Mrs. H. G. Allen, Mrs. C. E. Rozzelle, Mrs. L. V. Scott, Mrs. J. W. Clay, Mrs. Sam Beck and Mrs. E. L. Ballard.

The first meeting was held at the beautiful new Love's church at Walkertown, with Mrs. James Ziglar, chairman, presiding. The president of this society, Mrs. W. A. Headen, and her committee had made detailed plans for the meeting, which is the largest sub-district in the district. Dr. G. R. Combs, newly appointed pastor of this church, brought a devotional which sounded the keynote for all the meetings when he described the winding Jericho road, as related in the story of the Good Samaritan, as a road that extends around the world and one that should be included in the prayers of all Christian people.

The second meeting was held at historic Bethlehem church on the Walnut Cove-Bethlehem charge. Rev. W. B. Royals is the new pastor of this charge and led the devotionals, basing his thoughts on the status of women in the church today. Mrs. C. J. Lambe, chairman, presided, and Mrs. Lewis and her committee not only spoke words of welcome but many acts showed it.

The third meeting was held in the beautiful new church at Pilot Mountain with Rev. L. P. Barnett, pastor, leading the devotional. Mrs. A. B. Macon, chairman, presided, and Mrs. W. R. Reed welcomed the group. A lovely solo was sung by Mrs. Kent Swanson, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. G. M. Nichols.

The fourth meeting was held at Shiloh church on the Sparta-Antioch charge. Rev. J. L. Johnson, Jr., is pastor of this charge and led the devotional service. Mrs. Fred Hobson is chairman of this subdistrict.

Four new societies have been organized in the Winston-Salem sub-district, three of these being on the Kernersville charge and making a completely organized charge, and the fourth being on the Mt Pleasant charge, also making a complete organization. Reports from all the societies represented showed definite progress, especially along the line of study. The district officers in making their reports commented on the large number already having held or planning jurisdictional classes.

EXECUTIVE MEETING— WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

The officers of the Winston-Salem District Woman's Society of Christian Service attended almost 100% the executive luncheon meeting held at the Y. W. C. A. October 11. This is a regular quarterly affair and the members look forward to this short while together to plan the work. Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, president, presided. Mrs. C. C. Weaver was not only warmly welcomed but presented as the new secretary of missionary personnel, succeeding Mrs. R. G. Smith.

The secretaries reported a decided improvement in the number of reports received from the societies last quarter, Mrs. L. V. Scott, secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, having received 52, the highest number yet. Mrs. Sam Beck reported that the Winston-Salem district sends out more "blue cards" to students than any other district. More than 10,000 coupons have been given the Bethlehem Center from this district. Mrs. T. L. Speas asked for help in handling the literature at the district meetings and seminars since the demand on this department is steadily growing.

MCOR PACKAGES

The new secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Cicero Groome, is asking that local societies send MCOR (Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief) packages as Christmas gifts to the suffering people overseas. Send money for this purpose to Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York. $2.50 will buy and ship a new pair of children's shoes. $5.00 gives a warm meal daily to a child for three months. $10.00 buys and ships 150 pounds of special relief cereal made of whole wheat, oats, and soybeans.

Remember these facts when you shop: For the price of a package of chewing gum you can feed some child for one day.

For the price of a sundae MCOR can buy enough medicine to cure one child of malaria.

For the price of a movie ticket MCOR can ship a heavy winter overcoat to some shivering person in Europe.

During this year MCOR has shipped over 16,000 pairs of new shoes, a carload of flour, and 30,000 pounds of multipurpose food. Recently the Pullman Company offered relief agencies in the United States slightly-used blankets for $2.00 each. MCOR, in an act of faith, bought 10,000 of them and shipped them—4,000 to China, 2,000 to Japan, 1,450 to Germany, 1,000 to Korea, 600 to Poland. This faith was justified by contributions from Methodists all over the United States. Wouldn't you like to have a share in this? If so, send your contributions to MCOR at the above address.

Save and send clothing, bedding, and shoes, all clean and usable, to Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. And when sending goods to CWS Center, if you will send ten cents a pound to help pay the cost of packaging and forwarding, it wil be appreciated.

Any work done along this line may be credited to your report in Christian Social Relations at the end of the quarter.

THE COUPON CAMPAIGN

Coupons continue to come in to the Bethlehem Center at Winston-Salem in large numbers. Remember 600 coupons will pay for a foot of the fence around the Center and Mrs. Shelly, conference secretary of supply work, has figured that a total of 830 coupons from each society in the conference would pay for the fence. A great many societies have sent in many more than 830, but some have not responded at all. Remember, too, that if they have expired they are still good at the Center, so send them in anyway.

Those sending in coupons since the last report are: Bethany (Liberty), 2,466; Pleasant Garden, 649¼; College Place, 589; Midway, Greensboro, 655; East Flat Rock, 591; Marvin Chapel, 1,394; Central Terrace, 954½; Morris Chapel, 1,323½; and another 169 from Centenary, Winston-Salem, making a total of 2,206 in all. Please give the proper information on the package when sending them in, if you want proper credit.

CARAVAN—SALISBURY DISTRICT

The Salisbury District Caravan was held October 13 at Mt. Pleasant Church, Cabarrus County, with a good attendance of women and six pastors present. In Rowan County, the meeting was held at Granite Quarry, also with good attendance and five pastors present. New London church was hostess in Stanly County, where a goodly attendance and five pastors greeted them. Every charge in Stanly County was represented.

The five conference officers in the district along with the district officers presented the four goals, after the presentation of the Advance Program by the chairman. This was followed by a most impressive dedication service.

Mrs. R. E. Bisel, Secretary.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS MEETING AT COLLEGE PLACE

The secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities and the corresponding secretaries in the circles of College Place church, Greensboro, met at the home of Mrs. Ira C. Shelley, October 20, to make plans for the fall work.

A bazaar was planned for November 17, to be held at the Wesley House on Tate Street, and will be an all day affair with a chicken pie supper in Fellowship Hall at night. Proceeds from this bazaar and supper will pay off an obligation to the junior board of stewards for the painting of the sanctuary.

Former Student Promoted; Visit Several Charges; Children Visit Fair; Students Feted

By L. C. LARKIN

A BUSY AND BEAUTIFUL YEAR

This page will come from the press while our conference is in session in Sanford. To all of our loyal friends we would express our sincere affection and appreciation.

It does not seem possible that 52 weeks have slipped by since we were together in Greenville. We have been improving our grounds and the equipment, and it is the conviction of this writer that our children are adding to their spiritual stature as the months go by.

You cannot share the pain and the pleasure of these young people without falling in love with them. They always are glad to do the things you ask them to do to the very best of their ability. The members of our conference are making investments each year in this program of child care and training. These investments are paying off in a type of Christian citizenship that makes our hearts glad.

The superintendent and his family shall strive at all times to keep faith with the church and these deserving children.

BARS TO BRITT

When our former students are honored, we are made happy. I have just received a copy of "The Forge." This comes from the Valley Forge General Hospital. On the front page comes this news, "Ethel Jane Britt has been promoted to the rank of captain." Ethel was reared in the Orphanage, and graduated from Rex Hospital as a nurse. After serving overseas, she was assigned to the Valley Forge Hospital in 1947.

To Captain Britt we offer our congratulations.

A TRIPLE TREAT

Sunday, October 16, was filled with happy experiences for the superintendent and two groups of children. We arrived in Selma in time to attend church school and visit different classes. At 11 o'clock the pastor, H. B. Baum, presented us to his members for a worship program.

After the service was over we drove to Mt. Pleasant church, near Bailey. The picnic lunch was waiting for our children and they were all set for a bountiful meal. This was harvest week end at Mt. Pleasant. This is one of the oldest and most progressive rural churches of our conference.

In the afternoon our children spoke to a large and responsive congregation.

The superintendent returned to Raleigh to leave seven children and pick up another party for the third trip of the day.

The moving picture film on our campus activities was shown in our church in Lillington at the evening hour. The people seemed glad to see the picture and hear the program presented by our young folks.

HEADACHES AND HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, October 18, was Wake County Day at the State Fair. School children were granted free admission. The students from the sixth grade up were permitted to spend the afternoon at the fair grounds.

At nightfall the bus brought in the crowd of children thoroughly exhausted after a busy afternoon. The matrons did not have to call "bed time" or "lights out" for each child seemed glad of the chance to stretch out for a night of refreshing sleep.

One junior boy, who did not take in the fair put on an exciting show of his own. When the campus was deserted, this youngster slipped out to the shed, and cranked up the farm tractor. He had never driven one before but he was cutting capers with this machine about the campus when Coach Fred Smith came on the scene. We are thankful no damage was done to the boy or the tractor.

Holidays can be happy and helpful days, but they call for careful planning and supervision.

SHINING HOURS

Sunday, October 23, was an ideal day to drive over country roads and enjoy the beautiful fall colors. Our group of children took part in a worship service at Andrews Chapel. The pastor, M. M. Meredith, and his members, gave us a royal welcome

At the noon hour we were entertained by four of the families that live near the church.

On our way back we visited the Raleigh-Durham airport. Some of the children saw for the first time a large passenger plane make a landing, and later take off for a distant city.

In the late afternoon the orphanage car was reloaded and we were off for Fuquay Springs. The seven members of our team visited four homes for the evening meal.

Three of our young people are clothed by friends at Fuquay. The members of this church presented the superintendent with a generous offering that was over and above their asking for the year. For every expression of their love we are grateful.

HONOR STUDENTS HAPPY

We are greatly indebted to the Fidelity class of Edenton Street church school for their interest in our children. Every six weeks the members of this class entertain those of our high school who make the honor roll. This reward for good conduct and faithful work is a constant incentive and encouragement to our young people to put forth their very best effort.

On Saturday, October 22, members of this class carried our honor students to the Duke-V. P. I. football game in Durham. After the game they were served a spaghetti supper at Edenton Street church. We are truly grateful for the wonderful work promoted by these friends. Principal Madison is the teacher of this class.

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Sarah Hill and Freddie Carroway escort Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, president, Woman's Society of Christian Service of N. C. Conference, to car. Mrs. Cutchin met with other officers of the society here recently.

God Comforts His People

Isaiah 40-41; 42:5-9; 54:61; 63:7-9; Luke 4:14-21

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

There are two wonders that impress us as we read Old Testament prophecy. One is the way in which the hopes of the prophets were utterly disappointed and the other is how, in other ways and at later times, they were far more wonderfully fulfilled than the prophet had pictured.

The great prophet of the exile who proclaimed the return of Israel from the Babylonian captivity seemed to feel that history was on the point of a glorious consummation. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. And Israel was actually allowed to return to Palestine by the decree of Cyrus. But when they got back to their home land, instead of setting up a Utopia we learn, as we read Isaiah 57-58, that the prophet is horrified as he sees the gross injustice imposed upon the poor and the idolatry which is shockingly in evidence. Nevertheless these chapters are also full of a thrilled and glowing sense of the time when God's people will all be righteous and the nations will honor and pay tribute to them. But what happened? Israel never regained its independence as a nation and Israel did not receive its Messiah when he came but crucified him, and shortly afterwards Jerusalem was utterly destroyed, and now for nearly two thousand years the Jews have been wanderers in the earth.

And yet at the same time Israel's literature has become the Bible of unnumbered millions throughout the world. Everywhere it is read, and Israel's crucified Messiah is the comforter of the sorrowing and the hope of the bereaved; and the leading nations of mankind bow down and worship him as their divine Saviour. God's way of thus accomplishing his purpose in spite of man's perversity illustrates the Scripture, My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways; for as high as the heavens are above the earth, so are my thoughts than your thoughts and my ways than your ways.

One is especially impressed by the prophet's faith that God's purpose to bring in the reign of righteousness will be fulfilled in the way in which, when seed is sown in the garden, the earth causes it to bring forth and bud. He believed that what we today would call the natural laws of the universe are working for righteousness and for the glorification of the true, loving heavenly Father, and for the enthronement of the Redeemer.

The prophet had waited upon God in the darkness and desolation of the exile and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit he had mounted up with wings as eagles. So he summons us all to look up to the stars and note how unfailingly they obey the behests of the Most High, and to remember that this God is our God, and no plan of his will be permanently thwarted; because God's persistence in carrying out his gracious purposes is infinite, and he will impart to us, if we wait on him, something of his own indomitable perseverance and we shall run and not be weary, we shall walk and not faint.

The words, The spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted and proclaim liberty to the captives are peculiarly impressive to the followers of Jesus, for it is these words that he read in the synagogue at Nazareth and proclaimed that they were fulfilled in him. They describe both his life purpose and his life accomplishments. Blessed are we if we so consecrate ourselves to him that by his grace we may also say that they are fulfilled in our lives, and we have received power to bind up the broken-hearted, and set men free from the fetters of sin and superstition.

FAITH IS OUR GREATEST WEAPON

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wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." We need the faith of Martin Luther who stood before the imperial pomp and power of the court of the Emperor of Germany and the dignitaries of the Roman Church and fearlessly proclaimed his belief in the freedom of the individual conscience and the spiritual liberty of mankind, saying "I will not recant, so help me God, because to act against God is unholy and unsafe." Listen to Dr. Wilfred Grenfell offer this testimony: "Faith is something to use. The more I use it the more I have. I have seen God's guiding hand in the events of my life as plainly as I ever saw a pilot's hand directing my vessels on the many coasts I have sailed." St. Paul wrote: "For your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." We belong to that holy and valiant company who through faith subdued kingdoms, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in the fight, and turned to flight the armies of the aliens. As St. John affirmed: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

With faith we can live in creative union with God, and possess the power to live calmly and courageously in this age of universal restlessness and moral chaos. Man must have his heart filled with faith and the beauty of God if he would have the spiritual mastery over the material forces of the universe. There must be a spritual awakening with God taking complete possession of human hearts or man will go forward to doom to mingle his dust with Ninevah and Tyre. The spiritual regeneration must come to the world if man is to direct atomic energy into channels of creative service and beneficient enterprises for humanity.

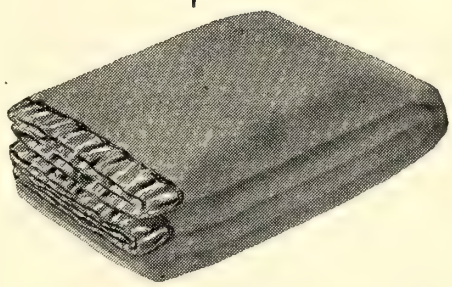
Remember this always. You will find that charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the kettle of soup and the basket of bread, but you must keep your gentleness and your smile; giving soup and bread isn't all. That, the rich can do. It is only because of your love that the poor will forgive you the bread that you give them.—(A quotation from the moving picture Monsieur Vincent).

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In Memoriam

Mrs. W. W. Spencer

Durants Neck.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of New Hope church in Durants Neck, Perquimans charge, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our beloved member and co-worker, Mrs. W. W. Spencer who passed away very unexpectedly on June 24, 1949.

The whole community has been saddened by her passing and her presence will be missed at her regular church service, Sunday school class, missionary society and other community activities in which she took an active part.

We grieve that she has gone from us but we know that her influence for good will live on among those with whom she came in contact and with whom she was associated.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her grief-stricken husband and children to whom she was beautifully devoted and pray that they may find comfort in the knowledge that our Heavenly Father is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

Resolved, That this tribute be entered in the records of the Woman's Socety of Christian Service, a copy be sent to her family and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—Mrs. L. R. Webb, Mrs. C. W. Griffin.

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A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine

By Gertrude D. McKelvey

It was a great day for Donald, but it was a blue day for Kirk. Donald lived in the country where his father had a greenhouse, but Kirk lived in the city where the houses were close together with no space for flower gardens.

Donald was happy as he hitched his pony to the flower cart. Twice a week he drove the cart loaded with flowers into the city. His father claimed that Donald always sold more flowers than anyone else in the family. The boy whistled a tune as he carried the freshly cut flowers to fill the large buckets of water that lined the cart. The cart looked as though it would burst with the glorious color and fragrance of the flowers.

Yes, Donald was happy as he prepared to go into town, but Kirk was not one bit happy. He had the mumps! All day long he could do nothing but sit at the window and look down upon the city streets.

Donald dropped the small red and white striped awnings that hung neatly from the roof of his cart on both sides, then the back and front ones. This done, he climbed into the driver's seat, content that his flowers would not wilt in the morning sun.

"Giddap, Trotty!" called Donald as he gently flapped the reins over his pony's back. Long ago he had named the pony Trotty because of the trot-trot sound his small hoofs always made. Donald thought up a song as he went along. At first he sang it softly until he had it all composed. Then because he thought it was a good song he sang it louder:

"It's a merry merry day,
And I'm on my merry way
To take my plants and flowers
To the children of the towers!"

Somehow the city houses in tall buildings always made Donald think of towers. By the time he reached the city he was singing at the top of his voice. People smiled as they turned to look at the boy and some even called hello! As he reached the part of the city where he was known, his customers came out of the houses one by one to buy his flowers. By one o'clock he had only one bunch of gladioli left.

"Time for lunch, Trotty," Donald said, pulling the feed bag over the pony's head. Climbing up into the seat of his cart, he got out his own lunch and began to eat. It was when he raised his thermos cup to his lips for a drink of cool chocolate milk his mother had given him, that he saw the boy. From the third floor front window the boy looked down on Donald with a sad face.

"Hello!" called Donald.

"What's your pony's name?" asked the boy without smiling.

"I named him Trotty," answered Donald. "What's your name? Mine's Donald."

"Kirk," answered the boy.

"Come on down and see my pony," called Donald.

"Can't," answered Kirk, in a most discouraged tone. "I've got the mumps and I have to stay here for another whole week!"

"That's tough!" said Donald. "I had mumps once. Well, guess I'll start for home now."

"Are you coming back again?" asked Kirk, now eagerly.

"Oh, sure," answered Donald. "I come here twice a week as long as the flowers last. Be back on Friday."

"I'll watch for you."

"O. K.!" called Donald, as he started off with a giddap to Trotty.

Donald was several blocks away from Kirk's apartment when the idea struck him. He turned Trotty about and headed back to Kirk's house. The boy was gone from the window. Donald hurried up the three flights of stairs and rang the bell.

"Is this where Kirk lives?" he inquired of the woman who opened the door.

"Yes, I am his mother." She smilled as she said, "I'm sorry I can't ask you in. . ."

"Oh, I know he has the mumps," broke in Donald. "I talked to him from the window. I just wanted to leave these flowers for him—and this puzzle that I've been carrying around in my pocket. Maybe he can figure this thing out for me!"

First he handed Kirk's mother the gladioli. Then he pulled his hand out of his pocket and gave her a bunch of small links that looked much like keys.

When Donald climbed into his cart again, Kirk called from his window, "Hey, thanks a million! And I'll be seeing you Friday."

Mumps or no mumps, Kirk was now grinning from ear to ear. Donald drove off singing his song at the top of his voice again. But all Kirk could make out as he listened was something about a merry day.

"It sure is!" agreed Kirk, smilingly.—In The Christian Advocate.

Tuneless Birds

Pancakes make the butterfly
When frost has landscaped window panes.
Butterflies in summer try
To paint the gardens and the lanes.

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(See schedule in issue of October 20)

Charlotte District
Edgar H. Nease, D. S.
1100 Queens Road, Charlotte, 7, N. C.
Telephone 4-7489
(See schedule in issue of Oct. 6)

Gastonia District
W. A. Stanbury, D. S.
606 S. York Street, Gastonia, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of Oct. 6)

Greensboro District
Herman F. Duncan, D. S., 320 East Greenway N., Greensboro, N. C.
Telephone 2-3045

November

College Place, 7:30 4
Pleasant Garden, 7:30 6
Glenwood, 7:30 7
Carraway Memorial, 7:30 8
Hinshaw Memorial, 11 13
Bethel, 7:30 13
Grace, 7:30 14
Gibsonville, 7:30 16
Mt. Pisgah, 7:30 21

Marion District
John Hoyle, Jr., D. S.
P. O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of October 20)

Statesville District
J. H. Armbrust, D. S., Statesville, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of October 27)

Salisbury District
Walter B. West D. S., Salisbury, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of October 27)

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George B. Clemmer, D. S.
11 Mock Street, Thomasville
Telephone 304
(See schedule in issue of Oct. 13)

Waynesville District
C. N. Clark, D. S., Box 95, Phone 743
Waynesville, N. C.

November

Franklin, 11 6
Franklin Ct., 2:30 6
Macon Ct., 11 13
W. Macon, 2:30 13
Cullowhee, 11 20
Webster, 2:30 20
Highlands, 11 27

December

Whittier, 11 4
Cherokee, 3 4
Bryson City, 11 11
Shady Grove, 7:30 11
Junaluska, 11 18
Crabtree, 2:30 18

January

Bethel, 11 1
Hazelwood, 7:30 1
Waynesville, 11 8
Canton, Central, 11 15
Sylva, 11 22
Clyde, 11 29

Winston-Salem District
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898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem
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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Richmond Area
Bishop W. W. Peele
Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

Annual Conference, Steele Street, Sanford, November 2-6

In Memoriam

Mrs. J. A. Bowles

Greensboro.—On September 12, 1949, Mrs. Mollie Bowles slipped away to heaven to be forever with her Lord whom she loved and served so faithfully through a long life. As the beloved wife of Rev. J. A. Bowles, she had spent most of her life in the parsonages of western North Carolina, and so accustomed had she become to moving, it seemed strangely fitting that her last move should have been so close to conference time. "They had finished her crown in glory and she couldn't stay away from the coronation."

Mrs. Bowles was a good wife, a good mother, a valued friend and a lovely Christian. Quiet and unassuming, she possessed many Christ-like virtues, but in none did she excel more than in the grace of humility.

Her friends at Muirs Chapel church, Greensboro, will miss her greatly.—The Woman's Society of Christian Servcie, Mrs. A. A. Wall, President.

Giles M. Crowder

Roxboro.—The board of stewards of Person charge Methodist churches in session October 5, paused in silence and prayer in memory of Giles M. Crowder who passed to his eternal reward September 12.

For many years Brother Crowder served in official capacity at Oak Grove church and was both trustee and steward at the time of his departure from us.

Having reached the age of 83 years Brother Crowder had lived both a long and useful life. He will be greatly missed, but we are sure that his good influence will live on through years to come.

The stewards of Person charge extend heartfelt sympathy to his beloved wife and all members of the family, and pray that our Heavenly Father may comfort us and that His grace may sustain us through the coming years.—J. Burton Satterfield, Ralph Long, Luther M. Clayton.

Mrs. Eva Paschall Lewis

Henderson.—On Tuesday, July 19, 1949, Mrs. Eva Paschall Lewis was suddenly called from our midst. She was a member of the Methodist church of Henderson, also a very active circle leader of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Lewis was at all times aware of the needs of others and never tired of administering to those in need.

With sad hearts, the members of circle number four of the Woman's Society of Christian Service give up their faithful and kind leader.

We wish to pay tribute to our loyal friend by the following resolutions:

First, That by her death the church and Woman's Society of Christian Service have lost a faithful member, the community a kind and thoughtful friend to all who passed her way, to her family a devoted mother and sister.

Second, That we extend to the family our deepest sympathy, with the prayer that God in His grace will uphold, strengthen and comfort them.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the local paper, a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.—Mrs. L. R. Gooch, Mrs. B. A. Scott.

Henry Turner Spears

Lillington.—Henry Turner Spears, son of Col. J. A. Spears and Martha Louise Turner Spears, was born at Old Summerville in Harnett County June 21, 1859, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Lee Johnson, Lillington, January 7, 1949, after a long lifetime spent in the service of his Lord and of his people. On December 19, 1888, he was happily married to Miss Lucie McKay who was his devoted and inspiring helpmate and companion for more than 57 years, until her death September 12, 1946, and to this happy union were born the following sons and daughters: Marshall Turner Spears, Joseph McKay Spears, John Wesley Spears, Lucile Caroline Spears who married Walter Lee Johnson, and Martha Isabel Spears who married John M. Mullen, all of whom survive.

While still a young lad Mr. Spears gave his heart to God and became a faithful member of the Lillington Methodist church; and for more than a generation he was on the official boards of his church and served for many years as chairman of its board of stewards. His life was wrapped up in his church and he was instrumental in the building of two houses of worship during his life, devoting a large part of his time to the needs of its varied interests. He was always a cheerful and liberal contributor to all its causes, and so long as his health permitted he was a constant attendant on its services.

Mr. Spears was a member of the class of 1879 of the University of North Carolina, and was a member of the old students' club, composed of former students who graduated 50 years or more ago.

As a young man Mr. Spears was a public school teacher and taught in many of the public schools of his county. In 1886 he was elected register of deeds of his county and served until 1894, declining to stand for re-election. He was one of the stalwarts of his political party and for many years he was its treasurer. In 1903 he was the energizing force which organized the Bank of Lillington and served as the bank's cashier and/or president until his death.

In addition to taking an active interest in his church all his life, Mr. Spears was interested in all civic affairs looking to the betterment of his community and people, and was never too busy to give of his time and means in all worthy causes, and never happier than when he could come to the aid of some neighbor who was in need.

As the sun was sinking in the west on the beautiful afternoon of Sunday, January 9, all that was mortal of Mr. Spears was tenderly laid to rest by the side of his devoted wife in the family plot in Summerville cemetery in the presence of a great throng of sorrowing friends and neighbors. The last rites were conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. A. Tew, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. H. L. Hendricks.—W. A. Tew, Pastor.

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What Worship Means to Me

By Mrs. A. C. Thompson

(Editor's Note: This illuminating article appeared in the parish paper of Calvary Church, Durham, where Mrs. Thompson is a member.)

What does worship mean to you? To me it is the most glorious experience in living. It is a conscious act and attitude of yielding the soul to the influence of God's love for inspiration, direction, and power. It can happen anywhere, any time, but personally, I find that my church on Sunday is the place most conducive to worship.

Now, I know you would not read all this if I should try to analyze worship in its fourfold aspects; so let me just talk to you right out of my heart and tell you what the worship service does to me. I think I am not far wrong, for the whole order of service is planned with unity and meaning to lead the worshippers in the attitudes of adoration, affirmation, confession, and dedication.

First, the organ prelude helps me to relax my body and erase all thoughts from my mind in preparation for worship. The choral invocation, with my minister standing behind the sacred desk, silently waiting for God to touch him and speak through his voice, lifts my soul in adoration to God for His goodness. In joyous gratitude I sing with you the opening hymn of praise and affirm my faith in the Apostles' Creed.

With the consciousness of God's presence there comes to me a sense of my unworthiness and a vital need for confessing my sins. It is so good to have my preacher help me do this, for he is trained in the technique and psychology of prayer. I know God listens to him, for he expresses what I would like to say to God so much more effectively than I can. I hope none of you miss the thrill of exultation like that which floods my soul during those few moments of silence following the prayer. The glad assurance of God's forgiveness stirs me to seek a greater vision of His will. Everything that follows helps me to see that. Even the announcements can be a challenge to activity or service instead of an annoyance. I know!

How does the offering affect you? If you give because you feel you must, surely you have missed one of the highest joys of true worship—that of dedication. Here's how I feel. God is the Giver of all I am and have. In recognition of that fact, the little part that I gladly give back to Him must be the first part of every check—clean, new money at that. It is a satisfying way of saying, "I love you, God." How wonderful to hear Him declare His love for me through the voice of my choir!

The climax of the worship service is, of course, the voice of God through the sermon. This is something far more comprehensive than the mere words the preacher uses to develop a given thought or text. In this atomic age, perhaps someone will discover the nature and unbelievable possibilities of the powerful force which flows from God through the heart of a consecrated minister to give illumination to all who truly listen. This outpouring of God's immeasurable love gives me everything I need and want. The sweetest rest when I am tired, swift illumination when the way is dark, love and understanding when I am discouraged, and always an inspiration to become more like the Great Teacher.

May God make it so with you.

UNREST IN THE HOME AFFECTS THE NATION

"Discussion has been centering around unrest among nations of the world; we have forgotten that much of that unrest has its center in the home and in the attitudes of the mother and children in the family. Unless the family is living a satisfying life, you have instability and with instability the unrest that is our concern today. What I know of village life convinces me that its greatest need is in its homes. And the mother in the village home needs help in every aspect of her life. The woman in the city has all kinds of contacts and facilities for learning and acquiring new interests, that are not available to the village woman. The imperative of the Christian church, therefore, is to enrich the life of the village home. I do not think we can ever feel we have touched the problems in any country until we move to the focal point of Christian life which is in the children—in the atmosphere of the home,"—Miss Mary Sweeny.

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Symbolizing the Peace Message

By CHARLES F. BOSS, Jr.



THE NEW EMBLEM of the Commission on World Peace is a descending dove with outspread wings superimposed upon a globe almost surrounded by a wreath of olive leaves. The circle embraces the continents and suggests the one world to be achieved. The olive branches, long recognized as a symbol of peace, embrace the globe. The globe, the outline of continents, and the olive branches might properly represent the human aspects of world peace. We need also to symbolize the eternal reality of God from whom we derive the spiritual foundations of peace. Thus, in the descending dove is represented the Spirit of God coming to earth to dwell among and give peace to men of good will. This Spirit now inspires men to attempt worldwide cooperation, endeavoring to promote international reconciliation. The beautiful lines of harmony in the symbol suggest a world fellowship of Christians united in love by the Spirit of God, a spirit of peace and good will to develop all around the world a common program, which will lead men into ways of meeting their needs, deriving their satisfactions, and achieving their joys in harmony with the will of the eternal God. God-sustained fellowship between men of all nations, races, colors, and classes, is the eternal foundation of permanent peace for mankind.

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GUIDE FOR PASTORS IN SETTING UP BUDGET, N. C. CONFERENCE

1. Part I of report:

World Service and Conference Benevolences to be the acceptance as agreed with the district superintendent.

2. Part II of report:

The three items listed in this section equal 20¾% of pastor's salary.

The Episcopal fund, 1¾%.

Salaries of district superintendents, 5%.

Conference Claimants, 14%.

3. Part III of report:

a. Orphanage, same as last year, 7% of total money raised.

b. Minimum salary fund (formerly sustentation fund), 2½% of total money raised.

c. College sustaining fund, 2% of total money raised. This equals 2/7 of the orphanage apportionment.

d. Golden Cross and Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., for Central Home for the Aged in Durham (equal parts), 2% of total money raised, same as item above. This is to be raised as a Special on Mothers' Day or by other means.

e. Camp Don-Lee building fund. It is recommended that you accept 1/8 of the amount of your World Service acceptance for 1948-49. All of the above except Camp Don-Lee fund to be remitted to Conference Treasurer, C. A. Dillon. Remit Camp Don-Lee money to T. J. Collier, Treasurer, Bayboro, N. C.

4.Ministers' Retirement Fund, 1%, pastors' salary basis.

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SET-UP MEETINGS, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

District	Place	Date
Durham	Carr, Durham	Nov. 21
Elizabeth City	Hertford	Dec. 6
Fayetteville	Fayetteville	Nov. 22
New Bern	New Bern	Nov. 30
Raleigh	Edenton Street	Dec. 5
Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.	Nov. 18
Wilmington	Grace, Wilmington	Nov. 29

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The Rocky Mount District set-up meeting will be held on Friday, November 18, at First Church, Rocky Mount, beginning promptly at 10 o'clock in the morning. Pastors, charge lay leaders, stewards, trustees, Sunday school officials, woman's society leaders, and many others are expected for this most important gathering when the work of the new conference year is to be projected.

A. J. Hobbs, Dist. Supt.

NOTICE TO PASTORS WHO ARE MOVING

In order to receive your paper promptly, all pastors assigned to new charges are requested to send their new addresses to the North Carolina Christian Advocate at once.

THANKS HIS CONGREGATION

Dear Editor:

N. L. Oliver and family of the Asbury charge wish to express their appreciation to the people for the gracious reception given them upon their arrival. The pastor and family arrived around eight o'clock the evening of October 4, and some of the good ladies had a delicious meal prepared. The following week the four churches gave a pounding. The people share their many nice things with the pastor. It is the humble opinion of the pastor that they feel that they did not get as big a preacher as they had, so they propose to do something about it. Many thanks and prayers for them.

N. L. Oliver.

R. F. D. 3, Lincolnton.



NEW MATERIALS FOR EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

A series of materials for conducting the every member canvass in the local church has just been released by the World Service Agencies.

The materials have been offered to district superintendents in quantities as needed to be sampled to pastors at quarterly conferences, district and sub-district meetings, and on other occasions. The pastor will then order whatever quantity of each item in the series he requires for conducting the every member canvass in his parish.

Quoting from some of the literature in the series, "The great need of the church is vital spirituality. But this has to be mixed with financial resources if it is to accomplish the Lord's work. The every member canvass is a necessary function if we are to keep every member informed concerning what the church is doing at home and abroad. Many gladly give more when they know the needs."

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J. M. Ormond says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That he is doomed to failure, or at best to become a ne'er-do-well, unless he forms and maintains studious habits. The cynical Dean Inge is quoted as saying: "Churches are places where half-converted people are talked to by half-educated ministers." Although we don't agree with this harsh criticism, yet there are far too many ministers who think they were called to preach but were not called to a life of continuous study. Some young ministers who appreciated education enough to go through college and seminary are failing to see the necessity of maintaining the habit of well-selected and diligent study.

Because of a shortage of well-trained ministers the church is forced to use an increasing number of supplies, many of whom have little or no advantage of higher education. It is all the more essential that these persons rigidly discipline themselves in hard study if they are to achieve satisfactory usefulness. Only with the utmost of care and alertness of intellect can the human mind satisfactorily grasp and efficiently transmit spiritual truth. The incarnation of this truth is the end we seek, but we can never attain such end, in either our own lives or those to whom we minister, until we intelligently comprehend it and faithfully propagate it.

Dr. Willard L. Sperry, in his recent book "Jesus Then and Now" observes: "We need in America today, both for the ends of democracy and Christianity, the small groups of like-minded and courageous individuals united in a common attempt to translate ideals into fact." Isn't this what we want to do in our congregations? First let us know the truth, then we can hope to be free.

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Outstanding Speakers and Good Fellowship Characterize North Carolina Annual Conference

By practically every test the eleventh session of the North Carolina Annual Conference which closed at Steele Street Church, Sanford, last Sunday was outstanding. From the opening service Wednesday through the closing service Sunday afternoon the Conference was characterized by wholesome good humor, genuine fellowship, deep spirituality and high inspiration. Each day the 600 ministers and laymen together with a large crowd of visitors came early and stayed late.

There were many reasons for the outstanding character of the Conference. For one thing, the committees had made careful preparation. The program committee selected outstanding speakers. Each speaker made a definite contribution to the Conference. Moreover, the local planning committee had anticipated every need and wish of the most exacting guest. Even though Sanford with its 10,000 citizens is not the largest community in eastern North Carolina, it proved to its visitors that no city anywhere has a bigger and more hospitable heart.

Again, the excellent generalship of Bishop W. W. Peele, the presiding officer, was a strong factor in the success of the Conference. Always in good spirit, genial, wise and patient, Bishop Peele steered the Conference from beginning to end along a high plane and transacted the affairs of the Conference with remarkable dispatch. So smoothly did the Conference run that virtually all business was concluded by noon Saturday. This does not mean that any cause was neglected or that it was a "rubber stamp" Conference. Each cause was adequately represented and every person was heard sympathetically. Moreover, there was independence and freedom about all the proceedings that were both wholesome and stimulating. The Cabinet carried on its work so well that the appointments of the preachers were available early Friday.

Still another factor in the excellence of the Conference was the spirit and interest of the ministers and lay delegates. They listened reverently to every cause and speaker. They worked painstakingly on committee assignments and other responsibilities. Their interest and earnestness helped to make an outstanding Conference.

Bishop Werner

Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, was the Conference speaker. So completely did he win his audience that the Conference voted unanimously to make him an honorary member. Bishop Werner made his first appearance Thursday evening. He delivered the Conference sermon Sunday morning and spoke on Friday evening. Other appearances included addresses to the class received into full connection, at the anniversary of the Board of Temperance and before the youth groups which met Saturday.

Speaking Sunday morning to an audience that filled every available seat in the church building and to a radio audience, Bishop Werner chose for his text a passage from I Samuel 14:6, "It may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." Bishop Werner in giving the background for these words spoken by Jonathan, son of Saul, in the valley between Michmash and Gibeath, stated that our lives are determined by faith or by the lack of faith. Emphasizing faith, he declared that we may be in the valley simply admiring or discussing our faith or having more faith in our failures and fears. Faith, he continued, is to be used. It is more than intellectualism. "God," he said, "is a toiler to be joined, and not a problem to be solved." "We are defeated often," he testified, "because we have more faith in what defeats us than in what helps us." Concluding, he said: "The power of God is greater than all the tragedy about us. If we believe in the power of God more than we believe in the power of our foes, we can win." Following this message the deacons and elders were ordained.

In his two evening messages Bishop Werner used as his topics, "I Cannot Come Down" and "The Gospel According to Caiaphas." Basing his first message on words of Nehemiah during the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down," the speaker stated that we cannot win when we spend our time wrestling with evil or are absorbed in the trivial. "Work and prayer," he affirmed, "is the answer to the foes of Christianity." He called upon his audience to put God at the center of their lives and to become completely absorbed in God's cause.

Speaking Friday evening on "The Gospel According to Caiaphas," he stated that Caiaphas, the high priest, had a gospel of getting on, of being on the winning side. His sin, he continued, was the sin of rationalization, the sin of looking out for self, the sin of never taking a stand. Over against this gospel, he compared the gospel of Jesus, a gospel of sincerity and courage, the gospel of doing God's will regardless of the cost.

Addressing the eleven young men who were received into full connection, Bishop Werner gave this advice: Use common sense; don't take yourself too seriously; cultivate a sense of humor; take time with your family; and believe that the Kingdom of God is coming eventually. His forthright words stirred his audience Saturday morning in his temperance message. Counseling his hearers, he summed up: Refuse to laugh at drunks; as Christians show people how to be gay without drinking; back up commitment day; and be practical about the problem of strong drink. He cautioned his audience to know the facts about alcohol and to work in the spirit of love and understanding.

Dr. Smith and the Circuit Rider Quartet

The Conference was greatly inspired by the visit of the Circuit Rider Quartet and Dr. Roy L. Smith, representing the Methodist Publishing House. The quartet made a dramatic appearance Saturday morning and again that evening to sing songs of early Methodism and to relate the story of the Methodist publishing enterprise, which is the largest publishing business in Protestantism. Dr. Roy L. Smith was the speaker that evening in one of the most deeply spiritual services of the Conference. "Sin in our day," Dr. Smith declared, "is vastly more complicated than it was in other years. If the world is to be saved it will be done by people whose citizenship is in heaven. For the task before us we need an entirely new consecrated mind. The world will not be redeemed by men who give their ultimate allegiance to a political party, but to Jesus Christ." Dr. Smith stated that the Methodist Publishing House is the greatest educational, missionary and evangelistic enterprise in the Methodist Church.

United States Senator Clyde R. Hoey was the speaker for the anniversary of the Board of Lay Activities. Mr. Hoey spoke about the responsibility of the church in this critical hour. He reviewed the work of the United Nations in its efforts for world peace, and lifted up some of the contributions made by this organization. "The purpose of the church," he stated, "is to spread the gospel of peace. I am not pessimistic about the future. I do not believe war is inevitable and that peace is impossible. On the other hand, we may be near the dawn of peace." He called upon laymen



Leaders in the service Thursday evening: Dr. F. W. Paschall, Rev. R. G. Dawson, Bishop W. W. Peele, Bishop Hazen G. Werner

to assume larger responsibilities in the affairs of the church.

Using as his theme "Education for What?" Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, addressed the Conference Thursday morning at the anniversary of the Board of Education. Dr. Depp began by stating that the ideal for which we are educated is important. The most pertinent question to be asked, he continued, is "What think ye of God?" "We have reached the place," he emphasized, "where we need to fear only the educated. We need not only to train the mind, but the heart. Education must have moral purpose. It is wonderful to have knowledge, but it is better to know how to use knowledge. Education is to help earn a living, but it is to help us live, too."

District Superintendents' Report

The reports of the seven district superintendents showed gains along many lines. Dr. E. L Hillman, speaking for the Durham District, reported 1,451 new members received during the year; 1,929 new members of church schools; 15 new church buildings; eight new parsonages; $37,781.99 for foreign and home Advance specials; and $32,834.83 raised for World Service. Rev. J. H. Miller, representing the Elizabeth City District, stated that 800 new members have been received; eight new buildings have been under way; 60 vacation church schools; and gains in contributions to World Service and pastors' salaries. For the Fayetteville District, Rev. W. C. Ball gave the following report: 1,218 new members received; 977 new members of church schools; $9,789 raised for mission specials; $259,592 raised for church buildings and parsonages; and $476,545 raised for all purposes.

The New Bern District, according to Rev. B. B. Slaughter, received 1,660 new members; has eleven church building projects completed or under way; built five parsonages; has 35 mission specials; and has 22 young people who have volunteered for the ministry or full-time Christian service. Rev. H. B. Porter, in his report, stated that the Raleigh District received 1,639 new members; held 64 vacation church schools; has six new church building programs completed or in process of completion and fifteen churches being remodeled or enlarged; four new parsonages and one retirement home completed; and $7,300 raised for Advance specials. The Rocky Mount District, according to Dr. A. J. Hobbs, received 1,078 new members; repaired 47 churches at a cost of $77,257; has ten new churches under construction; has 22 parsonages being repaired and three new parsonages; and raised $502,-639 for all purposes.

Rev. C. D. Barclift, reporting for the Wilmington District, revealed that 1,252 new members have been received; $21,470 paid on World Service; $143,000 spent on churches and parsonages; and three new churches built.

Rev. W. C. Wilson, conference statistician, reported 4,179 new members received on profession of faith by the churches of the Conference; $174,192 raised for World Service; and $3,837,-941 raised for all purposes.

The Boards' Report

The Conference adopted as its evangelistic goals for the year, upon recommendation of the Board of Evangelism, the following: Emphasis upon home visitation and mass evangelism, and extensive evangelistic program in churches that have not received new members on profession of faith, membership goal for all the churches. The Board of Missions and Church Extension recommended, and the Conference adopted goals as follows: A District Missionary Institute in each District the latter part of January; wide use of the mission study book, "The Methodists of Continental Europe," by Bishop Garber; to provide $1,000 for the expense of an adult leader in a youth caravan to Europe; and January to be observed as good literature month, with emphasis placed upon the circulation of the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the World Outlook.

The Board of Temperance, in its report, called for a state-wide liquor referendum; pledged its support to the Allied Church League; called for a law that would ban alcoholic beverage advertising in the State; urged teaching of alcohol education in the public schools; and urged pastors not to recommend for official position in the church members who drink, voted to legalize liquor, or in any way support the liquor traffic; and called upon all Methodists to practice total abstinence. The Commission on Town and Country Work recommended that new churches be opened in unchurched rural areas and in suburban extensions. The Board of Lay Activities set as its objectives for the year the following: To increase the number of Methodist men's groups; to improve methods of financing the local church program; to seek 100% observance of Laymen's Day in 1950; and to endorse and support the completion of Camp Don-Lee.

Dr. Russell L. Dicks of the Duke Divinity School, Conference director of Golden Cross, speaking at the anniversary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, stated that the problem of health is basically religious. "We become sick," he said, "because of the wear and tear of the soul on the body. Fifty percent of the doctor's practice belongs to the pastor." He called attention to the increasing

number of old people in our total population.

Eighteen Received on Trial

The Conference admitted 18 young men on trial, including Wallace Kent Babington, Daniel Keener Christenberry, Jr., Clarence Millard Fogleman, William Barden Sherman, Carl Raymond Newton, Barney Lee Davidson, Murrell Kelso Glover, George Burnhart Warren, Kelly Johnson Wilson, Grady Lee Kinley, James Herbert Miller, Jr., William Carlisle Walton, Jr., Norwood Lee Jones, Edgar Earl Whitley, Grady Herman Whicker, Herbert Morehouse Jamieson, Cyrus Bassett Dawsey, Jr., and Dennis Franklin Kinlaw. Hyman LeRoy Harris was received from another denomination.

The following were ordained deacons: Wallace Kent Babington, Clarence Millard Fogleman, Jr., Carl Raymond Newton, Grady Lee Kinley, James Herbert Miller, Jr., William Carlisle Walton, Jr., Norwood Lee Jones, David Milton Lewis, Charles Johnson Tilley, James Marvin Carroll, Dennis Franklin Kinlaw. The following were ordained elders: Carlton Frederick Hirschi, William Miles Wells, Jr., Johnnie Dolphus Aycock, Herman Stanford Winberry, Joseph Kent Bostick, Walter Bryan Gregory.

The Conference received three by transfer, including Russell H. Caudill, Isawo Tanaka and Paul R. Maness. John Madison Ham and James Edward Carter transferred out.

Five members of the Conference retired. They are, L. T. Singleton, K. F. Duvall, W. C. Martin, B. H. Houston and N B. Strickland.

At the memorial service Sunday afternoon the names of the five ministers who died during the year were read. They are, J. C. Whedbee, J. A. Martin, J. M. Culbreth, F. B. Joyner and J. W. Potter. Wives of ministers who died during the year were announced as follows: Mrs. J. C. Humble, Mrs. A. McCullen, Mrs. W. F. Trawick, Mrs. J. P. Pate, Mrs. W. F. Elliott and Mrs. F. M. Shamburger. At this service Rev. D. D. Holt brought the memorial address. "Man can no more cease to be than God can cease to be," the speaker declared. "What seems like death is a gateway to life. Death means going from one room to another."

The Conference voted to accept $164,327 for General and Conference benevolences for the new year. It also voted a college sustaining fund which is to be an amount equal to 2% of the total budget; and raised the minimum salary fund from 2% to 2½% of the total budget.

On Saturday approximately 1,000 young people from all over the Conference gathered at Sanford for a Conference-wide rally. Meeting from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., they heard messages by Bishop Peele, Bishop Werner and Dr. Roy L. Smith.

The Conference voted to hold its annual session next year at Queen Street Church, Kinston.

THE TASK AHEAD

By Bishop W. W. Peele

Editor's Note: This address was delivered by Bishop Peele at Sanford last week, and at the request of the North Carolina Annual Conference is published in the Advocate.

When we speak of the supreme task of Methodism in one conference or episcopal area, it is possible that we are not speaking for any other conference or area. Situations differ, and conditions are different in different sections of the church. So, what I shall say applies to North Carolina Methodism as I observe it at the present time.

Another thing we need to keep in mind is the fact that to emphasize one phase of our task is not in the least to depreciate the importance of some other phase. To do so is to weaken the whole structure. For instance, when the rural work is weak, the work of the conference is, to that extent, weak. So, also, when the city church is neglected, the work of the conference suffers. We are one and united. We must ever be! To cut the work of the North Carolina Conference up into rural, town, and city, and to try to carry on one without strengthening the other two is not only unwise but is utterly impossible. How fortunate we are that the very spirit and genius of Methodism are adapted to both city and country!

Methodism was born in the city. John Wesley was a city preacher. As one follows him in his Journal, again and again does one find him in London, in Bristol, and in other cities. An interpreter of Methodism puts it this way: "Wesley's preaching tours followed the lines of England's industrial development. He traveled where population was thickest. Where the stream of life was deepest, where tiny villages were growing into busy cities, where tall chimneys filled the skies with their blackness—there Wesley preached and toiled."

On the other hand, Methodism has pioneered, and its spirit and genius have proved its adaptation to rural life. Asbury, who traveled more than did Wesley, through the early life of America, criticized Pilmoor and Boardman for shutting themselves up in the cities and living like gentlemen. Asbury was right in urging the importance of the itineracy. It has been the strength of Methodism.

Asbury's criticism arose from the fact that the vast majority of the population of America lived in the country at that time, and a very small per cent in the towns and cities. Be it said to the credit of Methodism that the circuit rider was at the very forefront in the movement westward of life in this country. The spirit and genius of Methodism are adapted to rural life. How fortunate that we can work everywhere!

So, when I point out to you what I believe to be the great opportunity and need of North Carolina Methodism, I am not suggesting that our forces should be drawn in from any work that is now being done. We must more than hold the line—we must advance at every point! The task which I have in mind confronting Methodism in North Carolina is to minister adequately to the great masses of people now moving into rural suburban areas of our larger cities. Where they are coming from, I do not know, but I know that they are coming—they are already there in great numbers!

Many of them are young married couples, many are following the ever-increasing line of population from the country to the town and on into the cities; many in the cities are moving out into these settlements to get out of the cities and have a little respite from the noise and heat of the city streets. At any rate, the situation is this: here they are by the thousands. If we are not alert to the situation, these settlements will be the "sink holes" for the loss of members of the Methodist Church.

Take a day off, and go to the Durham District and just look in any direction, and you will see what I have in mind. If we had the time to take an afternoon tour of this city, it would open your eyes. The same conditions exist in every city of this conference. We have delayed too long. The need of the hour is for an active and adequate ministry to the thousands of people living in these sections, many of which sections are permanent. If we delay, others will take the field and reap the harvests of our sowing. If we do not, that is what they should do!

How can we face this task and meet this need? The leadership will be taken by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, with special reference to the extension section. But this board is only a creature of the Conference. It can do only what the Conference makes possible by action and tools with which to work. Attention must be given to this task by your board. It is already diligent in this field.

The district organizations can help. Some districts are alert to this situation and are already making advances. The

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Appointments . . .

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Durham District

E. L. Hillman, District Superintendent
Alamance: J. D. Cranford
Andrews: F. G. Nees (S)
Bahama: H. A. Chester
Brooksdale: E. C. Maness
Burlington—Davis Street: S. J. Starnes
Fountain Place: J. C. Loy (S)
Front Street: W. L. Clegg
Glen Raven: J. L. Joyce
Webb Avenue: I. S. Richmond
West Burlington: G. W. Blount
Burlington Circuit: R. L. Nix
Butner: N. A. Desrosiers (S)
Bynum: J. M. Cline
Carrboro: M. E. Tyson
Cedar Grove: H. B. Lewis
Chapel Hill: W. M. Howard, Jr.
Durham—Asbury: B. D. Critcher
Bethany: Tommy Tyson (S)
Branson: E. C. Crawford
Calvary: L. M. Hall
Carr: M. C. Dunn
Duke Memorial: R. E. Brown
B. L. Davidson, Junior Preacher
Duke's Chapel: C. G. McCarver
Lakewood: C. S. Boggs
Maybrook: Gervaise Peters (S)
St. Paul: Leon Couch
Trinity: D. D. Holt
Durham Circuit: C. J. Huneycutt
Eno: W. C. Feltman (S)
Fairview: C. M. Fogleman
Graham: O. L. Hathaway
Haw River: D. J. Reid
Hillsboro: C. S. Hubbard
Leasburg: E. F. Smith
Mebane: T. B. Hough
Milton: W. F. Meacham (S)
Mt. Hermon: R. Z. Newton
Mt. Tirzah: M. R. Park, Jr. (S)
Orange Circuit: D. K. Christenberry, Jr.
Person Circuit: C. W. Barbee
Pittsboro: W. T. Phipps
Rougemont: J. S. Donahoe (S)
Roxboro—CaVel: W. K. Babington
Long Memorial: C. P. Womack
Roxboro Circuit: K. J. Wilson
Saxapahaw: D. D. Traynham
Swepsonville: J. R. Poe
Yanceyville: H. R. Ashmore
Professor Duke University: H. E. Spence
Professor Duke University: H. E. Myers
Professor Duke University: J. J. Rudin
Professor Duke University: R. L. Dicks
Professor Emory University: E. D. C. Brewer
Professor Central College, Fayette, Mo.: F. M. Patterson
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Director of Methodist Student Activities, Duke University: R. W. Rainwater, Jr.
Executive Secretary Conference Board of Education: J. G. Phillips
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Chaplain U. S. Army: W. K. Anderson
Student Duke Divinity School (Trinity QC, Durham): P. H. Fields
Student Duke Divinity School (Orange QC): G. L. Kinley
Student Duke Divinity School (Bahama QC): G. B. Warren
Student Asbury Seminary (Mt. Hermon QC): C. R. Newton

Bold face type indicates new appointment.
(S) Supply
(RS) Retired minister serving as supply

District Missionary Secretary: O. L. Hathaway
District Secretary of Evangelism: B. D. Critcher
Supernumerary: Isawo Tanaka
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Elizabeth City District

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Ahoskie: J. K. Ormond
Aulander: W. S. Green (S)
Bath: W. C. Shaw (S)
Belhaven: L. T. Singleton (RS)
Chowan: E. R. Meekins (S)
Columbia: G. C. Kinlaw
Creswell: J. T. Smith (S)
Edenton: W. L. Freeman
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First Church: M. W. Lawrence
Gatesville: H. M. Jamieson
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Hertford: B. O. Merritt
Kinnakeet: P. M. Porter (S)
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Manteo: J. H. Overton, Jr.
Mattamuskeet: J. C. Harmon (RS)
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Murfreesboro: J. C. Chaffin
North Gates: L. F. Harris (S)
Pasquotank: Z. V. Cowan (S)
Perquimans: E. B. Edwards
Plymouth: D. L. Fouts
Roper: B. E. Bingham
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South Mills: C. A. Johnson
Stumpy Point: Tracie Varnum (S)
Swan Quarter: D. M. Lewis
Wanchese: C. W. Guthrie
Washington: D. E. Earnhardt
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Windsor: C. F. Hirschi
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Student Boston University (Aulander QC) J. A. Whitesel
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Fayetteville District

Walter C. Ball, District Superintendent
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Biscoe: A. M. Williams
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Caledonia: C. J. Tilley
Carthage: John Cline
Cordova: O. C. Melton
Ellerbe: W. J. Neese
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Haymount: V. E. Queen
Hay Street: A. S. Parker
Northmount: M. R. Chambers
Person St.-Calvary: M. C. Henderson
Fayetteville Circuit: R. S. Harrison
Glendon: To be supplied
Goldston: C. K. Wright
Hamlet: H. M. McLamb
Laurel Hill: C. B. Harris
Laurinburg: F. W. Paschall
Maxton: H. G. Cuthrell
Mount Gilead: M. W. Maness
Mount Gilead Circuit: W. M. Wells, Jr.
Parkton: I. J. Strawbridge
Pinebluff: J. R. Regan
Raeford: P. O. Lee
Red Springs: G. S. Eubank
Roberdell: E. G. Cowan, Sr.
Robbins: J. W. Page
Robbins Circuit: W. J. Underwood
Rockingham—First: J. H. Lanning
East Rockingham: W. B. Petteway
West Rockingham: B. F. Meacham
Rowland: W. A. Tew
St. Pauls: B. F. Boone
St. John-Gibson: W. L. Maness
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Jonesboro Heights: T. M. Vick, Jr.
Siler City: E. R. Clegg
Siler City Circuit: J. H. Parrish (S)
Stedman: J. W. Dimmette
Troy: C. P. Morris
Troy Circuit: To be supplied
West End: J. W. Sneeden (RS)
West End Circuit: W. H. Brady (S)
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Fremont: W. E. Howard
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Daniels Memorial: C. W. Goldston
St. Paul: A. P. Brantley
Goldsboro Circuit: D. W. Charlton
Greenville—Jarvis Memorial: Leon Russell
Grifton: E. W. Downum
Grimesland: C. G. Nickens (S)
Havelock: C. M. Mitchell
Hookerton: C. T. Rogers
Kinston—Queen Street: H. I. Glass
La Grange: J. D. A. Autry
Marshallberg: R. N. Fitts
Morehead City—First Church: L. A. Tilley
Morehead Circuit: W. D. Caviness
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New Bern—Centenary: R. L. Jerome
Newport: J. M. Jolliff
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Pikeville: R. L. Bame
Pink Hill: T. M. Horner
Riverside—Bridgeton: A. E. Brown
Seven Springs: W. R. Johnson
Snow Hill: J. D. Young
Stonewall: T. E. Maness (RS)
Straits: H. L. Harrell
Trenton: C. B. Long

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Benson: D. A. Clarke
Cary: J. D. Robinson
Clayton: R. L. Hethcox
Creedmoor: D. M. Sharpe
Dunn: J. V. Early
Erwin: O. K. Ingram
Four Oaks: J. A. Auman
Franklinton: Paul Carruth
Fuquay Springs: J. W. Lineberger
Garner: R. G. L. Edwards
Granville: H. S. Winberry
Henderson—
First Church: W. Stanley Potter
City Road-White Memorial: H. F. Leatherman (S)
Wesley: To be supplied
Kipling: F. R. Dail
Lillington: W. L. Loy
Louisburg: A. C. Lee
Louisburg Circuit: Jobe Overton (S)
Mamers: H. H. Cash
Millbrook: M. W. Warren
Moncure: M. D. McLamb
Mt. Pleasant: W. G. Brogan (S)
Newton Grove: T. H. House
Oxford: S. A. Maxwell
Oxford Circuit: J. A. Wagnon (S)
Princeton: J. E. Sponenberg
Raleigh—Edenton Street: H. P. Powell
Fairmont: A. L. Thompson
Hayes Barton: H. C. Smith
Hi-Mont: T. A. Collins
Jenkins Memorial—R. H. Sales
Trinity—R. F. Munns
Westover: G. C. Megill (S)
Selma: H. B. Baum
Smithfield: H. K. King
Stem: R. I. Epps
Tar River: N. P. Edens
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Supt. Oxford Masonic Orphanage: A. D. Gray
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Elm City: B. F. Musser
Enfield: J. J. Boone
Evansdale: W. N. Vaughan
Farmville: H. L. Davis
Halifax: D. A. Petty
West Halifax: R. S. Brodie (S)
Kenly: J. K. Bostick
Littleton: M. Y. Self
Littleton Circuit: J. B. Hurley
Middleburg: L. C. Brothers
Nashville: L. A. Watts
Norlina: W. G. Farrar
Northampton: J. F. Coble
Pinetops: E. E. Whitley
Rich Square: H. F. Surratt
Roanoke Circuit: J. T. Maides
Roanoke Rapids—
First Church: J. F. Herbert
Rosemary—C. J. Andrews
Robersonville: J. H. Worthington (S)
Rocky Mount—Clark Street: S. G. Boone
First Church: T. McM. Grant
Marvin: A. S. Lancaster
St. Paul: M. D. Tyson (S)
Scotland Neck: J. D. Aycock
Seaboard: J. P. Pegg
Spring Church-Garysburg: M. R. Gardner
Spring Hope: O. N. Hutchinson, Jr. (S)
Stantonsburg: B. T. Hurley
Tarboro: H. L. Hendricks
Warren: F. B. Brandenburg
Warrenton: L. C. Vereen
Weldon: H. G. Ruark
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Bladen: J. M. Seaver (S)
Burgaw: R. E. Walston
Carolina Beach: H. L. Harris
Carvers Creek: W. G. Lowe
Chadbourn: C. E. Vale
Clinton: C. F. Heath
Clinton Circuit: F. F. Warren (S)
Duplin: M. K. Glover
Elizabethtown: W. A. Crow
Fair Bluff: E. G. Purcell, Jr.
Fairmont: Daniel Lane
Faison: Dennis Kinlaw
Garland: J. D. Stott
Hallsboro: Richard Braunstein (S)
Jacksonville: W. R. Stevens
Lumberton: F. D. Hedden
Lumberton Circuit: J. A. Cooper (S)
Maysville: R. H. Lewis
Pembroke Circuit: A. C. Edens, Jr.
Pembroke Parish—
Bethel: Dewey Locklear (S)
Fairview: J. W. Smith (S)
First Church: L. E. Blackburn (S)
Hickory Grove: J. A. Wilkins (S)
Prospect: D. F. Lowry
Richlands: O. L. Hardwick
Roseboro: K. R. Wheeler
Rose Hill: W. B. Cotton
Scotts Hill: Grady H. Whicker
Shallotte: J. M. Carroll (S)
Southport: L. D. Hayman
Swansboro: J. K. Worthington (S)
Tabor City: G. W. Crutchfield
Town Creek: R. H. Caudill
Waccamaw: J. T. Fisher (S)
Wallace: C. B. Dawsey, Jr.
Warsaw: R. L. Crossno
Whiteville: P. F. Newton
Wilmington—
Epworth: Christian White (S)
Fifth Avenue: L. L. Parrish
Grace: J. A. Russell
Sunset Park: C. H. Mercer
Trinity: E. B. Fisher
Wesley Memorial: J. L. Hartz
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CHANGES IN CHARGE BOUNDARIES NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Fayetteville District

Merge Johnson Memorial, Wesley Heights and Gardners churches and form a new charge to be known as Northmount charge.

New Bern District

Take Havelock from the Newport charge and make it a station, to be known as Havelock Methodist Church.

Take North River from Ann Street, Beaufort, and Core Creek, a church given the Conference by the F. S. Dickinson estate, and place on the Beaufort circuit.

Raleigh District

Two new charges have been formed: Henderson—Wesley; Raleigh—Hi-Mont.

Rocky Mount District

Take Hobgood and Williams Chapel from the Scotland Neck charge and place with the Battleboro charge.

Wilmington District

Take Verona from the Scotts Hill charge and place with the Jacksonville charge.

Change the name of South Robeson charge to Barnesville-Bethesda church.

Take Fair Bluff and Cerro Gordo from the Chadbourn charge and Olivet from the Fairmont charge and form the Fair Bluff charge.

Take Hickory Grove from the Fairview charge and form Hickory Grove charge.

Take Pleasant Grove from the Community Center charge and place on the Fairview charge.

Take Community Center from the Community Center charge and place on the Bethel charge.

CONFERENCE NEWS BRIEFS

THE METHODIST Publishing House presented a check for $5,007.12 from this year's profits to be applied to the conference claimants fund to the North Carolina session last week.

THE NORTH CAROLINA Conference is the first conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction to pay $35 to conference claimants for each year of service, according to action taken by the conference last week.

THE NORTH CAROLINA Conference, in session last week, upon recommendation of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work and the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, voted to make the minimum salary of pastors as follows: unmarried ministers, $2,000; married ministers, without children, $2,200; married ministers with one or more dependent children, $2,400.

SHOULD WE RECOGNIZE the Chinese Communists?

What attitude to take toward the Chinese as Communism sweeps that unhappy land is a question that confronts many people. Here the executive secretary of the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church raises some timely questions.

By **CHARLES F. BOSS, Jr.**

The Communists are probably in China for a long stay. Anyone who thinks that any amount of arms or military action can change the situation is almost certainly mistaken. Atomic bombs could spread a reign of terror, but could not create a democratic political order. Totalitarianism would follow bombing.

There was a period, had General George C. Marshall's mission been successful, when a coalition government would at least have ended civil war and substituted political controversy between the two parties; or, military aid might have restrained Communist forces, enabling the government to carry forward drastic civil reforms. According to observers on the spot, this would not have been feasible much later than the end of 1947. But this opportunity is long since passed. Had Chiang Kai-Shek agreed then, a communist government might have been set up in northern territory, with a large part of China remaining under a more democratic development with freedom of economic and social advancement. Ths would not, and could not, have been chiefly a military matter.

Chinese See Hope in Communism

Evidence obtainable seems conclusive that at this time no one can convince the Chinese by argument that communism is not the best way to meet the needs of the Chinese masses. This is certainly not to say that communism is the best way, but only that the Chinese people are finding a peaceful situation in which order and political organization are developing, at least for the present.

Consider, however, the attitudes and traditions of Chinese individuals and families, points of view which conceivably could modify the form which communism will take in China. Individualistic, possessing through the centuries a high degree of social and economic freedom, although little or no political freedom, the Chinese may resist totalitarian social regimentation, and even more. The Chinese want economic and social values which they see possessed by peoples of the Soviet Union, and which Soviet peoples have obtained within a relatively short time. They may, nonetheless, demand more economic freedom than is found in the Soviet Union.

In all this the position of the United States is difficult. Whether we like it or not, many young Chinese regard us as reactionary. They note our racial intolerance and discriminatory practices. They see United States policy bound more tightly, as a result of the war and the North Atlantic Pact, to Western nations which are the imperialisms dominating Asiatic countries as well as other colonial areas.

Christian Leaders Must Stay

Political and religious leaders close to China appear hopeful of, and stress the necessity of, Chrisitan leaders and institutions remaining in China even under communism. They perform an essential mission. Of course the forms which this mission takes and its application in service may need to undergo drastic change. Recent news indicates that Americans may be unwelcome, if not forbidden, in some areas. Generally, they will be suspect. In some places they may run considerable risk. It is hoped that they will not be detained as hostages.

Further retreat of the old nationalist government has been recorded, and the new Chinese Communist government has been proclaimed. The Soviet Union and certain other of the United Nations have already given it official diplomatic recognition.

What shall the United States do? We could give immediate recognition and seek to capitalize upon this fact. We could take a stand against recognition and following what seems to be unsound advice, provide increased military aid to the Nationalist government. We could withhold recognition temporarily, while studying developments, and offer those kinds of aid which might actually advance China's economic and social interests, make for better government, and encourage the forces of freedom. In any case, the United States might well raise such questions as these, before official recognition:

First, in view of America's deep interest in the Chinese people, will the new Communist government in China be real self-government, or a puppet government with some other nation pulling the strings?

Second, will the new Communist regime preserve Chinese social and economic freedom? The people of the United States are interested in a steep rise in economic standards in China, and will oppose the control of China either by western imperialisms or by the Soviet Union.

Third, can the Chinese depend upon Russia to supply needed raw materials, tools, machinery—and markets for Chinese goods—necessary to the achievement of an economic and social advance? What needs of the Chinese can be met in the next two or three years only with help from the United States?

Fourth, how can totalitarian and Marxist Communist practice be fitted into the traditional freedoms of the Chinese people? Does the United States desire Chinese freedom to the point where it will help preserve an independent China from both Soviet or western imperial powers?

Fifth, can a Marxist Communist government preserve the human rights and freedoms of the individual Chinese and families on small farms, in little villages, and in shops?

Sixth, does the Chinese Communist government really desire to be aligned with those forces, either East or West, that divide the world into blocs, creating the threat of war? Do the Chinese desire to be an independent friendly power in the community of nations, working toward one world and the achievement of a just peace?

Recognition Does Not Mean Agreement

The Chinese intellectuals are at present in no mood to listen to arguments designed to overthrow the Communist regime; under the strict military control imposed upon them, others can only acquiesce. The fact that China has a Communist political regime is not of itself an argument against United States recognition, since the United States now recognizes nations with quite diverse political organizations, including the Soviet Union.

The people of America will await with profound interest the answers which the Chinese will give to these questions.

CHINESE STUDENTS CROWD UNIVERSITIES

Despite the "cancerous drain of civil war and their country's whirlwind inflation," more than 12,000 Chinese students flocked the thirteen Christian colleges for the term 1948-1949, according to the annual report of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

Pointing out that the quest for education is growing in all parts of China today, the report states that "50,000 eager young Chinese applied for admission to the colleges, although only 4,000 freshmen could be accommodated.

During the winter and spring months, as Mao Tse-Tung's armies advanced southward, the colleges found themselves enveloped in territory occupied by the Communists. "Despite the unsettled conditions, however, all the colleges remained open. How determined most students were to continue their education in spite of the turbulent military situation is evidenced by the fact that 10,500 registered for the spring term—approximately the normal number expected for the second semester. As the second semester began, food—and all other items making up the daily needs of the staff and students of the college—sky-rocketed in price."

Disregarding meager food, internal economic and political chaos and low staff salaries, the report continues, teachers and students alike "met their day-to-day hardships and problems with fortitude and a dauntless spirit."

Each of the colleges sponsors one or more special extension projects to serve the Chinese people. "West China Union University sends out a mobile dental clinic; the University of Nanking produces and distributes scores of educational pictures; sociology majors at Soochow University sponsor a free school for deserving neighborhood students; while at Huachung University in Wuchang students have been conducting a night school for the manual laborers and servants on the campus."

News in Brief -- Personalities

DEAN HAROLD A. BOSLEY of the Duke Divinity School will be the speaker in special services to be held at First Church, Asheboro, beginning Sunday evening and continuing through Friday evening.

THE ROANOKE CIRCUIT, a new charge in the Rocky Mount District, was selected by the Commission on World Service and Finance as the outstanding charge for the conference year at the Annual Conference last week.

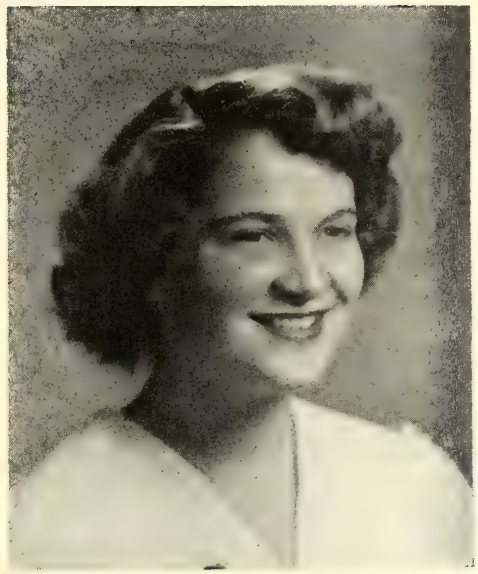
WESTVIEW CHURCH, HICKORY, is in the midst of the construction of a social-education building. The second story is now rising. Rev. J. N. Wise is the aggressive pastor.

ANSONVILLE CHURCHES held a union service Sunday evening, October 30, at the Episcopal Church, with all pastors taking part in the service. On Friday evening, October 28, Methodists of the community finished paying for improvements in the church with a barbecue.

"WHAT CHRIST CAN DO FOR YOU" will be the sermon topic when Bishop Roy H. Short of Jacksonville, Fla., speaks on CBS's "Church of the Air" Sunday morning, November 27. Originating from Station WCAU, Philadelphia, the service will be heard from 10:30 to 11:00 EST. Bishop Short will speak in connection with the Methodist Evangelistic Advance in Metropolitan Philadelphia, where more than 1,000 Methodist leaders, pastors, district superintendents, and bishops will meet during the week. The senior choir of St. James Methodist Church, directed by Miss Eleanor C. Thompson, will sing "Seek Ye the Lord" on the broadcast.

DR. ALBERT EDWARD BARNETT will join the Emory School of Theology next fall as professor of New Testament. Dr. Donald T. Rowlingson, who formerly occupied that post, has resigned to return to Boston University. Dr. Barnett, a native of Alabama, holds degrees from Birmingham Southern College, Emory and the University of Chicago. He was awarded the doctorate at Chicago in 1932. After serving pastorates in the South Alabama Conference and directing the Wesley Foundation at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Dr. Barnett became a teacher. From 1924 to 1942 he was professor of literature and history of the Bible, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., and since then has been professor of New Testament at Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago.

FRANKLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH, Morehead City, was host to the other churches of this city on Sunday evening, October 30, at the regular fifth Sunday union service. A musical program preceded the dedication service for the Hammond organ and chimes installed eight months ago. Truman Newberry of Raleigh was guest organist and vocal soloists were Mrs. Tom Woode of Clarkton and Morehead City, and Ralph Lewis of New Bern. The junior choir gave the anthem. The Rev. B. B. Slaughter, district superintendent of the charge, dedicated the organ and chimes and gave the address of the evening. The chimes were a gift to the church from Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Guthrie and Leroy and Vernon Guthrie in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Guthrie, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guthrie. It was estimated that 700 people attended the services.



MISS REBECCA RAPER, above, is the new director of Christian Education at First Church, North Wilkesboro. A native of Asheboro, Miss Raper graduated from Greensboro College last June with a major in religious education.

DR. NOLAN B. HARMON, book editor of the Methodist Church, will be the speaker on the Methodist Hour radio program Sunday, November 13, at 8:30 a.m. His topic is "Our Faith in Prayer."

WEST BEND CHURCH, Asheboro, is holding open house at the new parsonage Sunday afternoon, November 13, beginning at 2 o'clock and continuing through the afternoon. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the West Bend church to be present.

T. F. WOMBLE, after 25 years of faithful service, has retired as superintendent of the church school at Apex Methodist Church. During all those years he missed only seven Sundays. In appreciation of his outstanding faithfulness the church school presented him a beautiful chest of drawers. Mr. Womble is president of the men's Bible class and also a steward in the church.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Charlotte, plans to celebrate its first anniversary during the week of November 13-18. Bishop Costen J. Harrell will preach Sunday morning, November 13, at the 11 o'clock hour and Dr. C. E. Rozzelle of Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, will preach Sunday evening and each evening through Friday. The church was organized November 17, 1948, and has steadily grown in its first year with a total membership now of 185. Thirty of these joined the church on profession of faith. The eighth new Methodist church to be organized under the auspices of the Charlotte City Mission Society, St. Paul church, has met a great need in a fast growing section of the city. The church has a budget of $7,500 for this conference year and has accepted a $75 mission special. The parsonage is located near the church and is a lovely six-room new brick building, well furnished. The people are proud of their church and are loyal and devoted to it. Rev. M. E. Harbin, pastor, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the special services next week.

REVEREND JOHN HOYLE, JR., superintendent of the Marion District, preached in the Pfeiffer College chapel on Sunday, October 30.

MRS. D. H. DENNIS of Cherokee is at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, for treatment. It will be several weeks before she will be able to resume her work.

MRS. MARGARET B. WOODRUFF, member of Boulevard Methodist Church, Statesville, is author of a poem entitled "Our Little Church," which appeared in a recent issue of a Statesville paper. The poem is a tribute to the church and many of its members.

FIRST CHURCH, LENOIR, occupied its new educational building on Sunday, November 6. The building has every facility needed for a full program of education, recreation and social life. The cost was $89,000. Rev. F. C. Smathers led the congregation in this forward move.

BROAD STREET CHURCH, Statesville, has assumed $1,000 as a mission special for this confreence year for the support of Rev. Timofiejew, pastor at Szczecin, Poland. In addition, this church is taking the support of two students in the Polish Methodist Seminary at four hundred dollars each.

THE YOUNG ADULT CLASS of Central Church, Kings Mountain, held an "ole fashioned corn shuckin'" recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Owens. Following the corn shucking, approximately 125 young adults of the class, visitors and friends enjoyed a delicious chicken pie supper. This popular event is an annual affair.

THE MONTICELLO-ROSE CHAPEL charge, near Statesville, has completed a new brick parsonage and the pastor and his family will move in this week. Monticello is a new Methodist society, organized three years ago. The church building has a debt of only $1,500 which is being liquidated monthly. Rev. E. H. Lowman leads these congregations.

THE HELTON CHARGE in Ashe County will have a new parsonage ready for the pastor in about 30 days. It is a brick, seven-room home. The water supply comes from a spring a thousand feet up in the mountains. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter M. Jones, Charlotte, gave the land for the parsonage and additional land behind the Helton church to square the building with the road. Rev. G. W. Dalton is the pastor.

PURCELL CHURCH, Charlotte, entertained for the community at a Halloween Festival on the evening of October 31. At the close of the evening of recreation the members of the church brought out large boxes packed with sugar, canned goods, and other things as a "pounding" for the pastor and his family. Rev. J. J. Powell is in his fourth year as pastor of this church, having come to Charlotte in 1946 to organize the church. During the history of the church the membership has grown to 134, and the new sanctuary, valued at $50,000, has been erected. The church is equipped with a new electric organ, sound system, and furniture. The Charlotte City Mission Society has given $17,400 on the new sanctuary, and the church has raised the rest of the cost of the building with the exception of a $7,000 indebtedness.

Duncan to Lead Special Services Sunday; Retired Pastor Passes; Ministers' Wives Hold Meeting

MINISTERS' WIVES LUNCHEON ATTRACTS 150

The annual fall luncheon of the Ministers' Wives Association of the North Carolina Conference was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Sanford, Saturday, November 5, during the Annual Conference. Around 150 wives enjoyed fun, fellowship and food in the beautifully arranged and decorated basement. Brilliantly colored autumn leaves were arranged with bunches of grapes down the centers of the tables, and huge arrangements of chrysanthemums adorned the speakers' table and piano. The program booklets were in the shape of leaves, red, yellow, brown and orange.

The president, Mrs. O. L. Hardwick, presided. After the blessing hymn, Mrs. Grady Dawson, wife of the host pastor of the Conference, brought greetings, and Mrs. Kern Ormond, vice-president, responded. The luncheon was followed by fun singing of parody songs, written for the occasion. Mrs. Linwood Blackburn gave a humorous reading, "How to Be a Lady With a Lamp." Mrs. Lacy Smith, accompanied by Miss Gwendolyn Howard, rendered a violin selection. The feature, "Turning Leaves," was the sharing of "My Most Humerous Parsonage Experience," by Mrs. F. R. Dail, Mrs. Charles Mercer, Mrs. L. D. Hayman, and Mrs. Tom Collins. A group stunt, "A Parable of a Preacher's Wife," was ably presented by Mrs. D. D. Holt, who also led the fun singing. Brides, new-comers to the Conference, and guests were introduced, and mention made of the new babies born during the year. It was voted to dispense with the tea at the next Annual Conference.

Minutes of the last meeting and reports of funds were given by the secretary, Mrs. T. M. Vick. Following a reading of the Collect, the meeting was adjourned with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie." The program committee for the luncheon were Mrs. D. D. Holt, Mrs. J. Doane Stott, Mrs. Charles Mercer, and Mrs. O. L. Hardwick.

HINSHAW CHURCH TO HOLD CORNERSTONE LAYING RITES

Cornerstone laying rites will be held Sunday afternoon, November 13, at 3 o'clock for the new Hinshaw Memorial Methodist Church, near Greensboro, with Rev. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District, and Rev. R. E. Hinshaw, pastor, in charge. Located about two miles beyond Greensboro city limits on the High Point road, the new building is under construction and is expected to cost $60,000 when completed. With a seating capacity of around 500 and with church school facilities to accommodate about the same number, the church is expected to render larger service to a growing community.

The church, formerly known as Midway, was organized in 1915, and a frame building was erected in 1925. Plans for a new and larger church were begun soon after the appointment of Mr. Hinshaw in the fall of 1948. Thus far the walls, subfloors, basement and roof have been completed at a cost of approximately $20,000. Because of his deep interest and leadership in the building program, the congregation changed the name from Midway to Hinshaw Memorial. Since the building project began, 48 new members have joined the church, making a total membership of 194.

The public is invited to the special program Sunday.

REV. BEVERLY WILSON DIES AT HOME IN LINCOLNTON

Lincolnton.—Rev. Beverly Wilson, 74, retired Methodist minister, died November 1 at his home after suffering a heart attack. He was a well known minister in western North Carolina where for a total of 35 years he served churches in the Lincoln Circuit, Shelby, Stanley, Catawba, Rutherford College, Mount Pleasant, Rural Hall, Marshville, Old Fort, and Lowesville Circuit in East Lincoln County.

Following his retirement he moved to Lincolnton.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Minnie Petrie, and 10 children: Mrs. J. B. Lowrance, Mrs. Dee Nichols, Mrs. Reggie R. Nichols, all of Catawba; Mrs. R. C. Clontz of Marion; S. B. Wilson of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. J. D. Penninger of Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. A. E. Gregory of Shelby; R. L. Wilson of Aulander; Fred Wilson of Spokane, Wash.; and Brice B. Wilson of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M., November 3, with Dr. W. A. Stanbury, district superintendent, and Rev. J. C. Cornette, pastor of First Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was at Bethel Church on the South Fork Charge, which Brother Wilson attended as a boy. He was converted and joined the church there.

MISS SALLIE BETTS DIES

Miss Sallie Potter Betts died at Southern Pines on November 3, after many years of illness.

She was born in Scotts Hill, the daughter of Rev. Dr. A. D. Betts and Elizabeth Davis Betts. Her father was a chaplain in the Confederate Army. Miss Betts graduated from Greensboro College and was dean of Littleton College for 18 years and dean of Louisburg College for 12 years. She was matron at the Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte, and upon her retirement she made her home with her sister, Mrs. L. P. Wilkins, in Sanford. After the death of Mrs. Wilkins Miss Betts lived with her nieces, Miss Mary Wilkins and Mrs. John C. Muse of Sanford.

Surviving are one brother, Dr. J. S. Betts of Greensboro, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Wilkins home Friday at 3:30 p.m. Burial was in Buffalo Cemetery.

BOARD OF MISSIONS WANTS 50 YOUTH FOR LATIN AMERICA

A call for 50 young men and young women to enlist for three years of missionary service in South America, Central America and Mexico, and to be prepared for their job by August, 1950, has been issued by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. The call was signed by Dr. M. O. Williams, Jr., and Miss Kathryn J. Bieri, in charge of missionary recruitment at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The Latin American countries to which the 50 new missionaries will be assigned are Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Uruguay.

Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 28, single, graduates of college, and active members of some evangelical church, and in good health. They need not be Methodists. While knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese would be an asset, it is not required. Those selected will be given a six-weeks period of training in July and August next, by the Board of Missions, with emphasis on religious development, language study, methods, and orientation to Latin American culture.

Those interested should communicate with Dr. Williams or Miss Bieri.



Hinshaw Memorial Methodist Church

Jurisdiction and Conference Lead; Three Districts Report Zone Meetings; 1,820 Attend Seminars

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ABOUT OUR JURISDICTION

In the first quarter's reports as summarized by Mrs. Eloise Woolever, Executive Secretary for Promotion and Organization, shows the Southeastern Jurisdiction far out front in many areas. The news is encouraging for the first quarter is usually the low ebb of the year's work, and so this will mean that the work will be outstanding before the final reports are in.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction is leading in number of societies, in number of new societies, in number of new members, and in the number of societies using the goals. In the publications, the Southeastern also leads in societies having all officers as subscribers to the Methodist Woman and World Outlook.

As to the Conference standing, North Carolina is fourth in number of societies, third in membership, fourth in new societies, eighth in new members, and second in societies using the goals. All officers subscribing to the Methodist Woman, North Carolina is third, but for all officers subscribing to the World Outlook, North Carolina is first.

TO THE ADVANCE CARAVANS

An action taken by the Woman's Division of Christian Service at the September quarterly meeting says: "We recommend that we record our deep sense of appreciation of the efforts of hundreds of conference and district officers in the Advance Caravans; and that the visitation be considered as not complete until through systematic follow-up every society and guild has been contacted."

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is such an important committee. From the by-laws of the local society constitution: "The Membership Committee shall plan frequent surveys of the women of the community, in an endeavor to secure members for the church and the society. The committee shall strive to establish such relatonship with new members as will enlist their eager and active participation in the total program of the church and society. The committee shall make use of opportunities to further the interests of woman's work in the neighboring churches where no organizations have heretofore existed."

The Woman's Division sends down the following recommendation: "Since it is impossible for the Division to achieve its fullest purpose without the service of every Methodist woman, and since only 10,837 societies, which is 39% of the total, report organized membership committees, we urge the forming of an active membership committee in every society and guild."

COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND ADVERTISING

Because there are many commercial firms seeking to secure lists of names from our society in order to sell their products and in order that the society (conference, district and local) may be protected from these inroads, the division adopted the the following action: "Mailing lists of officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall not be furnished to commercial firms."

Mrs. Woolever says: "I'm sure you will be glad to have this action to quote when approached by representatives of business firms."

ROCKY MOUNT NEWS

The women of the New Hope church, Roanoke charge, met with their pastor, Rev. John Maides, and the district promotion secretary, Mrs. Henry Maddrey, Sunday afternoon, October 23, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Hugh Hockaday was elected president; Mrs. H. C. Case, vice-president; Miss Marie Wall, recording secretary; Mrs. Black Floyd, promotion secretary. The newly elected president suggested the other officers be elected at their next meeting. The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial projects were discussed by Mrs. Maddrey, and the society gave its first offering.

Mrs. Maddrey reports 10 new district members.

The five zone meetings held last month were well attended. Eighty societies of the eighty-six were represented. The programs were well planned and presented by the leaders: Mrs. H. M. Grizzard, Jr., of Quin-County; Mrs. Harvey Martin of Northampton; Mrs. W. R. Everett, Southern-Central; Mrs. Alton Paschall of Warren; and Mrs. Ralph Rives of Halifax.

Twenty-three life memberships were given at the Northampton zone meeting at Severn—13 adult, and 10 baby life memberships.

Mrs. Roy Wilkerson of Kenly was elected the new leader for the Quin-County zone. She succeeds Mrs. H. M. Grizzard. Mrs. Grizzard was presented a life membership in appreciation for her fine work.

Mrs. J. C. Burwell and Mrs. Kerr Harris entertained the Rocky Mount district board at Mrs. Burwell's home in Warrenton on Thursday, October 27. Mrs. C. G. Matthews of Seaboard led the devotional. During the business session Mrs. Matthews was elected vice-president of the district, succeeding Mrs. Rom Parker of Enfield. Mrs. Henry Maddrey was elected delegate to the Assembly to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, next April. Mrs. Russell Johnson was elected alternate.

The officers of the district and zone leaders made splendid reports of their work. Conference officers present were Mrs. M. W. Warren, Mrs. Fred L. Johnson and Mrs. L. A. Watts. Miss Joyce Hughes of Jackson has recently been elected secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guilds. She reported ten guilds and the work doing fine throughout the district.

After the meeting, lunch was served. Mrs. Lafon Vereen, wife of the pastor of Warrenton Methodist Church and Miss Tempie Dameron, former zone leader, joined the group for this delightful occasion.

RALEIGH DISTRICT NEWS

A new society at Stovall on the Oxford circuit has just been organized in the Raleigh district by the pastor, Rev. Joe Wagnon. Officers elected to serve are: Mrs. Louise Bigger Cottrell, president; Mrs. Helen Hicks Young, vice-president; Mrs. Virginia S. Birch, secretary and treasurer; and Miss Ann Bigger, promotion secretary.

Mrs. M. M. Person, leader of the Northampton zone, organized a new society at Wesley's Chapel on the Franklinton charge, with Mrs. C. C. Holmes, president; Mrs. B. L. Bragg, vice-president; Mrs. T. J. Harris, secretary; Mrs. A. L. Evans, treasurer; Mrs. B. L. Bragg, Jr., missionary education; and Mrs. Eva B. Evans, spiritual life secretary. All addresses are Rt. 1, Franklinton, except Mrs. Harris, whose address is 517 E. Mason St., Franklinton.

Mrs. H. A. Davis, promotion secretary, announces two new district members in the Northern zone. These are from Piney Grove church: Mrs. J. W. F. Jones, Rt. 3, Louisburg, and D. B. Holmes, Louisburg.

Miss Elsie Parker of Hayes-Barton Church in Raleigh has recently been elected district secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT NEWS

Sampson County zone met in the Methodist Church at Epworth on September 27, with over a hundred delegates and guests present. The speakers were Rev. Dennis Kinlaw of Faison, Mrs. Cyrus Dawsey of Wallace and Mrs. Sam Stowe of Clinton.

Mrs. James Floyd, zone leader, presided. Next spring the Goshen church will entertain the zone.

The New Hanover zone held the fall meeting in Trinity church in Wilmington on Tuesday, October 11. Mrs. A. D. Byrd, leader, presided. The devotional was given by Mrs. W. C. Davis, district spiritual life secretary.

Officers of the district present were Mrs. A. D. Craig, Mrs. L. L. Motte, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. W. W. Sellars, Miss Ida Hankins and Mrs. L. D. Hayman. Mrs. C. D. Barclift, conference recording secretary, was also present.

Mrs. A. D. Craig, president of the district, has been elected delegate to the Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio.

Five dollars for a baby life membership was awarded the Hampstead society for the highest percentage attendance.

Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, conference secretary of missionary personnel, was the inspirational speaker.

The W. S. C. S. of Charity was organized several years ago with six members under the leadership of Mrs. C. T. Rogers. Today there are nineteen interested, active members on the roll. Mrs. Boyce Fussell is the present president.

Mrs. E. C. Huffines of Fairmont has recently been elected leader of the Lumberton Zone. Mrs. Lillian Ray of Hubert is the new leader of the Jones-Onslow Zone.

THOSE EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Mrs. N. P. Edens, conference secretary of missionary education, reports that thirteen seminars were held with an attendance of 1,820, and a total offering of $360.26. The district women are to be congratulated on the excellent work they did in presenting the programs in the various seminars.

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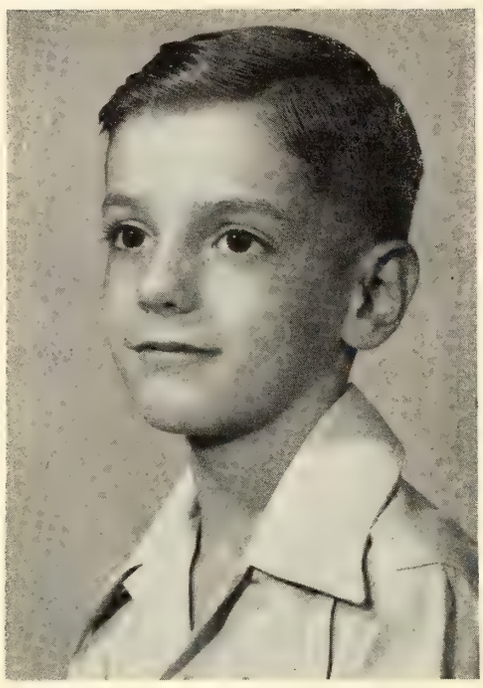
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October Receipts Low; To Build Gymnasium; Wrenn Memorial; Football Team Continues Winning Streak

By O. V. WOOSLEY

The Children's Home
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DELAYED ARRIVAL

Jack Frost hasn't come to see us yet. His arrival has been delayed. We remember one year when we had a late crop of corn down on Salem bottoms that Jack Frost played havoc with it more than a month earlier than this recording. The late arrival of Jack Frost has served our late bean crop mighty well, giving us good snap beans right up until now. The big persimmon tree, well fruited, up near Alspaugh Field, usually surrounded by a lot of youngsters, will produce less puckers after Jack Frost's arrival. All in all, we are very much pleased with Jack Frost's delayed arrival.

BOUNTIFUL HEALTH

We raise a lot of crops but the best one is our crop of children. This growing crop of youngsters has produced a bountiful yield this year. Their growing process has not been hindered by droughts or too much rain. The boys and girls have just kept growing along. It has been a decided satisfaction to recount that health has been abounding and that the crop has not produced many black spots. Many winter precautions have already been arranged for. If the coal strike can be settled within 30 days we have reasonable expectations of keeping the children warm.

BETTER SCHOOLING

Our readers have been reminded from time to time that part of our children, the first eight grades, go to school here in the Home grounds. The high school youngsters go to nearby Richard J. Reynolds High School. The completion of the new fireproof addition to our school building has done away with the existing congestion in our elementary school. This addition provides for four commodious classrooms, ample library facilities, recreation room, storage room, teachers' room and toilet facilities. The Children's Home owns the school building but the school is directed and largely financed by the city of Winston-Salem and the state of North Carolina. Our children are doing well in school.

WATERED STOCK

If it rained as hard throughout the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference as it did here on last fifth Sunday, The Children's Home family will receive a lot of watered stock. For the first time in years all our youngsters were kept at home indoors. This was done to protect their health and to also protect their new clothing which has only recently been issued the youngsters. Doubtless many of our friends remained at home and did not have an opportunity to participate in the fifth Sunday offerings. We have in times past noted that some groups of friends would accept supplementary offerings when the weather bothered a fifth Sunday. Here's hoping.

OCTOBER OMISSIONS

Our October financial receipts are very meager. The incoming mail has omitted a lot of financial tidings of great joy. Our contributing friends have evidently been taking a breather following the convening of the Annual Conference. Doubtless they have been organizing for the new year and are doubtless getting ready to do a lot of good things. November with its Thanksgiving Day and December with its Christmas Day are eagerly anticipated by our entire family.

PERSONAL TOUCH

As is generally known, practically all of our children are sponsored. The sponsors of these children forward cash contributions for securing their clothing. This way of doing removes the sponsors, to some extent, from direct contacts with their sponsored children. Even so, we are right much committed to the plan, since we feel that children can best be outfitted by those who know them best and can provide for their needs without undue emotional disturbance. However, at Christmas time sponsors can get in direct touch with their sponsored children by providing them a Christmas remembrance. Already a number of sponsors have written inquiring about what would be most gladly received. Our home mothers have just made a list of the desires of every youngster on the place so that now a sponsor may write and we can refer to these lists for a prompt reply. No personal reminders will be sent out, but this public announcement may carry some significance.

JIMMIE JOINS

The picture this week is that of Jimmie Seagle, seven years old the 20th of last April, and an interesting member of the Anna Hanes cottage family. Jimmy is beginning to do well in the second grade after a somewhat retarded start. This little lad is sponsored by the Intermediate Fellowship at Valdese, Rev. M. W. Heckard being the correspondent. He has joined the select group.

PLAYHOUSE PLANS

Plans are developing for the construction of a large and commodious gymnasium for our boys and girls. Due to the interruption connected with the recent war and the subsequent high building cost, the construction of this gymnasium has been delayed. James G. Hanes, donor, has recently authorized us to secure plans for this gymnasium and we are looking forward to its completion by another year. The gymnasium will provide for a standard high school basketball court and accommodations for some 1,500 spectators. When the seats are rolled back ample provision will be made for an indoor skating circle around the basketball court.

THE WRENN'S NEST

Plans are materializing for the construction of the T. F. Wrenn Memorial Building, funds for this building having been provided, in a measure, by the will of the late T. F. Wrenn. The building is expected to house at least twenty-four older boys, three staff members and provide ample kitchen and cafeteria arrangements for serving the appetites of 100 hungry boys. Since the Duke and John Neal cottages are located on each side of this building, the boys located in them will have their meals in the new facilities of the Wrenn Building. The Wrenn's Nest will be a good one.

MORE FOR LITTLE

Some years ago our good friend, W. N. Reynolds, provided a big contribution for the enlargement of the Reynolds Building, better known to us as the baby cottage. Plans are now materializing for the enlargement of the service to be rendered to our little youngsters. We have noticed that the heaviest intake pressure on us is for acceptance of pre-school age children. At present we can provide for only 26 such little youngsters. The enlarged facilities will practically double that number. The Reynolds Building is closest to Reynolda Road, a much traveled thoroughfare. Oftentimes we have noted the traveling public stop along the wide thoroughfare for observing the lovely little youngsters who play on the inside of the strong wire fence that protects them from the heavy traffic.

FOOTBALL FINDINGS

Our big football boys continue to win football games. So far they have won all nine of their games played. Since the last writing they have won over Raleigh High by a score of 40 to 18 and Lexington High by a score of 33 to 6. Our boys are assured of at least a tie for the South Piedmont Conference championship trophy. Only one scheduled game is yet to be played. Mr. Clary and his boys have been invited to accept the home team's assignment for the Piedmont Bowl game to be played at the Bowman Gray Stadium on Friday night, December 2, as a benefit enterprise for the Winston-Salem Policemen's Retirement Fund.

FARMING FACTS

October was a very dry month and a lot of our fields were seeded with grain sowings. November has so far been a very wet month and farming enterprises have been at a standstill. Mr. Angell, our farm superintendent, works on the assumption that his department should go strong on production and he is therefore arranging for even more cultivated acres for the ensuing year than heretofore.

The Suffering Servant

Isaiah 42: 1-4; 50: 4-9; 52: 13-53: 12; Jeremiah 38: 1-13

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The hopes of Israel for a great future and for a Messiah who would rule the world in righteousness and be the Redeemer of mankind seemed to be completely blasted by the exile. Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed and the people carried in disgrace into captivity. What hope of future influence in the world was there for Israel?

But the elect remnant held to their faith in the darkness and, wonder of wonders, they found themselves influential over their captors in the exile. Miserable, hungry-hearted Babylonians wistfully inquired of them the secret of their faith and hope. The words of the great prophets, the music of the Psalms and the stories of the patriarchs had listeners wherever there were Jews whose faith burned like a torch in the darkness (Daniel 3 and 6).

And suddenly it came to the great prophet of the exile that instead of raising up a miraculous military conqueror who would confound the heathen and bring them all by force into submission to his righteous government, it was the plan of God to save the world by martyrs. Scholars think the suffering servant is the ideal Israel. But, however that may be, it is likely that at the center of this saving remnant who through their valiantly borne afflictions glorified God and became the saviors of men, at the center of this group they envisioned a great personality as there always had been at the center of every company of men used of God to accomplish great things for his glory. When this thought of God's plan to save the world by those who were wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities came to the prophet, his faith was greatly strengthened, for it was reinforced by many experiences in the past.

We can be sure that our Lord himself got comfort from reading how the servant of Jehovah who was despised and rejected of men was finally exalted to give salvation to the people. In the sermon on the mount he says to his disciples, Blessed are ye when men revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. He himself had become exceeding glad in the midst of his tribulations.

And how perfectly our blessed Saviour fulfilled this prophecy. Even on the cross he comforted the dying thief and the moment he breathed his last the centurion in charge of his execution exclaimed, Surely this was a son of God. Nothing inspires faith in the love of God like a human life that suffers for righteousness' sake. After hate and brutality have done their worst there is always a resurrection to power and influence. "Be of good cheer, Master Ridley," said Bishop Latimer as he and Bishop Ridley were about to be burned at the stake, "for we shall this day light a fire in England that shall not soon be put out." And surely they did. Where is religious liberty more complete than in England?

But the 53rd of Isaiah is not fulfilled merely in the lives of outstanding leaders, but in a thousand humble homes where patient sufferers who bear neglect, ingratitude and abuse, with no reaction but one of love, rise to influence and soften the hearts of all with whom they have to do.

It is a central duty for all Christians to keep the thought of the suffering Christ in the midst. Paul said, I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified. The thought that Christ suffered for our sins amazingly inspires us with hope that he will forgive us and our fellowmen and grant us grace and power in the midst of our trials and temptations.

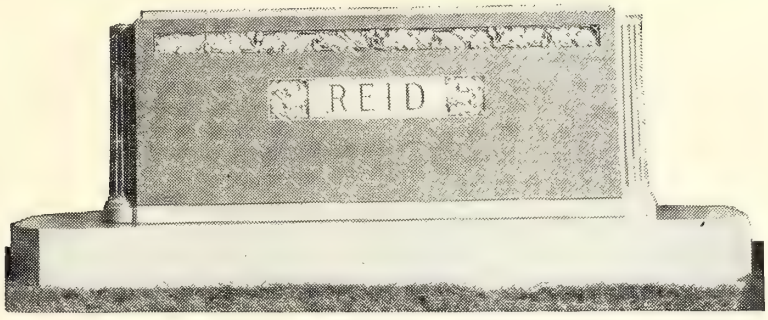
Book Review

John Mark: Servant of Christ, Park Harris Anderson, D. D., Boston, Christopher Publishing House, 1949. 139 pages. $2.00.

The author of this readable little book was for 27 years a missionary in China. He now serves as professor of missions at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His book is a spirited defense of a fellow missionary, John Mark, first century missionary and gospel writer. The author feels a kinship of spirit across the centuries, due to their mutual concern for missions, and to whom the author feels a debt, which he would discharge by removing from Mark's reputation the taint of cowardice or indolence which has attached itself to Mark as a result of the fact that Mark abandoned the missionary team of Paul and Barnabas in Perga. The author, from his knowledge of practical missionary work, and also on the basis of some critical analysis of the facts in the case as recorded in the Bible, comes to the conclusion that the difference which caused Mark and Paul to separate was primarily a difference in strategy, not a difference in theology. Paul's refusal to have Mark as part of his party on the second missionary journey, therefore, should not be allowed to reflect upon the character of the man who has supplied us with our first gospel in historical order of writing and with our most useful gospel in order of usefulness on the mission field.

A reading of the book as well as a glance at the bibliography will show that the author's scholarship is "conservative" in general. The approach is admittedly both devotional and scholarly. The author holds that Paul was released from his Roman prison in 60 A. D., a conclusion which may cost him some followers, and he also argues for a very early date for the synoptic gospels, especially Mark's gospel, which he dates around 50 A. D., a conclusion which may cost him still more. Such details, however, need not deter the reader from the central purpose of the book, which is clearly stated and stoutly —if not always convincingly—defended.—Charles M. Ramsay, Greensboro College.

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AREA TRAINING SCHOOLS

With annual conference meeting in September, the months of October and November were made available for district stewards meetings, advance rallies, and training schools. The fall weather has been ideal and many fine meetings have been held. We ought to be well on the way to a good year. Training school opportunities have been unusually good and the seven schools held have been well attended. Reports complete to date from Thomasville, High Point, Greensboro, Asheboro and Asheville all show better attendance than the same schools had last year. The Statesville and Shelby area schools are in session this week and next and all indications are that the high standards of previous years will be maintained. Schedules for schools to be held between Christmas and Easter are now being arranged. Judging from the requests for schools, along with the interest and attendance in recent weeks, the training program is meeting a real need in providing inspiration and guidance for our teachers and administrative officers.

STUDENT CONFERENCE RETREAT

Under the leadership of Troy Barrett, State Director of the Methodist Student Movement, the fall retreat is being held at Sunny Acres November 11, 12 and 13. The purpose of this retreat is to acquaint the officers in student work with their opportunities for service in the religious life of the campus and to initiate plans for the State Student Conference to be held February 4-6, 1950. Delegates will be in attendance from Methodist student groups from the various colleges and universities of the state.

METHODIST CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GRAND RAPIDS, NOV. 17-21

Approximately 1,000 people from all sections of this country will gather at Grand Rapids, Mich., next week for the biennial session of the Methodist Conference on Christian Education. The purpose of the program this year is to direct the thinking of every delegate to a Study of Christian Education in the Local Church. The conference will be divided into 20 groups for study, discussion and reports. After 10 very happy and successful years of Methodist Union, the value of such a conference is obvious. With six jurisdictions covering large geographical areas of the United States, there are different approaches and different ways of carrying on the work of Christian education. During the sessions of this conference, there will be neither racial nor geographical boundaries. Methodists from every state will come together to try to "develop a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education which shall lead to a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the Christian religion, and the Christian church."

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE FOR USE IN THE HOME

A beautiful new worship service with a four-color cover page of the Nativity scene by Hole is again being offered by the Department of the Christian Family. Pastors or directors of Christian education may wish to send this service to families either with a Christmas letter or to distribute it in the church with the suggestion that families use it some time during Christmas day. This service may be ordered from The Service Department, Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. The price is $2 a hundred, or 30 cents a dozen, cash with orders.

MISS VERA ZIMMERMAN, NEW WORKER IN CHILDREN'S DIVISION

The Department of Christian Education of Children has secured Miss Vera V. Zimmerman, who will join the staff of this department in Nashville on December 1. Miss Zimmerman comes to this position from five years of successful experience as Director of Children's Work in the Alabama Conference. Previous to that she had taught in the public schools of Missouri. She is a graduate of State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Mo., and also an M.A. graduate of Scarritt College. Her major responsibility will be in the area of the pre-school child. We welcome Miss Zimmerman to this important position with our General Board of Education and extend to her a cordial invitation to visit the Western North Carolina Conference in her new work.

PAUL HARDIN, JR., MAKES GOOD BEGINNING IN BIRMINGHAM

For more than 30 years the Journal of the Western North Carolina Conference has contained the name of one or more members of the Hardin family in the annual appointments. Among the names so well known are: E. K. Hardin, H. Grady Hardin, Sr., H. Grady Hardin, Jr., E. Wannamaker Hardin, and Paul Hardin, Jr. Each of these Hardins has served our churches with distinction. The transfer of such ministers is a distinct loss to any conference. Our best wishes go with them as they continue to serve in other areas of Methodism.

The bulletin from First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala., October 30, reports 686 people at church Sunday night, 58 of them being stewards, and an increasing number of young people present; also 191 present at the mid-week service. All of which indicates that Paul Hardin, Jr., is getting off to a good start in Birmingham. Congratulations and best wishes, Paul, from your many friends in Carolina. Although Paul is a South Carolinian by birth, a "Tar Heel" by 20 years of experience, and an Alabamian by choice, we still hope he will not "burn all the bridges" between Birmingham and "the Old North State."

THAT CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHEDULE?

What is the best schedule for Christmas Sunday this year? This question is being asked by thoughtful ministers who want to make the best possible use of this holy day. How will Sunday school fare in competition with the sharing of Christmas gifts with members of the family and with neighbors on this particular Sunday morning? What will happen to the Sunday night service? Will a communion vesper service for the family be more effective? What changes in schedule, if any, should be made for this occasion this year? Any minister who feels that he has a reasonably satisfactory readjusted schedule for this day is asked to share it with his fellow ministers. Send your plans to the executive secretary. If a few schedules are received, they will be shared on this page later.

SECOND SOUTHEASTERN INTER-CHURCH CONVOCATION, ST. MARK METHODIST CHURCH, ATLANTA, DECEMBER 6-8, 1949

The theme for this meeting is "Protestantism Accepts Its Task in the Southeast." This second convocation is a response to the demand which followed a most interesting experience in the first convocation in January 1948. It gives wistful expression to the emerging sense of Protestant oneness and registers the "new consciousness of a common destiny" for our denominations.

Auspices

The program is planned by the Southeastern Advisory Committee consisting of 50 persons chosen from the ten states east of the Mississippi River between Virginia and Florida and representing the denominations and their agencies constituent to the International Council of Religious Education, the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council of North America, and the United Stewardship Council.

Purpose

1. To provide an occasion for spiritual fellowship and for the cultivation of common aims and understanding among the leaders and people of our several denominations;
2. To provide for the region as a whole a dramatic witness to the essential oneness of Protestant forces;
3. To offer an opportunity for a realistic appraisal and commitment to the accomplishment of our combined task in this region;
4. To offer to our sponsoring national councils a summary of the special needs for which they can offer us resources and guidance.

Cost of Attendance

The Inter-Council Office will take care of all costs of the program. It is expected that those who attend will pay their own expenses or have them provided by the organizations sending them. Each person attending is requested to pay a registration fee of $2 to cover the cost of printing the program and mailing the reports.

Entertainment

Each person attending is requested to make his own hotel reservation at once. The following hotels are within a block of St. Mark church:

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The Cox-Carlton: single, $3.50-$5; double, $5-$7.

The Georgian Terrace: single, $4-$5; double, $7-$7.50.

For further information write Dr. Forest C. Weir, Southeastern Inter-Council Office, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

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First Methodist Church, Charlotte

Asheville District
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(See schedule in issue of October 20)

Charlotte District
Edgar H. Nease, D. S.
1100 Queens Road, Charlotte, 7, N. C.
Telephone 4-7489
(See schedule in issue of Oct. 6)

Gastonia District
W. A. Stanbury, D. S.
606 S. York Street, Gastonia, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of Oct. 6)

Greensboro District
Herman F. Duncan, D. S., 320 East Greenway N., Greensboro, N. C.
Telephone 2-3045
(See schedule in issue of Nov. 3)

Marion District
John Hoyle, Jr., D. S.
P. O. Box 611, Marion, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of October 20)

Statesville District
J. H. Armbrust, D. S., Statesville, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of October 27)

Salisbury District
Walter B. West D. S., Salisbury, N. C.
(See schedule in issue of October 27)

Thomasville District
George B. Clemmer, D. S.
11 Mock Street, Thomasville
Telephone 304
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Waynesville District
C. N. Clark, D. S., Box 95, Phone 743
Waynesville, N. C.
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Winston-Salem District
H. G. Allen, D. S.
898 Lynwood Ave., Winston-Salem
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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Richmond Area
Bishop W. W. Peele
Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va.

Rocky Mount District
A. J. Hobbs, D. S.
803 Sycamore Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Telephone 2304

November

District Set-up Meeting, Rocky Mt., 10..18
Northampton, New Hope, 11 20
Seaboard, Pleasant Grove, 3 20
Conway, Bethany, 7:30 20
Marvin, Marvin, 7:30 23
Robersonville, Stokes, 7:30 25
Middleburg, Middleburg, 11 27
Norlina, Norlina, 7:30 27
Saint Paul, Saint Paul, 7:30 30

December

Nashville, Nashville, 7:30 1
Littleton Circuit, Tabor, 11 4
Roanoke Circuit, South Rosemary, 7:30.. 4
Battleboro, Battleboro, 7:30 6
Wilson, 7:30 7
Stantonsburg, Stantonsburg, 11 11
Kenly, Kenly, 7:30 11
Spring Hope, Spring Hope, 7:30 12
Rocky Mount, First Church, 7:30 13
Bethel, 7:30 14
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, 7:30 16
Enfield, 11 18
West Halifax, Eden, 3 18
Halifax, Smith's, 7:30 18
Weldon, 7:30 21

January

Rich Square, Rich Square, 11 1
Scotland Neck, Scotland Neck, 7:30 .. 1
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 7:30 ... 1
Evansdale, 7:30 5
Littleton, Littleton, 11 8
Rosemary, 7:30 8
Farmville, 7:30 11
Warrenton, Hebron, 11 15
Warren, Providence, 7:30 15
Spring Church-Garysburg, Spr. Ch., 11 22
Whitakers, Whitakers, 7:30 22
Elm City, Elm City, 11 29
Pinetops, Pinetops, 3 29
Tarboro, 7:30 29

Evangelists' Slates

Roy T. Houts
New Market, Tenn.
Oct. 23-Nov. 6—Park City Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
Nov. 6-16—Cliffside, N. C.
Nov. 20-30—Trentville, Tenn.
Dec. 4-18—Mascot, Tenn.
Jan. 1-6—Cincinnati, Ohio.
Schedule filled in Florida until the first of April.

John R. Church, D.D.
Rt. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Oct. 16-27—First Meth.. Herrin, Ill.
Oct. 30-Nov 10—First Meth., Granite City, Ill.

In Memoriam

William B. Williams

Gatesville.—William B. Williams, of Gatesville, Gates County, N. C., 58, son of the late R. D. Williams and Zondie Barnes Williams, died at his home in Gatesville on Sunday night, Oct. 9, 1949.

Brother Williams served as superintendent of the Gatesville Methodist church school for 12 years and as chairman of the board of stewards for the Gatesville charge for a number of years and was a member of the board of stewards when he died. He served as mayor of Gatesville until his health forced him to resign. A loyal citizen, well beloved by those who knew him, one of the best known citizens of the county, and one of the most popular. Brother Williams was afflicted from childhood and was a great sufferer, but his vitality was remarkable. He possessed a keen mind and was active in business, full of energy, and in spite of his affliction he possessed a fine sense of humor and was very companionable.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Thomas A. Collins, and the writer who was his pastor for nine years, in the presence of a host of sorrowing friends, many of whom stood on the outside of the crowded church building. Burial was in the Gatesville cemetery. Floral offerings were beautiful and profuse. He is survived by his faithful companion, Mrs. Laura Leigh Riddick Williams; two sisters, Miss Marion Williams and Mrs. Harry J. Williams of Barboursville, Va.; an aunt, Mrs. J. M. Pool of Elizabeth City; an uncle, George Pendleton of Atlanta, Ga.; one niece, Mrs. Tom Clark of Roanoke, Va.

All that loving hands could do was done for his comfort and relief. Death to him was a release from pain and suffering, a transition, we believe, to a better land.

Our prayerful sympathy goes out to his faithful, loving companion.

J. M. Jolliff.

THE TASK AHEAD

(*Continued from page five*)

re-location of churches in certain cities can improve situations. This is receiving the attention of some committees. The thing for which I am hoping and praying is that the Conference program in the church extension phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church will become such an integral part of the Advance of the Conference that it will carry over through the years, and that the Conference Board will have the funds with which to build church buildings in these vast areas of population. Then, that the larger city churches will catch the vision and will furnish leadership and finances for the carrying on of this work.

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Advancing Our Faith in God

By Fred H. Shinn*

We are informed by numerous surveys that about 95 per cent of the Amercian people claim belief in God, but only 26 per cent of the people think of God in intimate relation with their lives; that 76 per cent think of themselves as church members, but only about 20 per cent take their relationship with the church seriously or attend church with any degree of regularity. If this is anywhere near the truth, our course in advancing our faith in God is clearly indicated. Practice must take precedence over theory. Example and not precept is the crying need of the hour. We must add to our skills of living in a scientific age, operating a mechanized order, and money-making, the skill of worshiping Almighty God. There must be a resurgence of public and private worship, a renewed emphasis upon orientation to God as the Father of us all, and a hearty espousal of the good we find about us. We must be able to speak with authority about the presence of God in our lives.

After all, faith is personal. Human destiny is personal. Salvation begins in self-evangelism. World evangelism is a burgeoning out of that inner process of personal salvation. The first recorded proclamation of Christ's redemptive gospel was: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" That is, orientation to God is the core of our faith; it is God's means, established in Christ, for the transaction of that eternal business he has with man.

We must understand also what we mean by faith and belief. We must know how our faith in God may be deepened and our knowledge of God increased. Our knowledge of God is derived, directly or indirectly, from two sources: (1) What we experience in our moments of worship and awareness of God and the changes in our lives such worship and awareness brings; (2) our interpretations of experience with God and His world.

All the experiences of men everywhere are with the same God, and these experiences tend toward unity. Our interpretations of experience differ, however, and tend toward division. Theology is objectified and analyzed experience with God and his world. In this sense, sound theology is correct interpretation, and faulty theology is incorrect interpretation. But theology is more than mere interpretation of experience; it involves the experience it objectifies and describes. The very fact of theology is eloquent testimony to an awareness of Eternal Being on the part of man, and a recognition that God and human life and destiny are inseparable. This is the troublesome point in theology. There is about experience with God a finality and absoluteness just as there is a relativity and developing aspect about interpretation. If we ascribe to our reasoning about experience with God the absoluteness and finality of the experience itself, differing interpretations reach an impasse; progress and unity are prevented. If we attribute to experience that quality of relativity belonging to objective knowledge, we discredit experience in religion and destroy the basic quality of theology.

Our faith in God rises out of both experience and reasoning about experience. Faith as the "evidence of things not seen" may be applied either to faith in God or faith in the processes of our mind. In our effort to understand and frame our faith in terms of communicable knowledge we often fail to discriminate between these two aspects of our faith. As a result, confusion reigns. There must be no confusion at this point. Divided Christendom is the result of our indiscriminate thinking at this point. If we would advance our faith in God we must keep the primary emphasis upon experience—a knowledge of association with God as Father—and interpretive belief as relative. Given a keen awareness of, and orientation to, God as the most vital part of our faith, man can and will continue to build his systems of intellectual belief. Given a relativity of interpretation, man can and will alter those systems of belief from age to age in such a way as to express more fully his developing understanding of religion and bring into fuller realization that unity, harmony, and brotherhood of man impelled by his orientation to God as Father.

*Pastor Cooleemee Methodist Church.

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Scene Sunday, November 6, at Sanford, immediately following the ordination of elders and deacons. Kneeling, elders, left to right, W. B. Gregory, J. K. Bostick, H. S. Winberry, J. D. Aycock, W. M. Wells, Jr., C. F. Hirschi. Standing, Bishop Werner at extreme left, Bishop Peele at extreme right. Deacons, left to right, W. K. Babington, C. M. Fogleman, Jr., W. C. Walton, Jr., C. R. Newton, N. L. Jones, G. L. Kinley, D. M. Lewis, J. H. Miller, Jr., C. J. Tilley, J. M. Carroll, D. F. Kinlaw.

Board Offers Youth Missionary Opportunities in Latin America: Ormond Discusses Guiding Children

FIFTY FOR LATIN AMERICA IN 1950

The call comes for fifty of our finest youth to go to Latin America in 1950 in another three-year venture of fellowship and service. Countries included are Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rica, Peru and Uruguay.

In 1948 the Methodist Church sent 50 of its youth to serve in Japan and Korea for three years. In 1949 a similar group gave themselves to Christian service in India and Pakistan. A third group will go next year to Latin America.

Jobs in Latin America will include: Teaching in high schools, youth work in churches and community centers, adult education in night schools, religious education, assistants to pastors, nursing and public health work, and service in rural centers.

Those selected will be college graduates between the ages of 21 and 28 years. They must be people of genuine Christian experience with a desire to serve and a faith they are eager to share. Standards also include good health with a record in scholarship and practical achievement well above average. They must be unmarried and agree to remain so during the period of service.

There will be a six-week period of intensive training in July and August with emphasis upon religious development, language study, area orientation, and methods of work in Latin America. The group will sail near the end of August

Here is an unsurpassed opportunity to work with people of great promise who desperately need a faith to live by. It will be the joyous task of the LA-3's to help them find a vital Christianity which links religion and life.

Those interested should write at once to The Department of Missionary Personnel, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

J. Elwood Carroll, Chairman,
W. N. C. Conference Commission of Christian Vocations.

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METHODIST ORPHANAGE FUNDS

All funds raised for the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, should be sent directly to the orphanage superintendent or business manager, and not to the conference treasurer. L. C. Larkin, Supt.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The Fayetteville district set-up meeting will be held in Hay Street church, Fayetteville, next Tuesday, beginning at 10 o'clock. All pastors of the district are expected to attend this important meeting, together with charge lay leaders, stewards, Sunday school officials, Woman's Society of Christian Service laeders and other interested persons.

Walter C. Ball, Supt.



SET-UP MEETINGS, NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

District	Place	Date
Durham—Carr, Durham		Nov. 21
Elizabeth City—Hertford		Dec. 6
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Raleigh—Edenton Street		Dec. 5
Rocky Mt.—Rocky Mt.		Nov. 18
Wilmington—Grace, Wilmington		Nov. 29

FATHER OF DR. E. L. HILLMAN PASSES

George J. Hillman, 85, father of Dr. E. L. Hillman of Durham, died November 12 at his home in Philadelphia, Miss. Funeral services were conducted November 13 from First Methodist Church, Philadelphia, of which the deceased was a life-long active member, by Dr. J. L. Neill, pastor, and Bishop Marvin Franklin.

Survivors include his wife, four sons and four daughters, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Included are Rev. C. W. Hillman of Richmond, Va., and Dr. Hillman, a member of the North Carolina Conference.

MARTIN ASSUMES METHODIST COLLEGE FOUNDATION DUTIES

Dr. B. Joseph Martin, newly appointed director of the Methodist College Foundation, Inc., has located offices in the North Carolina Christian Advocate building, Greensboro, and has already assumed the responsibilities of his office.

OPPORTUNITIES

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The Minister Should Know

That the most strategic and constructive opportunity offered him and his local church is that of guiding children and young people to comprehend and incarnate the Christian faith. In the chapter on Christian Education, the Discipline of the Methodist Church, 1948, lists as one of the minister's many duties: "to advise, exhort, and encourage them (children and youth) to an immediate acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour; and to instruct them in the use of the means of grace in living the Christian life."

This statement of responsibility implies an inseparable relationship between evangelism and education. Dr. Weldon Crossland emphasizes this close bond in How to Increase Church Membership and Attendance, with these words: "Christian Education and Evangelism resemble the Siamese twins in that they cannot be separated without grave harm to both. They richly supplement each other in the service of the growing soul."

The wise minister will make as many personal contacts with his children and youth as his total schedule will permit. He will enlist the whole-hearted cooperation of his church school teachers in this momentous achievement. He should be prepared to train teachers in the fine art of leading their pupils to a definite acceptance of the Christian faith. He should place in their hands various printed helps for this delicate task, and in every way possible encourage them and assist them. Together they should prepare an impressive decision day program, follow-up the climax of decision day with encouragement and guidance, and should make contact by visit or letter every anniversary thereafter.

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E D I T O R I A L

Methodism in Certain North Carolina Cities

Figures released by Rev. O. L. Hathaway confirm a widespread conviction that Methodism in certain North Carolina cities has not been keeping pace with a rapidly growing population. The figures speak for themselves. For example, Durham in 1930 had eight Methodist churches with 5,320 members; in 1948 that city had ten Methodist churches with 8,087, or a gain of 2,838 members in eighteen years. At the same time the population increased 21,463. In 1930 Raleigh had four Methodist churches with 3,996 members; in 1948 there were six Methodist churches with 7,039 members, or an increase of 3,053. During that period the total population jumped 28,925.

In 1930 Wilmington had four Methodist churches with 2,806 members; in 1948 the city had five Methodist churches with 3,620 members, or an increase of 814 in 18 years. During these years the general population climbed 17,930. In 1930 Goldsboro had two Methodist churches with 1,392 members; in 1948 there were still two Methodist churches with 1,659 members, or an increase of 267. During that period the total population increased 11,815. In 1930 Rocky Mount had three Methodist churches with 1,926 members; in 1948 the community had four Methodist churches with 3,079 members, or a growth of 1,153. During the same period the population rose 12,588.

During the same eighteen year period Greenville, with one Methodist church, increased its Methodist membership 658 while the total population increased 8,806; Methodists in Kinston increased 505 while the total population jumped 8,138; Wilson Methodists in eighteen years, with one church, increased their membership 197 as the city gained 11,687; and New Bern Methodists, with one church, during the same period increased their membership 380 while the city population grew 7,019.

Now, Methodist work in the communities surveyed is no worse than it is in dozens of North Carolina cities. In some communities the Methodists are meeting their responsibilities to these new citizens. They should do it in every community. No city should become a "sink hole," to borrow Bishop Peele's description, for Methodist or potential Methodist members. Whatever the reason for delay up to this hour, that reason should not continue to prevail. Methodism must be true to its historic ideal. It must follow the people wherever they go.

The richest soil, if cultivated, produces the rankest weeds.—Plutarch.

Friends are much better tried in bad fortune than in good.—Aristotle.

Those who never retract their opinions love themselves more than they love truth.—Joubert.

God Is a Toiler To Be Joined

"God," said Bishop Hazen G. Werner in one of his sermons at the recent North Carolina Annual Conference, "is a toiler to be joined, not a problem to be solved."

How true! Yet how many of us approach God as a problem to be solved? Even as we begin the emphasis on Our Faith some of us conceive of God as a bewildering, fathomless mystery. Already we are pouring over complex theological books, trying to understand a little more clearly the real nature and character of God.

Now, study is essential. Our generation has spent altogether too little time studying the Christian faith. Our lack of faith can be traced directly to our lack of information about our faith. Faith, to be sure and steadfast, must be grounded in the knowledge and understanding that come from great religious books. An informed Christian is an intelligent, loyal, Christian. As we read, however, we need to keep in mind that God is a toiler to be joined and not a problem to be solved. Reading that does not inspire us to join God in the home and church and community as an active partner will result in further theological confusion. God is a worker. Jesus, who knew God so well that he called him Father and who makes God real to all who follow him, summed it up in these words: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

Let us keep on studying to find out more about God. At the same time, let us join him as a fellow-toiler in the marketplaces and on the streets and everywhere men live and labor. Then we shall see Him and know Him as He is. And our faith in Him will be unshakable.

A Christian Offensive Against Communism

Dr. Frank Laubach, world famed missionary, has proposed a Christian offensive which he believes can halt communism in the Far East. In an address recently at Cleveland, Ohio, the eminent spiritual leader, according to Religious News Service, urged that the 30,000,000 Christians in Asia and Africa begin the attack by each Christian winning another person to Christ. He also proposes that Christian nations send 30,000 trained missionaries to these countries.

With this foundation, Dr. Laubach recommends attack along eight fronts: 1. Publish the Christian message in the simplest language to counter communist propaganda. 2. Organize 100,000 technically skilled Christian men and women to aid people in poverty-stricken and disease-ridden areas. 3. Work in behalf of racial equality. 4. Center more attention, at home and abroad, on the working people. 5. Make greater use of radio, motion pictures and television to carry the Christian message to people. 6. Establish a Christian school of diplomacy and establish medical and technical schools to train workers for service in needy countries. 7. Infiltrate behind the iron curtain and do everything possible to aid Christians in communist areas. 8. Mobilize Christians to pray for members of the United Nations, for President Truman, members of his cabinet and Congress and for the conversion of Stalin, the politburo and Russia.

To the tough-minded, practical man this proposal may seem unrealistic, unworkable. Perhaps so. But he might be reminded that a genuinely Christian strategy has never failed. He might be reminded that communism will never be stopped by bayonets and bullets, but only by a superior spiritual force. The greatest weapon in the world with which to combat communism is the truth contained in the gospel of Christ.

It is tragic that in this critical hour we keep on following demagogues and dictators who inevitably plunge mankind into darkness and bloodshed rather than creative, Christ-filled men like Frank Laubach who have done so much to help multitudes to know the truth that sets men free.

In the light of history, Frank Laubach's proposal seems both realistic and workable.

At the Annual Conference I found

God's Spirit at Work

By C. W. GOLDSTON*

The first few sessions of the Annual Conference which I attended as a young minister proved a keen disappointment to me. I expected to find far more than I found. As a result of that disappointment, I made bold to write some articles to the Advocate entitled, "What I Missed at Conference." I could still write on that subject. However, I want now to write positively. As much as I regret what I miss at an annual conference I appreciate even more deeply what I find. So here are some of the things that I found at Sanford.

1. I found a fair-minded, courteous, brotherly bishop presiding over the Conference. Paul says, among other things, that a bishop must be "of good behaviour, given to hospitality, . . . patient, not a brawler. . . ." Bishop Peele answers to that description.

2. I found a most cordial and friendly people. When I consider the size of the town of Sanford and remember the difficulties involved in entertaining an annual conference that has the number of members that ours has, it is a marvel that our every need could be met so adequately. And it was done so beautifully!

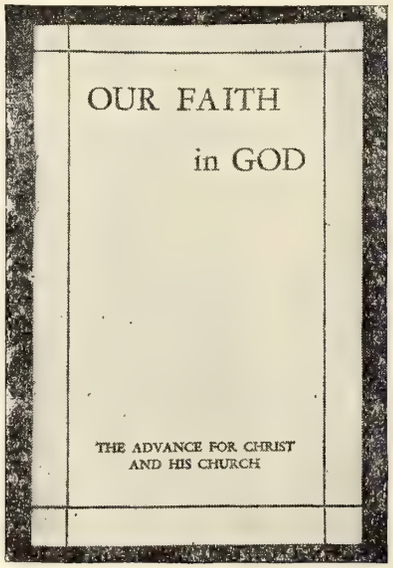
3. I found a prayer room at Conference. How much it was used is known only to God, but I know that it was used some. I know of at least two ministers whose appointments were "hanging in the balance" and who slipped into the prayer room, there on their knees to commit their ministry and appointment to the Heavenly Father. May their tribe increase!

4. I found a new and deeper sense of fellowship with some of my fellow-ministers. Frankly, I have not always been greatly impressed by orations on Methodism as "the greatest brotherhood on earth." The self-centered seeking for position, place, and prominence; the suspicions, the criticisms, the gossipings that are encountered so frequently; the unfair, unjust differential in the salaries of ministers—all these things deny the reality of the brotherhood we declare to exist. Even so, I found at Sanford a group of ministers who talked little about appointments and much about the Spirit, who expressed freely and sincerely their heartfelt hunger for the deeper things of God's Kingdom. That experience brought to life in my heart the realization that in the North Carolina Conference there is, in spite of all facts to the contrary, a beloved community into which the Spirit of God is drawing us by the magnetism of His love. We are one in Christ. We are one in spite of the sins that separate and divide us. The beloved community is more than a dream to be realized in some hazy future; it is, in a real measure, a fact in the present. The more we yield and respond to the Divine Love, the more real, the richer, will that beloved community become. Let us pray that the Pentecostal Spirit which transformed the early Christians into the fellowship of love (see Acts 2:1-11, 41-47, 4:31-32) will do the same for North Carolina Methodism.

The Annual Conference, often an occasion of routine business and concern over appointments, becomes an exhilarating spiritual experience.

5. Finally (and this heartens me most of all), I found at Sanford a revival, a quiet but vital revival, taking place in the hearts of many of our ministers. The signs of that revival are not always seen on the floor of the Conference; they are seen in the deeper, quieter currents of Conference life. Two facts prove the truth of this assertion. First of all, there are small groups of ministers who are planning to meet together in the near future to pray and to wait for the coming of the spirit of power. There are no doubt many of these groups; I know of two. These groups are not coming together because of some board or official agency of the Conference; they are coming together under their own initiative, under the call of God's spirit, for the purpose of seeking a deeper experience of divine love and power. In the second place, that there is a real revival taking place among the ministers is borne out by the fact that during the Conference session a group of ministers (one layman was also present) who met late one night for talk and fellowship found themselves led into a prayer meeting. I was invited into that group and saw something that I have never before seen at an Annual Conference. I saw a group of ministers falling on their knees and praying in sincere love for the bishop and the district superintendents, asking as they prayed that the appointments might be made in the love of Christ and for His glory. I heard that same group confessing their faults one to another and praying for one another. I heard some of them tell of fresh experiences of God's presence and power in their lives and ask for the prayers of their friends that they might grow in love and grace. It was nothing new for me to attend a "bull session" at an annual conference; but it was new to me to see such a session turned into a prayer meeting. That is why I came away from Sanford with the joy of Christ singing in my heart. That is why I am convinced that the spirit of God is at work mightily in our midst. How far and how deep this revival of the spirit will go none can know. "The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof but cannot tell from whence it cometh or whither it goeth." Of this I feel sure: the winds of God are blowing. May they blow until the smouldering fires of our souls have burst into a bright flame, consuming the dross of our lives and lighting up the way for all those that walk in darkness. To quote the words of Bishop Ralph S. Cushman:

"Set us afire, Lord,
Stir us, we pray!
While the world perishes,
We go our way;
Purposeless, passionless,
Day after day.
Set us afire, Lord,
Stir us we pray!"



Theme of Methodist Teaching and Preaching During November

*Pastor, Daniels Memorial Church, Goldsboro.

Take Time for

INNER DEVELOPMENT

By Bishop W. W. Peele

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And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it."—I Kings 20:40.

Methodism is big business; it is a growing business. It is growing because of the enlarging and ever-expanding opportunities and responsibilities which Methodism faces. No one would want the Methodist Church to turn a deaf ear to the need of humanity anywhere in this world. Because Methodism is big business, like any big business it must be well organized and must have a well-planned and worthy program. A great institution cannot meet its obligations and enjoy its divine privileges without direction being given to its every efforts and activities.

Without organization and program, the efforts of Methodism would be dissipated. Now, program and organization must have people to carry through the program and to use to advantage the organization. At this point Methodism is strong and efficient. In this, we all rejoice! We glory in the achievements of the Methodist Church during these demanding and trying years. I shall not take the time to sum up the achievements of our church in terms of financial and material accomplishment. The story is well known. I would pause long enough to say that we are far from doing what our ability would indicate that we ought to do. Our fruits are far from being worthy of a great church.

Now having said that so you may understand that I do not look lightly upon the program, the organization, and the accomplishments of the church as they can be tabulated in figures, I proceed to say that we can be so busy in activity that we miss something which is more excellent. Martha was active in doing needed and necessary things, but she missed something that was essential to a happy and successful life. We must take time to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. We must take time to be holy. We must talk oft with the Lord. Nothing can take the place of it. There must be dedication within as well as activity without. If we are not careful while we are busy here and there, something will disappear from our very souls.

Bible reading, prayer, periods of silence and meditation, practicing the presence of God, these are MUSTS in our Christian lives. How many homes are chilled and become frigid, not because of intentional neglect, but because of an excessive amount of time being given to important, but outside, activities? Family life grows upon love—love expressed not altogether in providing the necessities of life, but love expressed in intimate communion one with the other. Your home is worth more to you than the building of a church building or the reaching of a financial goal. Your time must be wisely spent.

We need great preachers today. They are too few. Activity alone does not produce such. Great preachers must have time for study, for listening to the voice of God, for taking God's thoughts and finding words that will adequately express them. This is not easy. It is not easy to think God's thoughts after Him. It is also difficult to find the means by which the thoughts of God can be objectified. My brethren, let us determine this year to find time to commune with God. Let us "take" time to be holy. God needs *us* more than He needs our outward activity. We will please Him best by living nearest to Him.

When John Wesley could say, "I felt my heart strangely warmed," he was ready to preach to others. No man has a gospel until, like St. Paul, he is able to speak of "my gospel"—my own experience of salvation, my own verification of the facts of religion, my own interpretation of the meaning of Christ and His redemption. In our activities for the church, may we determine that wherever we may be permitted to serve we shall know nothing save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

God Is Intelligence and Life

By E. STANLEY JONES

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Back of this intelligent universe is an intelligent mind. We call that intelligence God. Since intelligence is universal, then God must be universal. Like produces like. Could the non-intelligent produce the intelligent? Could the non-purposive produce the purposive? How could the resident forces in nature move towards an Intelligence without intelligence in themselves?

Regarding evolution. . . Suppose God were to create something that would create something that would create something. . . . It would be just like a man hitting a ball in order to hit another ball which would hit another ball which would hit another ball, making the last ball fall into a hole. It would take more intelligence to do so.

Some say we must get rid of religion because it came from magic. What if it did? Modern medicine came from the medicine man. Chemistry came from ancient alchemy. Astronomy came from astrology. But suppose the origin of religion were not magic. For religion really did not originate from magic. It came from something deeper than that. It was the life urge turned qualitative. As long as there are men who feel an urge to live fully and better, there will be religion. Religion is a cry for life. When life meets Life and draws life from it, there religion begins.

Between some science and some religion, there is conflict. But between real science and real religion, there is no conflict. Religion is qualitative; science, quantitative. Science sees nothing but paper and printer's ink in a poem—the quantitative part of it. Religion goes deeper. It interprets the poem. Science sees only the mucus, water, and salt that compose a mother's tear. Religion interprets it and sees the care, the love, the longing behind. To science, a violin solo is nothnig but the scraping of a horse's tail across a dead cat's gut. But religion interprets the music produced.

Religion takes these imponderable values and evaluates them. Science is the means. Religion is the end. Science needs religion; religion needs science. Science is power. With it, there could be either collective ruin or collective reconstruction.

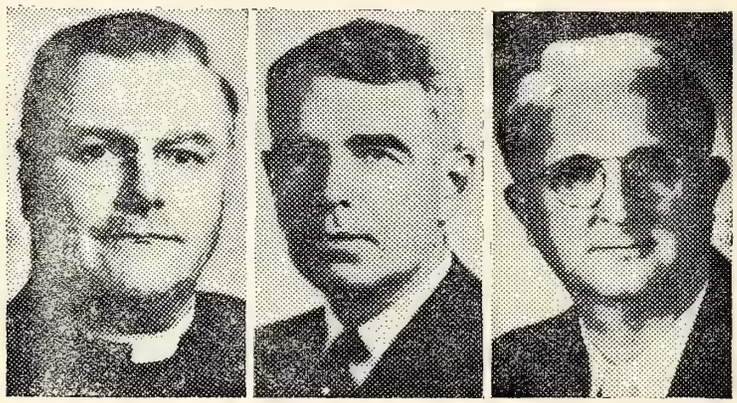
Are we living in a multiverse? No. We live in a universe. There could be either destruction or reconstruction according to the motive that is behind the power of science. Religion must direct this power, must give men the spirit of "love for God and love for man."

Together, science and religion can do anything. Religion must use the techniques of science and science must use the spirit of religion.

Evangelistic Campaign to Reach Multitudes; Stafford Honored; Dicks Has New Book on Faith

EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE IN METROPOLITAN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA.—The city of brotherly love and its surrounding metropolitan area will soon see a friendly invasion of nearly 1,000 Methodist ministers from every state in the union. Beginning November 26, these pastors and others will dedicate the mornings of a week to earnest study of Christian evangelism and their afternoons and evenings to the practice of it.



Pictured above are (center) Bishop F. P. Corson of Philadelphia, general chairman; (left) Dr. Alexander K. Smith, superintendent of the West district, executive chairman; and (right) Dr. Harry L. Williams, of Nashville, Tenn., a secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, who is directing the campaign.

Staff members of the denomination's General Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Tenn., agree that this Methodist evangelistic advance in metropolitan Philadelphia is not only the largest simultaneous evangelistic endeavor ever to be attempted by the Methodist Church, but in its nature, organization and plan is unprecedented in American church life. The movement is part of the United Evangelistic Advance as well as tying closely into the Advance for Christ and His Church.

Huge School of Evangelism

The evangelistic leadership of the entire denomination throughout America, including 106 conference secretaries of evangelism, 578 district secretaries of evangeliem; one pastor and one district superintendent from each conference will assemble daily in Arch Street Church, Philadelphia, together with 329 pastors from the Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Delaware Conferences.

This school of evangelism, which will reach more than a thousand leaders, is the training program for the evangelistic emphasis for The Advance for Christ and His Church. Under the leadership of the General Board of Evangelism of which Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., is executive secretary, these men will receive training and inspiration in evangelistic preaching, visitation evangelism, and public evangelism.

Notable Instructors on Faculty

Speakers for the School of Evangelism are Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Portland (Oregon) area; Dr. William R. Cannon of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of the St. Paul (Minn.) area; and Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, resident bishop of the Philadelphia area.

Instruction in pulpit evangelism will be given by Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, Jr., of Pittsburgh and instruction in visitation evangelism will be given by Dr. Dawson C. Bryan of Nashville. This training will reach each local church participating in this Advance as these leaders in turn train the 6,000 lay men and women to do effective visiting for Christ in the homes of their communities.

Nightly Services in 329 Churches

The second phase of the program is simultaneous services in the 329 cooperating churches. Two guest leaders will be assigned to each church, one of whom will be the evangelistic preacher, and the other the visitation director. It is expected that some 10,000 persons will be reached for Christ and His Church through these services which are to be held from Sunday, November 27, through Friday, December 2.

Mass Meeting in Convention Hall

The third phase of the program is the great evangelistic rally to be held in Convention Hall on Sunday, December 4, at 3.30 p.m. Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico area will be the evangelistic speaker. The internationally-known Homer Rodeheaver will be the song leader. A youth choir of 2,000 voices will sing "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah," and an adult choir of 3,000 voices will sing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The service will open with a colorful processional led by the Harmony Trumpeters, massed flags, 750 ministers, 16 district superintendents, a number of bishops, the officials of the Methodist Evangelistic Advance, and resident Bishop Fred P. Corson. It is expected that 15,000 Methodists will come by special trains, chartered buses, and private cars from a radius of 100 miles.

STAFFORD ELECTED EDITOR OF METHODIST RURAL PUBLICATION

Rev. Garland R. Stafford of Lewisville, N. C., was elected editor of the Methodist Rural Fellowship Bulletin at the National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country, held last week at Lincoln, Nebraska. Opening Tuesday, November 8, at St. Pauls Methodist Church, the 150 workers present heard Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, who declared that "rural America has not only the obligation of providing food for millions both here and abroad, but to keep before mankind the eternal truth that man does not live by bread alone." Dr. Fisher, who is associate secretary of the division of home missions, urged his hearers to enter into a fellowship of prayer that the town and country church would lead the way in building the kingdom of God.

Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska, spoke on Tuesday evening, calling for "total Christianity." Other speakers during the three-day session included Dr. Edwin L. Becker of the Disciples of Christ who pointed out that the rural non-farm population was now larger than the farm population; Dr. Douglas Ensminger of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. Rockwell C. Smith of Garrett Biblical Institute, and Miss Marjorie Minkler of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension, who led the worship services for the convocation. The work of the convocation was done in eleven study commissions.

The Methodist Rural Fellowship had a pre-convention meeting Sunday night and Monday, under the direction of the president, Rev. Ralph Kofoed of Monroe, Wis. Many phases of Methodist rural work were under discussion.

Wednesday afternoon Dr. Fisher presented several workers in Methodist home mission projects in a denominational meeting. That evening at a dinner meeting the new superintendent of Town and Country Work, Glenn Sanford of Arkansas, was presented.

Rev. C. O. Kennerly, Rev. Wilson Nesbitt and Mr. Stafford represented the Western North Carolina Conference at the meeting. It is expected that the convocation will be held in the southeast next fall.

Mr. Stafford will begin at once his duties as editor of the Methodist Rural Fellowship Bulletin, which has a circulation of 2,000. His appointment, which will not affect his pastoral duties, is for the remainder of the quadrennium.

DR. RUSSELL DICKS WRITES NEW VOLUME

"My Faith Looks Up," latest book of Dr. Russell L. Dicks, professor of pastoral care, Duke University Divinity School, is being circulated, according to announcements from the Westminster Press, Philadelphia, publishers.

In the volume, Dr. Dicks points the way to emotional stability through religion, combined with suggestions for complete mental and physical relaxation. Using a positive approach to the problems of worry, guilt, fear and failure, the author-theologian deals with many of the troubles which beset modern man.

The purpose of the book, as outlined in the introduction, is "to inspire courage and to give guidance in living, especially in relation to the crises of life."

Defining emotional tension as a "disease of our generation," Dr. Dicks states that it threatens to destroy man.

"My Faith Looks Up" has been termed by reviewers as a "book to replace despair with hope. A valuable tool for the pastor in his ministrations to those in need of guidance."

Dr. E. G. Homrighausen, professor of Christian education at Princeton Theological Seminary, calls the book "excellent material to put into the hands of distraught people who would be restored to their rightful minds by meditating upon these selections."

News in Brief -- Personalities

RUFFIN METHODISTS will hold a Thanksgiving love feast at 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning at which time they will make an offering to the Children's Home, Winston-Salem.

SNOW HILL CHURCH on the Sandy Ridge charge will hold revival services beginning Sunday, November 20, at 7 p.m., with Rev. A. E. Bingham, pastor of the Danbury charge, assisting Rev. J. C. Gentry, pastor.

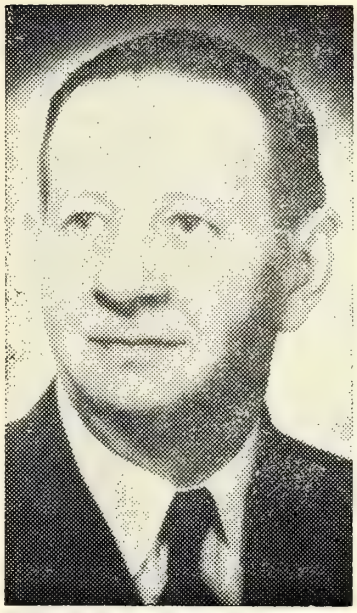
MYRTLE CHURCH, Gastonia, is happy to have for another year Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson. The church is looking forward to a most successful year and is in the midst of a building fund campaign with $6,563 already received. The church has three fellowship groups which are showing much interest.

THE FIRST EDITION of "Our Faith" booklets in paper covers, 500,000 sets, 4 million individual copies, has been exhausted. A new edition will be ready for mailing from 740 Rush Street, Chicago, about Thanksgiving time. There are still 2,000 sets of the clothbound booklets. Orders for these, at $2 per set, will be filled promptly from the Chicago office. If received not later than December 5, they should be delivered before Christmas.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS of Purcell Church, Charlotte, has increased the salary of the pastor from $2,400 to $3,000. This increase of $600 will actually increase the pastor's salary by $200 since last year the mission society of Charlotte gave assistance on salary. Purcell church is now self-supporting, even though it is only three years old. This church has been known from the start in 1946 for its constant growth and its generosity to all causes of the church.

MISS CHARMIONE ROSE, a senior at High Point College, was the state representative of the Methodist student movement at a Cuban work camp last summer. She is available for talks and expects soon to have kodachrome slides of her work. She taught adults to read and write, taught in Bible school and taught Sunday school in Spanish. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Rose of Winston-Salem, Miss Rose is a major in religious education.

METHODISTS played conspicuous parts in the nation's observances of Reformation Sunday. Among speakers at city-wide services were Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India, who pointed out to 5,000 people in Detroit's Masonic Temple that where authoritarian religion prevails, there also are large amounts of skepticism and atheism. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York, speaking to more than 12,000 in the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City, reasoned against any interpretation of the idea of the separation of church and state which might result in the divorce of religion from the national life. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam addressed mass meetings in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City and in the County Center in White Plains, New York, on the subject "Protestantism and the World Crisis." He asserted Protestant belief in religious liberty, in the right of private judgment, and in a freedom from external authority which puts the final decision in the conscience of the individual.



DR. JOHN F. FERGUSON, above, pastor of Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., is the speaker Sunday morning, November 20, at 8:30 o'clock on the Methodist Hour, using as his topic, "The Final Victory." Dr. Ferguson is a former chaplain of World War I, a former professor at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., and vice-president of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. Music for this sermon on the Methodist Hour will be by the Methodist Hour choir with John Hoffman as director and George Hamric at the organ.

REV. ALLISON E. BELK has been well received by the Shady Grove charge, Waynesville, R. F. D. 2. On October 5 he and his family received a royal reception by a large group from Shady Grove church, who had prepared a delicious dinner. On October 28 about fifty members and friends from Maggie and Shady Grove churches surprised the new pastor with a liberal and much-appreciated pounding. Through the generosity of Dr. C. N. Clark, district superintendent, and the W.S.C.S. of the Shady Grove church, the parsonage kitchen was modernized by the installing of a Universal electric range and hot-water heater, and the charge installed a 280-gallon fuel oil tank. The old Maggie church has been sold and is being torn down to make room for a new building.

PARK AVENUE CHURCH, Salisbury, recently dedicated a new organ and chimes and several memorial gifts in appropriate services. Dr. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Salisbury District, was in charge of the organ dedication and the pastor, Rev. O. L. Brown, was in charge of the dedication of memorials. A. C. Morris and C. A. Misenheimer made the presentations. Prior to the dedicatory rites John Morton of Charlotte presented an organ recital. The pulpit was presented by Henry and John Cook in honor of their mother, Mrs. Sarah Cook, who is in her 97th year. The communion table was presented by J. C. and Ed Ketchie in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Ketchie. Chairs were presented by Mrs. J. F. Henderlite and her children. The baptismal bowl was presented by the Fesperman Bible class in memory of Cleveland L. Hardister.

CALVARY CHURCH, Greensboro, observed loyalty month during October. Many events were featured during the month.

REV. J. A. AUMAN and family received many warm handshakes and congratulations on their return to the Four Oaks charge.—Mrs. Nettie DeFord.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. E. K. McLarty, Jr., of Morganton, a daughter, Jean Ellen, November 1, 1949, at Grace Hospital, Morganton.

METHODISTS have increased their World Service giving 7.55 per cent in the five-month period since the beginning of the fiscal year, according to Rev. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer. The $2,150,562.54 sum contributed shows an increase of $151,020.18 over last year's giving. Dr. Lugg pointed out, however, that the per capita World Service giving for all active members for the preceding year amounted to only $1.08. World Service receipts for the month of October are $658,834.95—a gain of $14,825.94 over last year's $644,009.01 during that month.

DILWORTH CHURCH, Charlotte, held a laymen's workshop Saturday, November 5. Beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and continuing until 9:30 that evening, the group studied five areas of the church program. Supper was served at the church to which the wives of the participating members were invited. All who took part in this event found it to be most fruitful and believed it will have far-reaching effect on the program of the church. A committee from the board of stewards planned the workshop.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, minister of Christ Church, New York City, will participate in the discussion of the question "Do Our Churches Offer a Sound Basis for Faith and Living?" on America's Town Meeting of the Air, Tuesday, November 22. The program may be heard over the American Broadcasting Company network stations from 8:30 until 9:30 p.m. EST. Joining Dr. Sockman on the affirmative side will be Miss Virgilia Peterson, lecturer and book reviewer. The negative team is composed of Professor Irwin Edman of Columbia University and Dr. Frederic Wertham, a psychiatrist of New York.

THE NORTH DAVIDSON charge will hold its third annual spiritual harvest week November 20-25, beginning at 7:15 each evening. "Man's Disorder and God's Design" will be the theme of the week's discussions. The speakers and their subjects are: Sunday, November 20, Canaan church, "The Universal Church in God's Design," Dr. J. S. Hiatt; Monday, Canaan church, "The Church's Witness to God's Design," Dr. B. G. Childs; Tuesday, Shady Grove church, "The Church and the Disorder of Society," Rev. C. W. Robbins; Wednesday, Shady Grove church, "The Church and the International Disorder," Rev. G. B. Clemmer; Thursday, Mount Pleasant church, "Christ and the Church," Rev. A. C. Gibbs; Friday, Mount Pleasant church, "The Rural Church and God's Design," Rev. G. R. Stafford. Shady Grove church is located about midway between Winston-Salem and Thomasville on highway 109. Canaan is 1½ miles west and Mt. Pleasant 4 miles south of Shady Grove. Pastors and laymen are invited to share these services.

Lay Leaders Named; High Point College Plans Inaugural Service; Many Visit Methodist Home

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ELECTS LAY LEADERS

W. J. Smith of Bethel was re-elected Conference lay leader and Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham was re-elected Conference associate lay leader at the recent Annual Conference. The following were elected district and associate district lay leaders:

Durham District: B. G. Childs, Durham; associates: J. O. Gunn, Yanceyville; L. Stacy Weaver, Durham; R. C. Crompton, Cedar Grove; Royall H. Spence, Burlington.

Elizabeth City District: George Jackson, Hertford; associates: D. L. Berry, Swan Quarter; W. F. Veasey, Washington; E. Stanley Britt, Murfreesboro; B. F. Harrison, Old Trap.

Fayetteville District: W. E. Horner, Sanford; associates: J. N. Gibson, Jr., Gibson; D. U. Sandlin, Fayetteville; Garland S. Garris, Troy; W. D. Sabiston, Carthage: Milford F. Grantham, Rockingham.

New Bern District: Sam B. Underwood, Jr., Greenville; associates: A. B. Bradsher, New Bern; W. C. Chauncey, Grifton; N. F. Eure, Beaufort; W. V. Westmoreland, Goldsboro.

Raleigh District: Sam W. Ruark, Raleigh; associates: J. Ralph Satterfield, Raleigh; Jesse W. Hollowell, Wake Forest; B. M. Madison, Raleigh S. M. Holton, Louisburg.

Rocky Mount District: James A. Glover, Nashville; associates: E. L. Norton, Jackson; C. W. Everett, Bethel; Everett Blake, Wilson; W. A. Connell, Warrenton.

Wilmington District: H. H. Hodgin, Wilmington; associates: J. C. Willis, Elizabethtown; Dr. M. A. Waddell, Fair Bluff; Knox Andrews, Lumberton; W. A. McGirt, Wilmington.

COOKE TO BE INAUGURATED NEXT FEBRUARY

HIGH POINT.—Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of High Point College, will be formally inaugurated February 23, 1950, according to Horace Haworth, general chairman of the inauguration committee.

In preliminary meetings to create a committee organization for various features of the inauguration, four groups have been appointed by the general committee. These include, in personnel, members of the college board of trustees, representatives of faculty and student body of High Point College, High Point citizens who have been active in the development of the college, and leaders in the Methodist Church in the South and various centers of the State.

As listed by Chairman Haworth, committees thus formed with their memberships are:

Program committee: Horace Haworth, chairman; Dr. P. E. Lindley and Henry Maddux, High Point College; Dr. L. L. Gobbel, Greensboro College; Dr. G. Ray Jordan, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. J. E. Pritchard, Asheboro, and Superintendent Charles F. Carroll of the High Point city schools.

Invitation committee: Dr. C. R. Hinshaw of High Point College, chairman; Miss Lucille Brown, Jamestown; Dr. Eugene Few, Greensboro; H. A. Millis, trustee of the college; and J. H. Allred, Dr. G. H. Hobart, Dr. S. C. Deskins, Tommy Kellam and Miss Doris Nance, all of High Point College.

Local arrangements committee: Dr. Amy Clowes, High Point College, chairman; F. Logan Porter, college trustee; Mrs. Nan Doggett and James Mattlocks, all of High Point, and from the college; Forest Brown, Mrs. Alice Gorman, William Marley and Arthur G. Paschal.

Public information: Noble T. Praigg, chairman; Dr. W. A. Lambeth, Greensboro; Blaine Madison, Raleigh; Rev. Kenneth Goodson, High Point, and J. W. Snotherly, High Point; and from High Point College: Miss Emma Frances Baber, Miss Ruby Workman, Miss Anita Withers and Fletcher Womble.



Sgt. William Carleton Wilson, Jr.

REBURIAL SERVICE FOR SGT. WILLIAM CARLETON WILSON, JR.

Burial services for Sgt. William Carleton Wilson, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Wilson of Mount Olive, will be held Thursday, November 17, at 3 p.m. Re-interment will be made in the new Wayne Memorial Park cemetery located five miles south of Goldsboro on highway 117.

Graveside rites will be conducted by Dr. H. C. Smith, pastor of Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh.

His remains were among 22 North Carolinians recently returned from overseas.

Sgt. Wilson served as an aerial gunner on a heavy bomber and was attached to the 414 Bomber Squadron, 97 Bomber Group, 15th Air Force, based in Italy. He was killed in action, October 14, 1944.

Surviving are his widow, now Mrs. Hubert Shooter of Rowland, and a five-year-old daughter, Billie Gray Wilson, of Rowland; his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Wilson of Mount Olive; one sister, Mrs. George Berger of Roxboro; one brother, Leonard T. Wilson of Goldsboro.

OPEN HOUSE AT METHODIST HOME ATTRACTS 600

The annual open house at the Methodist Home in Charlotte on November 10 brought more than 600 friends during the afternoon and evening. This was the first open house since the opening of the new resident unit in June and the Craft Shop in July.

Words of commendation and praise were heard on all sides. Expressions such as these were heard: "How wonderful." "Every Methodist should come and see what the Methodist Church has here." "Not only the Methodist people, but all of us who live in Charlotte should be thrilled with an institution like this in our midst." This was from people of other denominations, who were attending the tea. Others remarked: "It is grand to see how radiantly happy the members of the Home are."

Articles made in the Craft Shop by our members sold readily and many orders were taken for articles to be made within the next few weeks. Numbers of people said that one could find any article desired and they wondered how Miss Hargett, our occupational therapist, could think of so many different things for people to make.

Several ministers' wives served at the punch bowls and the wives of the board of managers, who live in Charlotte, helped the hostesses receive at the doors in the social hall and the front entrance. The Wesley Brantley Class of First Methodist Church decorated the social hall and helped in serving cookies and punch during the hours of the open house. Music was played over the public address and four members of the Home sang a group of songs of the era of the "gay nineties."

AN APPRECIATION OF MRS. FRANK M. SHAMBURGER

By Annie Laurie Crews

A noble, energetic, courageous life closed September 16, 1949, when Della Rowena Norman Shamburger took leave of earth to join her husband and to be forever with the saints and God.

Her funeral was conducted at the home by Dr. S. A. Maxwell, pastor of Oxford Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. O. W. Dowd of Raleigh, a former pastor, and Rev. B. H. Houston of Weldon. Burial was in Elmwood cemetery, Oxford.

Born in Plymouth, Mrs. Shamburger moved to Baltimore in early childhood, where she was married to Mr. Shamburger in 1888. Their first appointment was Tarboro, N. C. She later served with him in Kinston, Laurinburg, Rockingham, Wilmington, Oxford, Raleigh, Hertford, Weldon, New Bern, Roxboro, and Mount Gilead.

God laid His hand on Brother Shamburger and bade him preach the gospel, and He as truly ordained Della Norman to be his help-mate and assistant minister. No minister's wife in the conference graced the parsonage with more becoming dignity and pride than did she. Always under her keen eye and skilled guidance, their home bespoke cleanliness, attractiveness and welcome.

Hers was a life of superlatives—a combination Mary and Martha. During their long wedded life, Brother Shamburger led the way, while she followed. They injected new life into every church which they served. She tenderly and lovingly dispensed charity, always lending a listening ear to the unfortunate, the needy, and the distressed. But she was at her best in the work of the missionary society.

REV. I. L. SHAVER, missionary to Japan since 1920, was the preacher last Sunday morning at the West Asheville Methodist Church. One of the last missionaries to leave Japan before the war, Mr. Shaver served Japanese Americans during the war at Caldwell, Idaho. He was one of the first missionaries to return to Japan at the close of the war.

Thomasville, Greensboro District Rallies Reach Many; Plan Dedicatory Rites for Calvary Church

BOSLEY ADDRESSES THOMASVILLE DISTRICT RALLY

More than 600 ministers and laymen of the Thomasville District, under the leadership of District Superintendent George B. Clemmer, attended the District Advance Rally at the Lexington Country Club Thursday evening, November 3. Dean Harold A. Bosley of Duke Divinity School was the featured speaker, using as his theme, "A Crusading Church in a Critical Age."

Pointing out the critical conditions in world society, Dean Bosley declared that these times are urgently calling for decisive action by Christians. "In the past," he said, "civilizations have gone down, but the church has gone on. That must be our faith today." He indicated that there are three kinds of churches: One a retreating church into a never, never world. This kind of church is ready to abandon the earth to the devil. A second type of church is the satisfied and comfortable church that desires to freeze the status quo. The third kind of church, which he called upon Methodists to become, is a crusading, advancing church where persons become brothers and where fellowship with all persons everywhere is its distinctive characteristic.

Brief talks were made by Mrs. C. C. Cranford of Asheboro for the Woman's Society of Christian Service; C. O. Plyler, Thomasville, on the Bible; H. L. Creech, Jr., Asheboro, on temperance; H. C. Wilkinson, Lexington, on evangelism; Wilson O. Weldon, Thomasville, on missions; A. J. Clemmer, Jr., Randleman, on young people; A. "Stuffer" Myers, district lay leader, on lay activities.

Music was furnished by the Conference Quartet, consisting of E. H. Nease,, Jr., M. V. Thumm, J. B. Hurley, and Clyde Bost.

The delightful dinner was served by the women of the First Methodist Church of Lexington.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT HOLDS ADVANCE RALLY

Ministers, lay men and women gathered at West Market Street church, Greensboro, Thursday evening, November 10, at the call of the new district superintendent, Rev. Herman F. Duncan, to get information and inspiration for the second phase of the Advance for Christ and His Church program.

After a few moments of silent meditation, Rev. P. L. Shore discussed the Faith Booklets which are to be read and studied the next few months.

C. W. Phillips, public relations director of Woman's College, spoke on the Layman's Part in the Advance for Christ in the Local Church. Mr. Phillips, in a simple and direct way, suggested that he was speaking to himself more than to any individual, not as one who had already acquired the qualities of a perfect layman, but as one aspiring to Christian citizenship. He suggested a four point program: Personal living, he said, was the first objective of a layman. In his second point he stressed engaging in church work more wholeheartedly. In his third point he urged giving more money to the church in order that the church program might be carried out. Fourthly, he called for enthusiasm for the church.

Rev. Kenneth Goodson, speaking on the The Dignity of Man, suggested that man must know himself and his powers in Christ, pointing out that man has been created a little lower than the angels, in God's image. Man, he continued, has acquired knowledge to measure the universe, to fly through the skies, sail under the seas, but he does not know his full power and purpose on this earth until he knows God.

Representing the Conference Board of Education were Rev. Carl King, who spoke of the excellent work the Western North Carolina Conference did last year and Mrs. W. R. Reed, Conference director of children's work. Mrs. Reed, in speaking about our children and their faith, said: "The home is the key, the place where a child gets its first impression of God, of Christ living in the lives of others, of worshipping God."

The group was inspired by several musical numbers presented by the "Little Singers" of Greensboro College.

Climaxing the evening was a message by Dr. James Stokes on "Our Faith in Christ." Indicating that our faith in Christ determines our faith in God, our faith in prayer and immortality and man. He suggested that it was not enough to believe in Jesus as a historical person, but we must believe in Jesus as a man who lived, was crucified, died, rose again and lives today in the hearts of men. We must recognize Christ as our personal Saviour and the Saviour of the world.

Dr. Stokes also said that to believe in Jesus Christ was not enough, that we as Christians advancing with Christ must believe in his teachings and ways of life, study his ways and follow his example.

GOODNESS COUNTS MOST IN LIFE

The older one grows, the deeper one thinks, the more vividly one sees, with a curiously comforting clarity, that nothing is worth while, nothing at all in the tiny moment called life, except goodness—just being good. Life is a flicker, a taper blown out before we can turn 'round; there is no time in it for anything but the doing of good, for the great and final joy of being kind. We are not asked to be clever or wise or famous; we are asked to be loyal, helpful, happy, gentle. It is not sodden sentiment but the simple truth, worthy of an anthem, that a good life is the greatest thing on earth. Fame is fading, wealth is fleeting, but he who lives a good life creates something enduring in himself and in the universe—something that cannot die. Only they are truly wise who learn that love always lets go, makes no claim, and is content to love without being loved—for God is love, and all who love are Saints of the Most High.—Joseph Fort Newton, in "Life Victorious" (Revell).

SNOW HILL CONGREGATION TO DEDICATE CHURCH SUNDAY

Calvary Memorial Church, Snow Hill, will be dedicated Sunday morning, November 20, at the eleven o'clock service, with Bishop W. W. Peele, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area, in charge, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Young. Bishop Peele will preach the sermon of dedication and will conduct the dedicatory rites.

In addition, the church will observe homecoming, and many former members and friends are expected to join the congregation for the occasion.

Built a number of years ago, the church is well adapted to the needs of the congregation. Valued at more than $40,000, the church is one of the loveliest in this area.

The congregation has been anticipating this event for some time, and a large crowd is expected.



Calvary Methodist Church, Snow Hill

Rev. J. T. Greene Joins Staff As Director of Christian Family Life Education

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

NEW MAN, NEW JOB

On this page you will see the smiling picture of Rev. J. T. Greene, known to the ministers and many others as Johnnie Greene. Election by the Conference Board of Education, and appointment by the bishop and his cabinet make him the new Conference director of Christian Family Life Education. It has been stated in some quarters that this may be the first department of this kind established in a conference board staff. Perhaps someone can give us a postscript on that. At any rate many have welcomed the program already and a number of requests have come in for assistance.

Number One Problem

The task of stabilizing the home in America could be considered as a number one problem. For a time, during the recent war and immediately after, some of our counties were reporting as many divorces as marriages. Fortunately, the situation has improved at a further distance from wartime conditions. It is still entirely too bad, and the wreckage in the lives of children and young people is tragic. Even in Hollywood where publicity is publicity, regardless, we see that a little time is taken out for lamenting the effect of home wreckage in the lives of little children.

Even at Best

Where we have reasonably stable homes, with little danger of divorce, there is the need of greatly strengthened Christian home ties, with a resurgence of private and family worship, with all the benefits which go with such devotion. This work in the conference, led by Rev. J. T. Greene, is intended to give a very strong impulse to all that is best in bringing about the healing and strengthening of Christian home life.

Johnnie's Idea of It

Under "general" and "specific" we quote J. T. Greene's tentative statement of the function and responsibility of this "Department of the Christian Family."

"General: To sponsor conference projects in the field of Christian family life, utilizing the various channels of publicity and cultivation—the press, radio, sermons, institutes, and seminars—with the goal of arousing and maintaining interest in the strengthening and spiritualization of our homes and families.

Specific: 1. Sponsor and direct marriage and family life institutes in local churches and communities on a 3-day basis, or 5-day basis. These institutes are usually set up so that separate sessions can be held for the high school boys and girls with lectures given on their interest level. These sessions for young people are in addition to the regular classes for adults.

The adult sessions emphasize successful marriage, parent-child relationships, family-church relationships, and spiritualization of the home.

2. District and sub-district institutes and seminars for the various age groups and for the workers with the various age groups.

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Rev. J. T. Greene

3. Seminars for ministers and other church workers on "The Role of the Church in Family Life Education and Marriage Counseling."

4. Sponsor the various leadership training courses in the general area of the Christian home in all of our leadership training schools.

5. Incorporate the family life emphasis, on a graded basis, in our various summer assemblies.

6. Speaking engagements on Sundays to congregations, classes, and youth groups Where institutes are to be held speaking at one of the Sunday services has proved to be the best foundation for a successful school."

Now that sounds real good, doesn't it? And for a man pushing right on for a Ph.D. degree he used mighty few words big enough to be troublesome. In fact we believe every minister and other thoughtful church leader will want to work with Brother Greene on the platform as stated above.

How to Make Use

If you feel an urge to do something about taking advantage of the suggested opportunities in your local community, then write a letter with your request to Rev. J. T. Greene, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C. If you do the latest in the typing line, send a carbon copy to J. G. Phillips, Executive Secretary, at the same address for quick comparison of schedules and planning. We get a good many requests while out traveling in the field, and have to keep comparing notes with all our staff members. It will be to your advantage for both of us to know about your request.

Remember This

Brother Greene has the rare good fortune to be working on his Ph.D. degree with Marriage and the Family as his main field of specialization. He will use all available time out in the conference in training sessions and institutes, but that cannot be all the time. His employment with the board is on a part-time basis, and arrangements about his services in the conference will differ by that much from those customary in the case of full time employees of conference and general boards. Johnnie has been able to do quite a lot of work in this field in neighboring pastoral charges and cities, while serving in the pastorate. The arrangements he made with his brethren regarding financial backing of the institutes were entirely satisfactory, and no doubt will continue to be so. Serving part-time with our board will enable him to do much more of this work than in the pastorate, and if all will cooperate we can make a success of it on the business side, even though we went into the arrangement without any provision by the conference for supporting a new department in the work of the staff.

Meet the Man

So that you may know him better, this is to say that he does not talk about the Christian home just out of a book. He is a family man himself with two fine boys. six and nine years of age. He and Mrs. Greene have served congregations from Methodist parsonages for a good many years.

He received his A.B. degree from Duke University in 1936, and his B.D. in 1938, likewise from Duke University. He is now studying again in the graduate schools of Duke University and the University of North Carolina, where he expects to earn the Doctor's degree mentioned above.

While in the Duke Divinity School Johnnie had the advantage of special graduate school training in family life education and marriage counseling under the late Dr. Ernest R. Groves, pioneer American educator in marriage and family relationships. Dr. Groves, in his work as professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina, founded the Family Life Workshop at Chapel Hill, and Mr. Greene has participated in this workshop during its summer sessions.

Recognition of Work

For fifteen years Greene has been a member of the Groves Annual Conference on the Conservation of Marriage and the Family. For several years he has been a member of the National Council on Family Relations and at the present time is chairman of the North Carolina branch of the membership committee of the council and a member of the committee on Audio-Visual Aids in Family Life Education. He attended the Conference on the Christianization of the Home at Clear Lake, Iowa, in 1947; was a delegate to the Conference on Church and Home in a Disordered World at Cincinnati in 1948; and represented the North Carolina Conference at the Regional Coaching Conference on Family Life in New York in May, 1949. Well, that's enough. He knows his business, and let's put him to work. We are fortunate to have several other ministers in our conference who have specialized along this same line of study, including T. M. Vick, Jr., D. D. Holt and others. With the help of such men the Rev. Johnnie Greene should begin making good news with progress in his new department. Long live the Christian home!

Elkin Subdistrict Draws 100; Guild Has Dinner; 51,900 Coupons Sent; Need Overseas Still Acute

Edited by MRS E. L. BALLARD
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ELKIN SUB-DISTRICT

When the report of the sub-district meetings for the Winston-Salem district were written for a recent issue of the Advocate, the one held at Shiloh Church near Sparta had not been held. In attendance and inspiration it was so far above what we had expected, it deserves special mention.

Shiloh is a one-room church situated high on the side of a mountain just off the paved highway four miles west of Sparta and was the first Methodist church in that county. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized last year, and they, 20 of them, with the help of the new pastor, Rev. J. L. Johnson, had sanded and finished the floor, laid a carpet on and around the pulpit with a runner down the aisle, built an outside toilet and had done some painting on the front. Beautiful arrangements of flowers were on the altar and piano and a most bountiful dinner was served the one hundred people attending. It was a cold day with a heavy fog making driving in that direction precarious and yet there were twelve churches represented and all of them had excellent reports. It was here, too, that your editor found more subscribers to the North Carolina Christian Advocate than in any other sub-district.

Besides the "Caravaners" a number of district officers were present and gave reports of the work and answered the questions many people wanted to ask.

Mrs. Fred Hobson is chairman of this sub-district, of which the Elkin church is a part and this Woman's Society led the Western North Carolina Conference in per capita giving last year. The special music for the service was provided by this church, a beautiful rendition of the "Advance" hymn being given by Mrs. Maurice Bumgarner, accompanied by Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD DINNER THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Thomasville district met Friday evening, October 14, at the Fairgrove Methodist church, near Thomasville, for a dinner and meeting in observance of Guild month. The Mary Crouse Guild of the hostess church served a delicious dinner to the large number present.

Mrs. J. O. Branson, district secretary, presided. The invocation was given by Mrs. I. J. Crouse and words of welcome were extended by Mrs. Lyndon Ingram, with Miss Elizabeth Phillips of Asheboro responding. "God So Loved the World," by Stainer, was sung by Mrs. Frank Townsend, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Hudley.

Encouraging reports were given by each Guild represented. Mrs. Wilson O. Weldon was the speaker for the evening, and in a most interesting and informative manner discussed the topic "Faith." The Guild hymn was sung in unison. Mrs. Linville Clemmons pronounced the benediction. Special guests were: Mrs. Clarence Cranford, district promotion secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Mrs. R. M. Cooksey, district recording secretary; Miss Ruth Anderson, assistant district secretary of the Guild; Miss Lottie Duncan, Conference Guild secretary; and Mrs. T. J. Covington and Mrs. Z. V. Crutchfield of Thomasville.

This information comes to us from Mrs. J. O. Branson.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

From our president, Mrs. J. W. Payne, comes this information: "A recent announcement from the New York office says that any gifts of money resulting from the study on Japan should be sent to the Conference treasurer, Mrs. David D. Smiley, and marked for Seiwa Kindergarten Institute, Nishinimoya, Japan. This money may then be counted within the appropriations, and NOT as supply work."

Mrs. Payne also says that she has been asked to define the work of the district officers so that they may know for which phases of the work they are responsible. After making many inquiries, this is the consensus of opinion:

1. District president and promotion secretary are responsible for arranging and promoting:

(a) Annual district meeting, president presiding.

(b) Annual officers' training day, president presiding.

(c) Sub-district meetings—co-operating with the sub-district chairman, who presides.

2. The district study and action committee, with the cooperation of the district vice-president and secretary of literature and publications is responsible for arranging and conducting the educational seminars, with the secretary of missionary education or vice-president presiding.

THE COUPON CAMPAIGN

51,900 coupons were recently shipped from the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem for which they have received a check for $244.75. Previously they had received a check for $145.00, which added to the recent amount totals $389.75. Out of the recent shipment of 51,900, 10,900 had double value. This is a long way from the goal of $2,000, but coupons are coming in daily and the following churches have sent in large numbers: Mt. Holly, 503 and $2.31 worth of Red Band coupons, which are not counted on the fence, but are most acceptable for the many other articles needed; Centenary, Winston-Salem, an additional 834½, which makes a grand total for them of 1,313; Newton (West C Street), 1,098½; Park Street, Belmont, 566; Kings Mountain, 734; Statesville, 599½; an additional 265 from First Church, Salisbury, making a total of 1,603; Charlotte Church (Asheboro) additional 195, making a total of 879; and Lindsey Street, Reidsville, an additional 478½, making a total of 994½.

SUPPLY WORK

In a recent letter from the Southeastern Jurisdiction secretary of supply work, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, wrote to the Conference secretaries the following paragraph:

"In a recent letter to you I urged only cash for relief, but now here is the exception. Food and clothing are greatly needed in Japan as very few things may be purchased there. Packages weighing 22 pounds will be received at the post office, but because of lack of transportation facilities in Japan, smaller packages are easier for our missionaries to carry from the post office. Be sure the package is securely wrapped and carefully addressed. Never use an A. P. O. address on a package. Put a list of the items on the inside of the package. The following are the greatest need:

"Food—Sugar, salt, puddings and other mixes, sweetened cocoa, hard candies, vitamins, powdered milk, dehydrated foods, garden seed, dried fruits (raisins, prunes, etc.), fats (oleomargarines in plastic bags go very well). Pack food carefully as packages are roughly handled. Never send anything in glass jars. Do not pack soap and food in the same box. Bar soap goes much better than powdered soap.

"Clothes—Underwear, men's hats, shoes, coats, scarfs, hoods, sweaters, rubbers, baby clothes, materials, threads, needles, socks, gloves, yarn, towels, soap (pack separately). Remember that the average Japanese is much smaller than the average American, so send small sizes. However, larger sizes in good condition can often be re-made. Be sure that your package contains clean, mended, well packed articles. Never send high heeled shoes or large men's shoes. Low, flat heels, oxfords and tennis shoes are the best.

"General—Pictures, paper, pencils, notebooks, construction paper, crayons, pen points, pen holders, erasers, hymnals and Bibles."

For names of our missionaries in Japan look in your ninth annual report of the division on page 89, and then for their addresses look in the alphabetical list beginning on page 93. Each conference would perhaps want to send to those from their own or nearby conferences. "The needs in Korea are much the same as Japan. Korea now has her own government, therefore there is apt to be a duty on packages. However, relief packages and unsolicited gifts should be allowed to enter without duty. Be sure packages are marked 'Relief Gift—No Commercial Value.' If you send new articles, list their wholesale value on the declaration tag and mark the package 'Gift.' Place a list of the articles you send inside the package, and write another list on the regular customs form and fasten to the outside of the package.

"The Philippines would be very happy to have used Sunday school materials. They are now using the 1948 materials. Magazines and religious publications are acceptable as reference materials. Carrying charges on packages to Japan, Korea, and the Philippines should be reported in the 'Value' column of the society's report blank. We are urged not to send packages to any other foreign field but send cash for supply work instead."

LETTER OF THANKS FROM JAPAN

"Supply" money made it possible to send a piano to Japan and the following is a letter of thanks from Hisako Arikawa, principal of Keiai Kindergarten, Kagoshima, Japan:

"Dear Ladies of W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Churches in America:

"We thank you very much for your kindness to send us a piano. Our kindergarten had been poorly equipped since its destruction by an air-raid during the war; the floor was covered with tatamis (Japanese mats). Many thanks to Miss Hepstead and you, having replaced the tatamis with linoleum, we now have a pleasant kindergarten with children in clean and comfortable rooms. We are working

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Sanford Entertains Well; 234 Charges Pay in Full; Team Wins Bowl Game; Campus Has New Roads

By L. C. LARKIN

SANFORD GIVES SUPER SERVICE

The people of Sanford have set a high standard in their entertainment of our Annual Conference. The pastors and members of Steele Street and Jonesboro Heights endeared themselves to all those who attended the sessions of this great Conference. The committee on arrangements seemed to anticipate every need, or desire, of their visiting friends.

The superintendent of the Orphanage and his wife were very much at home in Sanford. Mrs. Larkin was brought up next door to the parsonage, and 30 years ago we took the vows of marriage at the altar of Steele Street Methodist Church.

Dr. H. E. Spence, a former pastor of this church, responded to the address of welcome by Mayor Warren Williams. He told his audience that he faced two important tasks when he came to Sanford: one was the building of a church, the other was the training of a bride. He told the Conference that he built the church.

The church auditorium was enlarged and beautified for the Conference. The choir and glee club added much to the inspiration of the services. The eating places were good, and their service was of a high order. The apples served each day at the church were excellent and were greatly enjoyed by the visitors. We believe they did much to keep the preachers contented and the doctors away.

The people of all denominations opened their homes for the entertainment of the laymen and preachers. Mr. Horner contributed much to the success of the Conference through the use of the local newspaper, The Sanford Herald. Grady Dawson, the pastor host, and Marvin Vick, the associate pastor host, deserved the praise and congratulations of the entire Conference.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

There are 270 pastoral charges in our Conference. Two hundred and thirty-four of these paid their apportionment in full. Several of these overpaid. This generous support rejoices our hearts and enables us to face the new year with confidence.

Thirty-six charges, 13% of our total number, failed to pay up in full. We do not know the local situation that contributed to this shortage. It may be the pastor waited too late in the year to present this cause. Those who visited our Home and catch a vision of this ministry to these deserving children tell us it is easy to secure the support that is called for. A visit by some of the boys and girls may prove helpful during the year. We believe in the church, the children and this cause and we will not fail.

WE ARE THANKFUL

We have come to another Thanksgiving season and our blessings are manifold. Each month of the year has brought us new expressions of divine love and favor.

We are grateful for the health of our children. We have had no fatal accident, or serious illness during this past year on the campus.

Our boys and girls have been for the most part responsive and co-operative.

The Methodist Orphanage
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FORM OF BEQUEST

I do hereby will and bequeaht to the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C., contemplated by the charter under Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina (here designate the bequest . . . . .

Some have broken rules and misbehaved on certain occasions, but these have accepted discipline in a fine spirit. Not many young people repeat their mistakes and misdeeds. When this superintendent becomes impatient, he is caused to remember the days of his own youth, and the times he too had to be punished. For the evidence we find all about us that the children are showing improvement and making progress we are truly grateful.

We offer our thanks for our circle of loyal and devoted friends. The letters and the gifts that come in, convince us that this circle is growing larger with the passing of the years.

We thank our Heavenly Father for life; for what it is and what it still may be.

THE ORPHANAGE BOWL GAME

On Saturday night,October 29, two well matched teams met on the gridiron at Riddick stadium. Most of the children from both the Oxford and the Methodist orphanages were present for this exciting game.

Each group of supporters gave enthusiastic backing to their team. The boys from both homes played hard and fair. There were very few penalties. The boys from the Methodist Orphanage won the game 20 to 13.

The Shriners who sponsored the game, worked long and hard to make it a great success. The Sudan Temple bands and bugle corps were colorful and entertaining. During the half the Shriners gave the Orphanage children refreshments, as well as wholesome entertainment.

Many who saw the game have said to me, "It was as well played and more exciting than many of the college games played in the state.

Our children are proud of the lovely trophy and they will gladly show it to you when you visit our home. We extend our sincere appreciation to the officers and members of Sudan Temple.

ROADS, LIGHTS AND WALKS

In the year 1930, Mrs. Bettie E. Mills went to her eternal home, leaving to the Orphanage a generous part of her estate. Mrs. Cader Rhodes and Mrs. Mabel York were made co-executors of this estate.

This past summer, Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. York visited the campus, and decided on certain projects as a memorial to their friend, Mrs. Bettie E. Mills.

A contract was let for the paving of our driveways here at the Orphanage. Asphalt has been laid from Glenwood Avenue on the northeast by the baby cottage, the infirmary, the dining hall, and on the Borden building at the southwest corner of the grounds.

Only those who have trudged through the mud with the babies to the dining hall, or to the infirmary late at night, can fully appreciate the value of this new road.

This smooth road serves more than one purpose, it is a walkway for the children, a driveway for cars, a place for the children to ride their bicycles and travel on their roller skates. You can understand our delight over the construction of this pavement.

Later on, the two other projects will be completed. Street lights will brighten our campus and sidewalks will connect the cottages with the main roads. All three projects are provided by the love gift that came from our friend, Mrs. Bettie E. Mills of Raleigh.

MONEY TO LEND

Jim Taylor: "Herbert, lend me fifty cents."

Herbert Clewis: "Jim, I only have forty."

Jim: "Okay, lend me the forty. You can owe me the dime."



RAH, RAH, RAH!

The cheer leaders help us keep a good school spirit. They are Lucille Long, Geraldine Long, Ruth Waters, Mary Strother, Doretha Williamson and Mildred Parker.

The Great Invitation

Isaiah 55; 56:6-8

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

The Israelites in far off Babylon saw plain signs that the cruel world power that was oppressing them was on the verge of collapse, and when news came of the approach of the great conqueror Cyrus who was carrying everything before him, and who would be likely to give them permission to return to their homeland, their faith shot up like a geyser.

Our lesson is one of these glorious outbursts of triumphant faith. And their new sense of God and his love for them brought with it a new sense of his love for all mankind. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. This makes us think of our Lord's word to the poor Samaritan woman: If thou knewest the gift of God thou wouldst have asked of me and I would have given thee living water (John 4:10).

At first the exiles perhaps felt that all blessedness must be associated with their return to their loved homeland. But now the prophet knows that they can be gloriously blessed in that far off land of exile. Come, said he to his fellow captives, eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. And what you can enjoy now is but a suggestion of the wonderful things that are in store for you.

The blessings of the glorious future are in his mind centered around the Messiah who is to come, the blessed Son of David who will lead his people in green pastures and beside still waters. But this Son of David will be more than merely a Messiah for the Jews. He will call all nations unto himself, and he will make the sons of Israel a light and a leading for all mankind.

The Jews had suffered terrible things at the hand of the nations; naturally they would hate them with a bitter hatred. But instead of that, our prophet reaches out his arms of invitation and fellowship to every foreigner who will forsake his evil ways and turn to Jehovah. The one thing they needed to do was to hearken diligently to the word of God, keep justice, do righteousness, and have faith in God's infinite love. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, saith the Lord, and my thoughts than your thoughts; I am infinitely merciful.

It is especially noticeable that this prophet who reaches out in his broad invitation to all foreigners, and thus disregards the letter of the law, and who proclaims that God's blessings are free to those who have no means to bring sacrifices to the altar, nevertheless stresses the keeping of the Jewish Sabbath. One reason is that during the exile when they were forced by their Babylonian captors to labor on the Sabbath, he has discovered how very difficult it was to maintain a sense of God's presence without these recurring days of devotion to worship and meditation. It had been when, in spite of pressure to the contrary, he had gone out into the fields to keep the Sabbath, that the mountains and the hills broke forth before him into singing, and all the trees of the field clapped their hands. And he would have his fellow exiles hear the same music, and become a part of a great orchestra of praise to the merciful God.

Let us heed this valiant evangelist of the olden time, and join with him in the chorus, for we have heard Jesus who died on the cross for our sins say, I am the bread of life; this is my body broken for you this is the blood of the new covenant which was shed for you, and for many, unto remission of sins.

Book Review

Snowden-Douglass Sunday School Lessons for 1950, by Earl L. Douglass, D.D. The Macmillan Company, New York; 467 pp., $2.50.

For busy people who teach in the Sunday school, here is a most usable help on the International Sunday School Lessons.

The author, a graduate of Princeton, is what is sometimes called conservative in his interpretation of the Scripture selections and in this volume will be found nothing which will shake your faith in the Bible as the Word of God. Safe, sane, and scholarly, and free from denominational prejudice, the presentation of the lessons will be found rich in spiritual truth, while the arrangement of the text lends itself to ready reference and will be found especially useful by those teachers whose preparation time is limited by other duties. Definite outlines and central thoughts printed in bold type aid one to strike right to the heart of the lesson.

"Hints to Teachers," which appears as a part of each lesson comment, has a wealth of illustrative material and adds to the practical value of the book.

For those teachers who have time for more extended preparation there is a list of books suggested for study in connection with each quarter's lessons.

O. D. P.

W. N. C. Woman's Page

(Continued from page eleven)

in the kindergarten every day with full thanks to you who gave such great favors to us, whom you have not seen yet.

"Thank you very much for sending us such a splendid piano. Our joy and gratefulness are beyond description. How we were happy the other day when we received a notice that a piano had been shipped from Yokohama. We went to the station right away to find if the piano had arrived; it was not yet there. Every day after that I telephoned to ask if the piano arrived—until a cart brought a big load, the long awaited piano, in the evening, 6 September, without notice. Many people from our neighborhood came to help us carry the piano into the kindergarten. They congratulated us on being given such a fine piano and its sweet sound. When they showed up the next morning, the children were very surprised and said, 'O, what a big piano! How sweet it sounds! Did this come here while we were asleep? Where from?' Since that morning we have had morning services singing hymns to the piano. On that morning two children thanked God especially for the nice piano in their prayer. The children promised they would sing as softly and sweetly as the piano.

"We will take good care of the piano that you ladies of W. S. C. S. sent us with kind hearts. We will never forget your kindness. It will always be a good memory. My heart is filled up with gratefulness to God and to you, when I think that you are praying for us and helping us far across the ocean. We thank God for his great blessing to us. I will devote myself to serving God and work all my life until I go to heaven, remembering God's boundless love and your kindness and praying that the children's families may come to believe the gospel through the children.

"Please pray for me, who am a small piece of dust, so that I will be able to achieve with my whole heart the sacred mission which is imposed on me. Again I thank you for the nice piano."

In Memoriam

Mrs. Lettie Warren

Newton Grove.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, wish to pay loving tribute to one of our beloved members, Mrs. Lettie Warren, whom God called to her heavenly home on October 2, 1949. The society passed the following resolutions:

First, We extend our deepest sympathy to her children and pray that God will comfort them.

Second, "Miss Lettie," as we called her, was loyal to her church, society and to her community.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the society, a copy sent to her children and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Mrs. J. Owen Williams, Mrs. A. T. Tart, Mrs. H. I. Rayford.

Mrs. Margaret Andrews

Asheville.—We, the members of the W. S. C. S. of Haywood Street church, Asheville, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our best loved member, Mrs. Margaret T. Andrews. After a long life of 86 years she passed away October 10, 1948, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Mayo, Asheville. She was always faithful to the church and when failing health prevented her attendance her presence was greatly missed.

Great faith and trust in the Lord, love for her church, devotion to her family, loyalty to her friends, unselfishness, thoughtfulness, and generosity were a few of her many virtues.

We mourn the loss of this dear friend but would not recall her from the joy which is hers! Rather would we live in the blessed hope of reunion in the heavenly home where partings are no more.

Therefore, be it resolved, That we extend our love and sympathy to the bereaved family.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy sent to the family and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—Mrs. J. H. Sullivan, Mrs. V. L. Berry, Miss Lucretia Cassady.

Ned's New Job

By MARY C. ODELL

One afternoon each month the school on the hill was closed while the teachers met together to plan for the next few weeks. The fifth-grade boys usually spent this time playing baseball on the vacant lot near the school. Sometimes they played the sixth-graders; more often they practiced or played against themselves. At any rate it was a day looked forward to with anticipation, and there was much disappointment when the day turned out to be a stormy one.

Ted Crandall was one of the leaders among the fifth-grade boys and the best pitcher they had. It was not only his good pitching which made him popular. It was his good sportsmanship. They knew they could depend on Ted to do his best and play fair. In fact, they often appealed to him when some question arose concerning the game which was likely to lead to an earnest scrap, because they knew he would do the fair thing.

So as the boys hurried home one of these Friday noons they were making plans to be at the lot for a practice game.

"You'll be sure to be there early, won't you?" the boys asked. "We want to get organized as soon as we can."

"I'll try," said Ted. "But maybe I can't come today."

"Aw say, quit your kidding, Ted," laughed one of the boys.

"Why not, I'd like to know?" asked another.

"Well," said Ted hesitatingly, "I sort of made up my mind to stay home today."

"What's the big idea! You're not going back on us, are you?"

"No, I'm not. And if you must know, here's the reason. You know, I've got a little sister. And mother never gets to go out anywhere because she has to take care of her. I go where I want and she never objects. I kind of thought it would be only fair if I took a turn at staying home so she could go out."

The boys hardly knew what to say. Some may have thought of their own mothers. Others probably were disappointed because of the game. One said, "Well, if you'd rather play nursemaid, I guess Chuck can pitch for us." And so Ted left them.

When he reached home he said nothing about the game. He saw the tired lines about his mother's eyes.

"Say, mother," he said cheerfully, "there's no school this afternoon. Why don't you put on your best dress and go downtown or something?"

His mother's eyes brightened, and she flashed him a loving smile. "I couldn't, Ted. I'd love to. But the baby wakes just when I would be in the midst of whatever I wanted to do. And besides, you have your game, haven't you?"

"No, not today, mother. I'm free to stay, and I could take care of sister. You could put her to sleep and fix her bottle so I could give it to her when she wakes. Then I could take care of her. Go on, mother, I'd like to do it."

"I would like to go over to see Aunt Bessie," said mother. "But I don't know that I ought to do it."

"Please, mother," Ted begged.

And so in the end she went. Ted worked on his ship model while his sister slept. Then he fed her, put on her things and took her for a ride up and down the street in her carriage. She was a cunning baby, and Ted was proud of the way she smiled at him and held on to his finger.

When his mother came home Ted was happy to see how rested she looked. The tired lines were gone, and she was cheerful and gay as she took the baby and told Ted to run along.

That evening Ted was called to the phone. It was Jack who had made the reference about playing nursemaid.

"Say, Ted," he said, "I'm sorry for what I said at noon. We didn't have any game either. We decided to wait for you. I don't know what the rest of the fellows did. But I cleaned the shed for mother."

"Good for you," laughed Ted. "And I found playing nursemaid wasn't so bad either. Better come around some time. I'll show you the cutest baby in town." And so they laughingly hung up.

Industry is fortune's right hand, and frugality is her left.—*Franklin.*

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Stonewall: Alliance, 7:30 11
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Oriental, 7:30 18

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Joe C. Warren

Newton Grove.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church have suffered a great loss in the passing of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Joe C. Warren, October 11, 1949. The society passed the following resolutions:

First, We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and children, and pray God to comfort them.

Second, Mrs. Warren was a loyal member of our church and society.

Third, That a copy be sent to her husband and children, and to the Advocate, also recorded in the minutes of our society.—Mrs. J. O. Williams, Mrs. A. T Tart, Mrs. H. I. Rayford.

Mrs. Annie Smith

Laurel Hill.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Laurel Hill Methodist Church, wishing to express our appreciation of the many years of active service rendered by Mrs. Annie Smith, do hereby resolve:

First, To her sons and daughters we extend our heartfelt sympathy and trust that God who has all power will sustain them in their hour of grief.

Second, Mrs. Smith was a devout Christian, a loving mother and a faithful friend. In her going our church suffers a great loss. She was secretary and treasurer of the Lula Watkins Bible Class with a ten-year record of perfect attendance at Sunday school and church. She was also spiritual life leader in our society and her beautiful prayers will long be remembered. She was active in all phases of church and community activities.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our society and that copies be sent to the family, the local newspaper, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, Laurel Hill Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harley Goode

Rutherford College.—With sad hearts we, the members of the W. S. C. S., pay respect to one of our honorary life members, Mrs. Harley Goode, who was called to her heavenly home September 30. Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we, the members of the W. S. C. S., pay loving tribute to the memory of our valued member and friend and express appreciation for her Christian character, her generosity, her interest in things spiritual, her untiring devotion to her church, and her deep interest and concern for the welfare of all.

Second, That we send copies of these resolutions to her husband and the three remaining members of her family, one to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and one to be placed in our minutes.—Mrs. Kate Barnhardt, Mrs. John Causey, Mrs. J. E. Bolick.

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Individual or Team Work

By Harry Denman*

Suppose you went to church school some Sunday morning and found the pupils of all ages assembled and the pastor teaching the lesson, and you were told that it was the custom of this pastor to do all the work of the church. Not only did he do all the teaching, but he did all the singing, all the ushering, all the visiting. He took the offering at the worship services. He cooked and served the meals for the church supper. He did the speaking for all the youth meetings. He taught all the study courses for the Woman's Society of Christian Service. There is a true story of a Methodist minister in the mid-west who some years ago tried to do everything that needed to be done in his church. At the age of 35 he died—literally worked to death. You would say that there is something wrong with a man who tries to do everything. He is not developing the members of his church spiritually. They "learn by doing" and grow by activity.

Yet today many pastors, who have trained choirs and musicians to lead the worship services, who have a trained staff of ushers to create fellowship and receive the offering, who have a corps of trained spiritual church school teachers and officers, and who have efficient leaders in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Youth Fellowship, do not have anyone to help them with the work of visitation evangelism. They will use laymen for every activity of the church except what they can do best and what our living Christ commanded them to do: that is, witness for Him.

Suppose Jesus had done all the preaching, all the visiting, all the teaching, and all the healing. What would have happened after His ascension? Jesus knew how to create a spiritual movement. He trained twelve men and sent them out two by two to preach, to visit, to teach and to heal. He trained seventy men also and sent them out two by two to preach, to heal, to teach and to visit.

He gave time and special training to "the twelve" and "the seventy."

Sometimes it is easier to teach a class than it is to get a teacher, but we keep praying and visiting until we do get a teacher, for we know that this is best. We know that it is better for the kingdom to have twelve teachers in the church school than to have the preacher doing all the teaching. It may be easier for some preachers to sing a solo than to get a choir member to do it. In fact, it may be easier on the congregation for the preacher to do the singing. But we keep visiting and praying until we have a choir. We know that the kingdom grows by devoted servants who render service by participating.

It may be easier for the preacher to act as usher than to get one, but he keeps trying until he has a staff of ushers who add dignity and order to the worship service.

No doubt it is easier for the preacher to go and see a family about making a commitment to Christ than it is to get a layman to do it, but the preacher is limited by time and the number he can visit. He has funerals, weddings, visitation to the sick, shut-ins, prayer, preparation or sermons, leadership and participation in community activities. The laymen do not have much of this. Yet they have some time to visit families and invite them to commit their lives to Christ. Six teams of laymen, two by two, can visit more families in one night of the week than the preacher can during the whole week, considering all his other work.

We know churches that have all departments of the church splendidly organized and functioning except the department of evangelism. Let us follow the example of our Christ in the selection and training of men and women to do the work of evangelism as we do the work of the church. We tell the laymen that evangelism is the main business of the church; yet we fail to ask them to do it. Families will respond to the invitation of the laymen to commit their lives to Christ, and the visiting laymen will grow spiritually. They like to do this work of evangelism.

The churches that are securing the best evangelistic results are the ones which are using laymen. Several churches doubled their memberships last conference year, and many had large numbers stand at their altars and make their first commitment to Christ and unite with the church, because they had teams of laymen going regularly and systematically to visit unchurched families.

*Executive secretary, General Board of Evangelism.

THE PASTOR AND CHURCH BUSINESS

Some years ago, in a professional capacity, the writer visited a New York church which was planning an every-member canvass. Before the meeting he had a few minutes with the pastor of the church. The pastor said he would not attend the financial meeting; he felt that the work of organizing the church was entirely the duty of the lay officers. He was sure that he would compromise his ministry if he condescended to advise the church regarding its temporal affairs. It was a fairly large church, and the minister appeared to be a young man of promise. But he has so entirely passed out of the national picture that I have even forgotten his name.—William H. Leach, in "Toward a More Efficient Church" (Revell).

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Western North Carolina Conference to Hold 1950 Annual Session at Central Church, Asheville

THANKSGIVING LETTER

Friendly Folks:

This year, the 102nd anniversary of the birth of the incomparable and immortal Sam Jones, I am writing a letter for you and to you.

First, to thank you who bought a copy of the first edition of Sam Jones, The Methodist Publishing Houses for promoting the sales and the editor of our Methodist Advocates for their generous and gracious reviews. Sam Jones has had the quickest and largest sale of any religious biography recently published.

Second, for this and future anniversaries we have gotten out a new enlarged edition containing an address made at Emory University when Dr. W. E. Sangster, London, delivered the Sam Jones Lectures on Evangelism during Ministers' Week. It is bigger and better and heralded by the press as "Biography's Best."

Bishop Costen Harrell at the Western North Carolina Conference in Winston-Salem, selected Sam Jones among six outstanding books and recommended that the pastors and laymen read it to stimulate interest in evangelism and preaching during the Methodist Advance for Christ and His Church. This coming from a learned and loved bishop speaks well for the book.

Sam Jones may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House in your area or if you prefer an autographed copy, kindly send $2.00 in cash or check to the Sam Jones Foundation, 80 Park Lane, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. The author will autograph your copy of Sam Jones and prepay the postage by return mail.

—WALT HOLCOMB

TWO CHARGES GET NEW PASTORS

Through the aid of Dr. A. J. Walton of the Rural Life Department of Duke University and the consent of Bishop W. W. Peele I have secured to supply the Glendon Circuit Rev. Brooks Waggoner, 1324 Vickers Ave., Durham. To supply the Troy Circuit I have secured Rev. Harold Austin of the Divinity School, Duke University.

WALTER C. BALL, Supt.

W. N. C. CONFERENCE WILL MEET IN ASHEVILLE IN 1950

The Board of Stewards of Central Methodist Church and the Asheville Methodist Association have extended to the Western North Carolina Conference a hearty and enthusiastic invitation to hold its 1950 session in Central Methodist Church, Asheville.

In the absence of an invitation, the Annual Conference in session at Winston-Salem authorized the Conference Entertainment Committee to make arrangements for the 1950 session. The Entertainment Committee, by a unanimous vote, has accepted the invitation to come to Asheville next fall.

The Methodists of Asheville are eagerly looking forward to the coming to their city of the ministers and laymen from the Western North Carolina Conference. The Committee rejoices at this invitation to hold the next conference session in a section which God has blessed with such unusual beauty and invigorating atmosphere, and where Methodism has been making such great strides.

EMBREE H. BLACKARD
Chairman of the Western North Carolina Entertainment Committee.

ADVANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Western North Carolina Advance Committee is called to meet on Monday, December 19, at First Methodist Church, Morganton, at 2:00 p.m. The Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension Will meet at 10:30 a.m. the same day. All members of the Advance Committee, including the district superintendents, will please take note of this date and make arrangements to attend.

The expense of all members of the Advance Committee will be paid.

COSTEN J. HARRELL

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New Bern	New Bern	Nov. 30
Raleigh	Edenton Street	Dec. 5
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OFFERING FOR CHILDREN'S BUILDING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

As is well known, we are attempting to build a children's building at Lake Junaluska, to be named in honor of Miss Kennedy, one of the effective workers for children in the Southern Methodist Church. This project is being financed by an offering to be taken in all our Sunday Schools for that purpose. It is separate and apart from the regular Junaluska campaign. I am informed by Dr. Carl King of Salisbury that the date set for the Western North Carolina Conference is Sunday, February 5. This has such appeal that all our pastors and church superintendents will see that this cause is properly presented in our respective Sunday Schools, and a voluntary offering received not later than Sunday, February 5.

All contributions should be remitted to Dr. Carl H. King, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C.

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J. M. Ormond says . . .

The Minister Should Know

That the correct measurement of divine achievement in his church is the exemplification of the Christian principles in the lives of its members. If the Christian Church cannot produce Christian people, it is missing the mark, no matter what else it may do. Every intelligent layman should know that he and his minister are properly graded by the same moral and spiritual standards. The layman who practices duplicity, assuming responsibilities of leadership in his church while his personal life and conduct fall far short of the Christian way of life, is a serious hinderance to the church in fulfilling its divine commission. On the other hand persons who have an intelligent Christian faith and who reflect it in their personal and social experiences comprise an invaluable asset in any local church.

For some unsound reasons we are prone to rate local churches on the basis of their membership size, their physical equipment, the salaries provided for the ministers, the noise and publicity which they produce, or the number and variety of activities carried on. These are not criteria for the measurement of a Christian Church. They might serve as means of measurement of certain social clubs, but the only accurate measuring rod for a Christian Church is the quality and character of its members.

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EDITORIAL

To Whom Shall We Give Thanks?

Since 1621 citizens of this country have paused to observe a day of Thanksgiving.

The contrast, however, between the solemn celebration that day when members of the struggling Plymouth Colony, following their first harvest, gathered to express their gratitude and Thanksgiving as we observe it is shocking. Then life was simple. Man's material wants were easily satisfied. Therefore, to the penurious Pilgrims those meager first fruits actually seemed like a prodigally bounteous harvest. Their hearts overflowed with gratitude. The service of Thanksgiving was the central and the most sublime act of that unforgettable day.

Today life in our country is much more complex. Our material wants seem almost insatiable. The great abundance of material blessings that surrounds us, instead of inspiring us to deep humility and profound gratitude, seems to incite in us a spirit of discontent and restlessness, a fretful striving after more and more physical comforts. On Thanksgiving Day many Americans are so preoccupied with mundane interests—feasting and football and hunting and parties—that they forget its spiritual significance. The service of Thanksgiving in many churches is incidental, a mere formality. We want to get through with the service early in the day so we can move on to those interests that gratify our secular desires. Our spiritually minded ancestors would hardly recognize our generation as heirs of their faith. Their holy day for most Americans has become a noisy holiday.

But the contrast between the object of Thanksgiving in 1621 and in 1949 is even more shocking. Then our fathers put their complete trust in God. They believed that God was responsible for all blessings both material and spiritual. God had delivered them from a tyrannical king. He had brought them safely across the turbulent sea. He had protected them from wild beasts, from human foes and from the ravages of disease. He had blessed their labors. They gave God credit for all their blessings. God was the supreme object of their thanksgiving.

Today, even though most Americans are ready to admit that they enjoy many blessings, they are not inclined to give God credit for them. They are more prone to thank a benevolent government or the capitalistic system or our democratic processes or science or their own wit and creative genius. For many people God is no more than a respected ancestor. They are willing to grant that he might have been a great deal of help to our naive forbears, but now, thanks to education and technology, they can get along without him. Some are willing to confess that God is a good fellow to have around in time of trouble; but as long as they have good health and sufficient income, they can manage quite well without him. Our generation has many gods, but most of them are utterly false and utterly pagan. They are the creatures of our selfish, sinning hearts. So many of us on Thanksgiving do not give God thanks because we have no God to whom we can give thanks.

Jeremiah, many centuries ago, diagnosed our case accurately when he wrote: "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

All of our blessings stem from a loving heavenly Father. To be sure, we should be grateful for our nation, for our economic and political systems, for the amazing achievements of science and for our own creative skill. But they are not primarily responsible for the good things we enjoy. God is responsible for all we have and are. He is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Whatever talents we possess come directly from a merciful heavenly Father. Except for the grace of God we would have nothing and be nothing. Unless we as individuals recognize the lordship of God over our lives, we are on the way to disaster. Unless our nation recognizes the sovereignty of God and obeys him, it will surely fall. Our hope lies not in a benevolent state or mighty armaments or political and economic systems, but in the God of our fathers. Any nation that fails to put God in the center of its life, however great may be its material and military might, is sowing the seeds of its own doom.

The greatest foe of America today is not communism or fascism, but godlessness. We are not to be pitied because we face many trials and dangers, but because so many of us are trying to live without God. Our generation is not tragic because it does not know how to be thankful, but because it has no God to thank.

Compared with our vast material wealth, the Pilgrims were as destitute as poor Lazarus begging at Dives' gate. Compared with their spiritual wealth, we, their children, unless we put God first, will be as wretched and as miserable as Dives was on the day of judgment.

The Psalmist (Psalm 33:12-21) wrote some words which all of us can well afford to read over and over again on Thanksgiving: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works. There is no king saved by the multitude of an host; a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon him that hope in his mercy; to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord; for he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name."

On this Thanksgiving Day may our hearts rejoice in God, and may all of our thanks be directed to the One who has supplied all of our blessings!

Listen to Paul's declaration . . .

"By Faith Ye Stand"

By C. W. GOLDSTON*

It happened only a few years ago. Life had become too much for me to handle in my own wisdom and strength or even with the help of such faith in God as I then possessed. The winds of circumstance were thrusting me out into the deep, far from shore, and the boat in which I was sailing was very small and frail. My health had given way, and, what was worse, I had lost heart. That God had called me to be a good minister of Jesus Christ I did not deny. But why would He call me and then lead me into failure of body and spirit? I seemed forsaken. I was at the end of myself.

And then I began, more earnestly, more humbly than ever before, a quest for a deeper experience of God. I sought for such an incoming and indwelling of His Presence that I might live in the atmosphere of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and in the power of the second chapter of Acts. In my quest, I spent fifteen months on the farm—an experience rich and rewarding in itself—learned to read the Bible with a new and greater expectancy, and searched books on the life of the Spirit. Notable among the books I read were *Manifest Victory* by Rufus Moseley, *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life* by Hannah Smith and *Scriptural Sanctification* by Brooks. These three books contributed immeasurably to the sharpening of my hunger for the fullness of God and to the deepening of my faith that it was possible for me, even me, to rise triumphantly above the sickness and the sin that beset me at that time.

This quest for greater spiritual power and love still continues. I am sure there is no end to it. Yet I can say that along the road installments of power already have been granted me. One such installment came a little less than two years ago. I give no label to this experience; I simply report it as accurately as I can. It came early one Sunday morning in the church at Evansdale. I had been praying and fasting in the hope that I might receive a fresh baptism of His Presence. I had asked specifically that I might conquer the inward resentments that all too frequently attacked and conquered me. The answer to my prayer came while I was sitting in the church, waiting in prayer and quiet meditation, all alone. It came as a strong, inward assurance that I was set free from resentment. It dawned upon my consciousness with such vivid clarity that I rose to my feet and exclaimed: "It is gone! It is gone!" My joy was such that I must have acted very much as did some of the early Methodists! But then, almost immediately, while my sense of joy was still strong, this question came to my mind: How can I keep this victory? Turning to my New Testament, which I held in my hand, there, accidentally to the world but providentially to me, my eye fell upon this word of Paul: "for by faith ye stand." (2 Cor. 1:24). Faith was to be the secret of spiritual power and love. I left the church singing, with joy and gladness, "How Firm a Foundation."

When I am asked if I have lived triumphantly in love since the above experience, the answer is, "Not always; there have been lapses, failures, backslidings." I am like Simon Peter; I begin to sink when I look at the waves or at myself and take my eyes off Him who is the author and finisher of my faith. Even so, I am aware of a measure of love and power that I did not formerly have. My prayer now is that I may know the love of God that is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, to the end that my total being may be filled with Holy Spirit power and Christlike love.

When life becomes too much for us to handle in our own wisdom and strength, as it often does, we can stand by faith in God.

Once when I had taken my eyes off Jesus and as a result had slipped back into unhappiness, into fault-finding, and to a measure of illness, I turned on the radio to listen to a sermon. Near the end, the minister quoted a poem in which were these words: "Have faith in God, dear friends." They were repeated: "Have faith in God, dear friends." I lifted my eyes up to God, the gloom vanished, and I felt myself once more in the current of Divine Life and Love.

"By faith ye stand." Methodism is now engaged in a movement to lead the people called Methodists into a deeper understanding of, and commitment to, our Faith. I hope that we will keep in mind the different kinds of faith. First, there is emotional faith, which is not really faith at all, only a believing that one believes, what Luther called a fantasy or a dream. Second, there is intellectual faith, a mental assent to the truth of God's existence or the facts of His revelation. This kind of faith is not to be despised. Neither is it to be gloried in or accepted as a substitute for the faith the Bible speaks of. Bible faith, which is the third kind of faith, may be called spiritual faith, or, as Wesley would say, heartfelt faith. It is of Divine origin, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Wesley moved into this kind of faith when he felt his heart strangely warmed and in the glow of that experience launched forth into the evangelical revival. Let this heartfelt faith become an inward, personal possession of Methodists today, then belief in God will move out of the realm of inaction and theory; it will become a vital, transforming, energizing, love-enabling experience.

The Gallup Poll made a survey in 1944 and concluded that 96% of the people in this country profess belief in God. But, as Hugh Tigner remarks, this "doesn't necessarily take us anywhere." The Apostle James reminds us that the devils believe and shudder. Yet they remain devils. We have numbers in the Church who believe and do not even shudder. "They profess to believe in God," to quote Tigner again, "and then go ahead and act as if they didn't. Their piety is not vital with them. It exists in a few particles of gray matter or flickers of feeling safely segregated in some unimportant chamber of their personalities. It does not operate at the center of their lives." Their faith is verbal, not vital. It may be in the head; it is not yet in the heart.

A young Negro minister told this story on himself. Fresh out of the seminary, he preached his first sermon in the church of which his father was pastor. He spent many hours in academic preparation, none in prayer. He preached with what he felt to be polish and power, the power of eloquence. When the sermon was ended, his father called upon one of the faithful, uneducated sisters to lead in prayer. This was the gist of her prayer: "Lord, we thank Thee for this young man. He has got the power in his head; now, Lord, let it drop down about twelve inches until he gets it in his heart." "With the heart," says Paul, "man believeth unto righteousness."

Martin Luther initiated a spiritual revolution through the power of a vital faith. But it was more than an emotional, more than an academic faith. It was the

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kind of faith which he describes in his Treatise on Christian Liberty. "The third incomparable benefit of faith," he writes, "is that it unites the soul with Christ as a bride is united with her husband. By this mystery, Christ and the soul become one flesh . . . The believing soul can boast of and glory in whatever Christ has as if it were its own. Christ is full of grace, life and salvation; the soul is full of sins, death and condemnation. Now let faith come between them, and it shall come to pass that sins, death and hell are Christ's, and grace, life and salvation are the soul's. For it behooves Him if He is a bridegroom to take upon Himself the things which are His bride's and bestow upon her the things which are His. For, if He gives her His body and His very self, how shall He not give her all that is His? And if He takes the body of the bride, how shall He not take all that is hers?"

This is the faith that saves. The faith that produces the fruit of the Spirit. The faith that enables us to stand. This is the faith out of which Methodism was born and out of which it will be re-born.

The Book to Live By

Rev. James V. Claypool*

"The Book to Live By" is the theme chosen by the American Bible Society for this year's observance of Worldwide Bible Reading, celebrated from Thanksgiving to Christmas. This theme will also be the basis of the sermons in many thousands of churches on Universal Bible Sunday, which occurs on December 11. Universal Bible Sunday, for decades, has been the occasion for pastors to encourage wider and more understanding use of the Bible. The Bible is such a familiar book, and so easily obtained in our own country, one is apt to forget that in other parts of the world there are people hungering for the Book which feeds their spirit and enriches their lives.

"One afternoon I visited an old couple in my pastorate," wrote Pastor Werner Stamm to the American Bible Society, from Kierspe, British Zone, Germany, "who during a bombing raid lost everything. The husband is blind. They live as evacuees in a hut. I made this special visit because it was the man's birthday and I wanted to read to him from the Bible. 'Neighbors gave us this torn Bible in order that we might find comfort in it,' they told me. Then I could answer: 'I will bring to you a beautiful new Bible, a gift of the American Christian people.' You should have seen the joy on their faces. Yes, all the Nazi propaganda could not destroy the belief in God of the old people."

"The Book to Live By!" When one's faith is founded on the promises of the Scriptures, nothing shakes your belief.

A pastor in the northern part of Brazil who was visiting a new community for the first time, asked if there were any "people of the Bible." He was at once directed to a certain home. There he found a group of believers and heard the story of the Bible which had been purchased many years before and discarded by its owner.

But one day the owner died, and when his books were divided among his sons, one of them saved the Bible from the rubbish heap and read its message. Soon he was reading to his family, and soon the power was being felt in their lives. When the pastor told them that he was a minister of that Gospel, tears came to the eyes of the group as they told him he was an answer to their prayers; and with that group as a nucleus, the first evangelical church in that region was organized.

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

The sixth annual Worldwide Bible Reading Program, which is sponsored by the American Bible Society, will start on Thanksgiving, November 24, and end on Christmas Day. The theme that has been selected for this year is "The Book to Live By."

The following are the readings suggested from Thanksgiving to Christmas;

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving, Nov. 24	Psalms 23
Friday	Psalms 27
Saturday	Psalms 103
Sunday, Nov. 27	Isaiah 35
Monday	Romans 12
Tuesday	Isaiah 55
Wednesday	I Corinthians 13

DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec. 1	John 14
Friday	Psalms 8
Saturday	Revelation 21:1-7
Sunday, Dec. 4	II Timothy 2
Monday	Micah 6:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 17:16-34
Wednesday	Revelation 22:1-7
Thursday	John 3:1-17
Friday	I Thessalonians 5:12-28
Saturday	Mark 4:1-20
Universal Bible Sunday, Dec. 11	II Chronicles 7:11-18
Monday	John 4:1-14
Tuesday	Luke 10:25-37
Wednesday	Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday	Exodus 20:1-17
Friday	Matthew 6:5-15
Saturday	Psalms 119:33-40
Sunday, Dec. 18	John 1:1-14
Monday	Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday	Isaiah 9:2-7
Wednesday	Romans 8:12-39
Thursday	I Corinthians 15:35-58
Friday	Isaiah 40
Saturday	Isaiah 53
Christmas, Dec. 25	Luke 2

The Book—powerful not only in the individual life, but so filled with dynamite that a community can be changed from the force of its teachings.

But to help, to inspire the Book must be read. Those who are statistically minded will be interested in Dr. Francis Stifler's comment: "During 1943 when the United States was deep in the war, Dr. George Gallup took a poll of Bible readers. He found that while there were 64 percent of the people who read the Bible to some extent during the year, only one in ten read it daily. Although this showed an increase over a similar poll taken the year before, the figures were alarmingly low."

Alarmingly low for a country that had been founded on the Bible. "The Bible is the rock in which our Republic rests," Andrew Jackson said. What was becoming of this sure foundation? Was America, in her complacency, creating a tense pattern of life that did not take into account the giving of time to the serious reading of the Scriptures?

Six years ago the country was torn by the anger of war. Millions of our own men were fighting, "on the land, on the sea, in the air." Chaplains had requested of the American Bible Society and received many thousands of copies of Testaments and Bibles and were distributing them among the armed forces. What better time to urge those at home to become more acquainted with the Bible?

A program of daily Bible readings was planned by the American Bible Society, which, starting on Thanksgiving led up to the half-way mark of Universal Bible Sunday, and then on till Christmas. This program, according to figures compiled by the Bible Society, has shown an increasing number of participants each year. For the habit of Bible reading is like any other habit; once formed it becomes a planned part of your daily life.

"I am glad to report that a number of people read their Bibles through for the first time, after starting with our distribution of your reading lists," wrote a pastor to the Bible Society.

The brochure, carrying the title of this year's theme, "The Book to Live By," which is a part of the packet of materials to be used by ministers in the observance of Universal Bible Sunday, was written by Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, well-known pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. Dr. Bonnell has written from the fullness of his experience in helping people through the years to put their feet solidly on the path that leads to Christ. The Bible has been his guide book. "To it mankind must return if we are to heal the distemper of our lives and to resolve the disorder of the world," writes Dr. Bonnell. "It is 'The Book to Live By,' for the source of its light is He who came that we 'might have life and have it more abundantly.'"

North Carolina Pastors to Work in Evangelistic Advance; Truman Commends Bible Reading Plan

SEVEN FROM W. N. C. CONFERENCE TO ATTEND EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE IN PHILADELPHIA

The following ministers from the Western North Carolina Conference will attend the Methodist Evangelistic Advance in Philadelphia, November 26-December 4: Dr. E. P. Billups, secretary of evangelism, Charlotte district; Rev. J. H. Brendall, secretary of evangelism, Gastonia district; Rev. Kenneth Goodson, secretary of evangelism, Greensboro district; Rev. L. R. Akers, Jr., secretary of evangelism, Salisbury district; Rev. John Hamilton, secretary of evangelism, Winston-Salem district; Rev. W. A. Rollins, Conference secretary of evangelism and Rev. Ralph Taylor, president of the Conference Board of Evangelism.

Methodist leaders are saying that this will be the greatest concerted effort of evangelism ever to be made in a similar area by any denomination. It is expected that some 10,000 persons will be reached for Christ and His Church through these services which are to be held by more than a thousand ministers from all parts of the nation. There will be 329 churches with a total membership of over 100,000 engaged in this unprecedented evangelistic endeavor in American church life.

Dr. Harry L. Williams of the General Board of Evangelism and the director of the campaign declared recently: "The leadership trained here, the Christian experience gained here, the methods tested here, will be but the beginning of a larger movement throughout Methodism and the Protestant Church to make the kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ."

The largest evangelistic campaign ever undertaken in a metropolitan area is being held in Philadelphia, Pa., November 26 through December 4, by more than 300 Methodist churches.

Under the direction of Bishop Corson and the General Board of Evangelism, nearly 1000 ministers from all over America will be engaged in preaching and visitation, and thousands of laymen will be visiting for Christ and His Church.

You are requested to pray daily for this great endeavor.

WALTON HEADS CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Nov. 18.—Dr. A. J. Walton, professor of Practical Theology, Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N. C., was elected president of the Methodist Conference on Christian Education here this morning, to serve for a two-year period.

Other members of the Conference Executive Committee elected are: Dr. Gerald B. Harvey, of Los Angeles, Cal., executive secretary of the Southern California-Arizona conference board of education, as Vice-President and Miss Florence Teague, of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn., who was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer. The Conference also recommended that Miss Elizabeth Talbot, also of the General Board staff, continue to serve as Registrar.

Five hundred and fifty-nine persons are registered for the Conference, according to an announcement of official registration made this morning. This total makes this year's attendance the largest in the history of the Conference.

Addressing delegates at the morning session was Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Chicago, executive secretary of Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church.

"The preaching and teaching endeavor of the Advance for Christ and His Church is of primary importance," Dr. Mohn said, "but it must be both a spiritual and financial Advance; there cannot be one without the other."

"FROM CARABAO TO STREAMLINER"

Within the lifetime of many living Filipinos, great changes have come in the social, educational, and economic conditions of the Philippine Islands, says Rev. J. B. Holt, of Anson, Texas, Methodist missionary in Manila. This one Filipino has seen the change, he says, "from carabao to streamliner; from illiteracy to eight daily English newspapers in Manila alone; from complete dictatorship of the Spanish hierarchy to religious freedom and democracy. . . . Filipino life has improved also: the average Filipino is four inches taller than his great-grandfather, and infant mortality has dropped from 80 per 100 births to less than 14 deaths per 100."

ADMIRAL WILLIAM F. HALSEY (retired), former commander of the Third Fleet in the Pacific, has accepted the position of a Regional Chairman in the $10,000,000 campaign of the foundation on behalf of the International Christian University in Japan.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN ENDORSES PROGRAM OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

President Harry S. Truman has endorsed the program of Worldwide Bible Reading, from Thanksgiving to Christmas and the observance of Universal Bible Sunday on December 11, the program which is sponsored annually by the American Bible Society.

President Truman says: "Our forbears were a people who read one book. Happily for them and for us that book was the Bible. From earliest childhood through all the years to advanced age it was for them the source of an amazing fortitude, the fountain of peaceful and lasting spiritual energy.

"The Bible is the book that guided the souls and molded the hearts of generations of good men and valiant women. It became the rock on which rested the everlasting reality of religion. It also formed the style that gave our English tongue its most facile expression. As one who is a sharer in this rich heritage I am happy again to voice this appeal to Americans everywhere to participate in the observance of Universal Bible Sunday, which falls this year on December eleventh.

"I think the American Bible Society's annual appeal for assiduous reading of the Scriptures between Thanksgiving and Christmas Days has great merit. Never was a weary world more in need of the message which the Bible alone could bring to nations rent by anger, hatred and ill will.

"May God continue to bless and increase the reading of His Word."



Shown above are the young people who will head the National Conference of Methodist Youth for the next two years. Reading from left to right the Council members are: Front row—Velma King, Liberal, Kan.; Joe Kennedy, Birmingham, Ala.; Jameson Jones, Nashville, Tenn., president; Bob Gnegy, Washington, D. C., recording secretary; and Doris Boruff, Carson Iowa. Second row—Carol Jean Brill, Milwaukee, Wis.; Dick Cain, Los Angeles, Calif.; Shirley Reece, Stockton, Cal.; Jim Lawson, Massillon, Ohio, vice-president; Elizabeth Willis, Lubbock, Tex.; Bert Lyle, Tupelo, Miss.; August Aamodt; and Fred Fiske, Lansing, Mich. Not shown in picture is Bill Des Autles of Fargo, N. D., new financial secretary.

News in Brief -- Personalities

MISS ETHEL BOST of Cornelius sails November 23 for Japan. Her steamer address is Passenger on the Trade Wind, Pacific Far East Lines, San Francisco, Cal. She will work in the college at Nagasaki.

DR. CHARLES F. BOSS, JR., executive secretary of the Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church, was guest speaker on a televised discussion program, "Viewpoints," over Chicago's WGN-TV on Nov. 14. The topic was "Shall We Recognize Red China?"

REV. AND MRS. WORTH B. ROYALS and sons, Stephen and Randall, were graciously welcomed to the Walnut Cove charge on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, when the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Stokesburg church held open house at the parsonage. Approximately 100 persons attended.

BISHOP PAUL B. KERN of Nashville, chairman of the Week of Dedication Committee in the Advance program, has written all the pastors and charge lay leaders of The Methodist Church to thank them for their part in the 1949 observance and to announce the dates of March 5-12 for the 1950 Week of Dedication. Phrased in the mood of Thanksgiving Day, Bishop Kern's message expresses gratitude on behalf of many causes around the world "because in the Week of Dedication we remembered those less fortunate than ourselves and gave God a new chance in dozens and dozens of places of desperate need. When we draw near to God in humble self-examination and dedication, we always want to share our blessings with those who need. The Week of Dedication last spring was a glorious experience in the life of our Methodism. We shall come to it next spring in humble gratitude for all we have been able to accomplish this year in His name and confident that He will bless us as we seek together a new outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the Church and upon each of us and all of us."

METHODIST church schools continue to grow. As of November 1 church school membership was 5,807,682, according to a statistical report prepared by the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education, for the Methodist Conference on Christian Education that met in Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 17-22. 1949 reports from fourteen of the 106 conferences had not been received when the statistics were compiled and it was necessary to use 1948 figures for them. Of these fourteen conferences nine were in the Central Jurisdiction, three in the Southeastern and two in South Central. Net increase in church school membership during the past year was given as 152,259. Increase during the four years of the Crusade and the first year of the Advance was 1,028,336 "It now appears that by the end of the quadrennium church school membership will go far beyond the six million mark," said Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, in commenting on the gains. At present the Southeastern Jurisdiction shows the largest total in church school membership —1,562,170, with North Central ranking second with 1,401,171. Totals for the other jurisdictions were given as follows: Northeastern, 1,222,934; South Central, 1,081,411; Western, 372,930; and Central, 167,066.



MISS DENNY LEE BRYSON, above, is director of religious education and choir director of Steele Street Church, Sanford. Miss Bryson, a native of Greensboro, is a graduate of High Point College with a major in religious education and a minor in music. During her college career she was a member of the college quartet, and sang in many churches throughout the state. A tour in 1947 took the group to California. For the past two years Miss Bryson held a similar position with First Church, Morganton.

MRS J. W. PAYNE, President of W. S. C. S., Western North Carolina Conference, is visiting in Cuba.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT N. DUBOSE of Washington, D. C., announce the birth of their second daughter at the Garfield Hospital. Washington, D. C., on November 17. Mr. DuBose is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and served as director of the religious activities at Duke University prior to becoming executive secretary of the commission on Christian higher education of the association of American colleges. The mother is the former Marie Linberg King, of Shelby, N. C.

HAROLD W. HACKETT of Boston, who spent 20 years in Japan and who has traveled the world over as a missionary and business man, has been elected a vice-president of Japan International Christian University for which a $10,000,000 fund-raising campaign is under way in the United States and Canada. In January, Mr. Hackett will give up his work as associate treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, and go to Japan where he will take up his work on the 350-acre campus of International Christian University at Mataka, 17 miles from Tokyo. He will be responsible for the business administration and general financial affairs of ICU and for the details of the building of the plant, which now consists of but two buildings. The Japanese paid for the campus from the proceeds of their own fund-raising campaign which brought in 154,000,000 or about $420,000.

PALESTINE CHURCH on the Flat Rock charge is undergoing extensive repairs, is being brick veneered and is adding a new Sunday school room.

PELHAM METHODISTS gave their pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Allred, a Thanksgiving grocery pounding last Sunday following the morning worship service.

THE METHODIST COLLEGE FOUNDATION will hold its annual meeting Saturday, December 10, at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point. The program will begin with a luncheon meeting at one o'clock and will be concluded during the afternoon.

REV. H. M. WELLMAN writes that he has been well received on the Midland charge and that the people have made many improvements in the parsonage, including the purchase of a new refrigerator. Mill Grove church has installed a new outdoor bulletin board.

THE BROADWAY CHURCH on the Broadway charge had a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Troy J. Barrett and the public school teachers of Broadway on Friday, November 11. On the following Monday the Woman's Society of Christian Service pounded their new minister and his wife with tokens of love from their hearts and their pantries. The Barretts are most thankful for these gifts and for the cordial welcome shown them by the community.

REV. JOE H. BRENDALL and 100 members of Central church, Kings Mountain, on Sunday afternoon, November 13, visited the Methodist Home in Charlotte. Mr. Brendall preached the sermon. The Central church choir led the worship service and the members of Central church were hosts to the Methodist Home members at a covered dish supper. The members of the Home deeply appreciated this enriching contact with the congregation of a church which has been most generous and loyal in the building of the Home.

MORIAH CHURCH, Greensboro, is holding a marriage and family life institute this week with Rev. J. T. Greene, newly appointed director of family life education of the North Carolina Conference, the speaker. The institute began Wednesday evening and will continue through Sunday, with sessions daily from six p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A special session for high school students is held each evening from six o'clock to seven o'clock. The rest of the daily program will include lectures, movies, discussion and other features. Rev. Jarvis P. Brown, pastor, is in charge of the institute. The public is invited to all sessions.

GUIDING CHILDREN IN CHRISTIAN GROWTH is the title of a new book issued by the Editorial Division and Abingdon-Cokesbury Press for the Cooperative Publishing Association. It is planned for parents and teachers who are concerned with the religious nurture of children in the home or in the church. The chapters are prepared for reading and discussion. This book endeavors to point up a few principles which have proved helpful in meeting situations that may arise in the experience of living with growing children. The author is Mary Alice Jones, well-known author and editor of children's books. The book has 160 pages, and sells for $1.00.

High Point Group Begins New Church; Sockman Heads Peace Commission; Churches to Aid DP's

NEW SHERWOOD VILLAGE CHURCH HAS 35 MEMBERS

By N. M. Harrison

Sherwood Village Methodist Church sponsored by the High Point City Mission Society, was instituted and organized Sunday, November 6, 1949, by Rev. Herman Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District. Thirty-five members were received as charter members, nine of them on profession of faith, 26 by transfer. The transfers came from other Methodist churches, Baptist, Presbyterian, Friends and Lutheran churches. Officers are: Stewards: John H. Marsh, chairman; W. R. Thompson, vice-chairman; Mrs. Thetis Talton, secretary; W. M. Russell, L. H. Patterson, C. A. York, Jr., Mrs. Lettie Kenner, J. Stuart Peters and H. J. Austin; church treasurer, Mrs. John H. Marsh; Communion stewards, Mrs. L. H. Patterson and Mrs. W. D. Clark; trustees, Jack Dillard, chairman; C. A. York, Jr., vice-chairman and Mrs. Ivaree Austin, secretary; Church School superintendent, J. Stuart Peters; lay leader, John H. Marsh; Membership secretary, Mrs. Alice Thompson.

The new church has already organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service. Their first meeting will be held this week with the Woman's Society of Wesley Memorial church providing the program. Mrs. Arthur Utley and Mrs. C. A. York of Wesley Memorial have rendered valuable service in organizing the new Society. The officers are: president, Mrs. Lola Marsh; vice-president, Mrs. Hazel Russell; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lettie Kenner; secretary of missionary education and Service, Mrs. Thetis Talton; secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Whitt Osborne.

The "Brownie" Girl Scouts have been organized. Mrs. Jean Malone has taken the necessary Scout training and will direct the new troop. A "Cub" Scout troop is also in the process of organization.

A church school and preaching service was started in a rented, five room house the last Sunday in May with nineteen persons present. Teachers, a pianist, and singers were borrowed from Wesley Memorial, First and Main Street churches until such leaders could be found in the new community. All of the leaders are now from the Village and are members of the new church. A kindergarten is conducted by the children's division of the church school during the preaching service to permit mothers of young children to attend the service. The attendance has grown to over fifty.

Sherwood Village is a new development on the south side of High Point. A survey showed approximately 1000 people living in the village, of whom over 200 are Methodists. Young families with young children predominate in members.

DR. SOCKMAN AGAIN HEADS WORLD PEACE COMMISSION

War is not inevitable, the Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church declared in a statement adopted at its annual meeting in Evanston, Ill., Nov. 8-9.

"There are Christians enough—and Methodists enough—to banish fear and vindictiveness and turn the currents of human affairs toward security, justice, and lasting peace," the resolution said.



Dr. Sockman

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York City, was elected chairman of the Commission for the rest of the quadrennium, filling a vacancy left by the death of Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle. Dr. Sockman had headed the group for many years prior to Dr. Tittle's election a year ago.

A moving worship service in memory of Dr. Tittle was held in the chapel of First Church, which he had served for over 30 years. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary, and Dr. Sockman shared in leading the service. Dr. Georgia Harkness of Garrett Biblical Institute read an original poetic tribute, "The Builder," and Dr. Harry N. Holmes of New York City presented a memorial resolution which he had prepared for the Commission. The statement referred to Dr. Tittle as one who "during the past 25 years spearheaded the drive to make the church a vital and undiscourageable force in ushering in an era when war as an instrument of international policy should be abolished."

The Commission recommended early recognition by the United States of the present political regime as the **de facto** government in those areas of China under communist control, but asked that **de jure** recognition should be postponed until the Chinese people and UN have decided which government in China is official.

An earlier endorsement of the Marshall Plan was renewed with the expressed hope that funds be used for economic recovery and not be diverted to military ends. Serious question was raised concerning the continued dismantling of production plants in Germany and their shipment elsewhere.

The body expressed gratitude for the recent friendly visit of Prime Minister Nehru and for his "noble words of peace, which stir hopes . . . that India and the Orient may have a large part in leading all nations into the use of non-violent means in the solution of international problems."

The Commission also declared itself in favor of: Continued support of the UN with world government as an ultimate goal; making this country's scientific and industrial knowledge available for improvement of underdeveloped areas, as proposed by President Truman; multilateral arms reduction leading to universal disarmament under law; amnesty for conscientious objectors convicted of draft law violations; U. S. ratification of the proposed covenant on human rights and the United Nations convention on Genocide; ending peacetime compulsory military training with end of the present draft law; greater effort by churches in finding homes for displaced persons.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS TO AID DELAYED PILGRIMS

NEW YORK.—Union Thanksgiving Services in many communities throughout the country will be dedicated to "Delayed Pilgrims" and refugees being assisted in resettlement, rehabilitation, and material needs by Church World Service on behalf of 23 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions.

The services, conducted by local councils of churches, ministerial associations, and local parishes, will take special offerings for national and local activity to resettle DP's and assist refugees.

Assurances (sponsorships) for the remaining 50,000 Protestant and Orthodox DP's eligible to come to the United States under the current law will also be promoted at the services.

Thus far some 6000 Protestant and Orthodox DP's have come to the U. S. since the beginning of the program, with approximately half of these entering during the past three months.

An expanded program was recently adopted by major Protestant and Orthodox denominations and councils of churches to obtain guarantees of placement in various parts of the country for the remaining group.

"With the deadline for entry of Displaced Persons into this country approaching rapidly—June 30, 1950—it is particularly timely and necessary that, as we give thanks for our blessings, we remember those whose final hope lies with us," stated Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, CWS director of promotion, in announcing the event.

"Only by quick action on the part of local churches and communities can our expanded program become a reality," he said. "Protestant and Orthodox groups have been working actively to give assurances for DP's and have rendered valuable service in this Christian fellowship.

"If this Thanksgiving is dedicated to today's "Delayed Pilgrims," it will be an occasion of real and lasting blessing."

THEY HUNT SOULS, NOT HEADS, NOW

The native Dyak headhunters brought the Island of Borneo the first note that it had among the civilized peoples of the world. But that "art" is known no more, according to Methodist Missionary Hobart B. Amstutz, of Singapore, who reports that the Methodist Church has some fifty parishes and chapels up and down the central Rejang River.

Mrs. Amstutz recently met with 113 Borneo women, representing the Woman's Societies of Christian Service of these 50 churches. And Mr. Amstutz tells of a conference over which he presided in Borneo where, in addition to the Dyaks and the Americans, were two Malays, two Sumatra Batak Methodist pastors whose ancestors had been cannibals, and the Chinese wife of a Dyak missionary. Much of the evangelization of Dyaks in Borneo is being carried on by Batak Christians from Sumatra.

India Experiences Revival; Farmers Share with Needy Overseas; Women to Meet at G.C. Next Fall

A LAY REVIVAL GROWS IN BIDAR, INDIA

Bidar District, in Hyderabad State, India, is the scene of one of the most promising "mass movements" of Hindus to Christianity to be found anywhere in Asia today. Within the year, about 7,000 people have announced their adherence to the Christian faith.

The mass movement has been led more by Christian laymen than by pastors. The laymen— mostly from Methodist chapels —have fanned out into the villages, preaching and witnessing for Christ. Delegations have been visiting the missionaries and Indian pastors, clamoring to be baptized. If the pastors seek to put them off for some time—in order to test their sincerity—the people will still say, "Well, whether you baptize us or not, we will still call ourselves Christians."

"Some people from the outside, belonging to the Arya Samaj, a very orthodox and fanatical Hindu sect, got news of the mass movement and started to stir up trouble against the Christians locally," says Missionary John T. Seamands, who grew up as a boy in Bidar. "They incited the 'patils' or head-men of two or three villages, and instigated a series of persecution of the Christian community. One Indian district superintendent, Rev. B. S. Moses, and two of his preachers, were actually put in prison for a few days. At the same time, a vicious campaign of propaganda against the Christians was carried on in some of the state newspapers. The missionaries and preachers were accused of taking advantage of the political upheaval and forcing the outcasts by trickery and bribes to become Christians by droves. It was claimed that the missionaries had razed several Hindu temples to the ground, had desecrated the Indian flag, and were guilty of spreading communistic teachings.

"The situation finally became so serious that the Hyderabad government was forced to send a special commission to Bidar to make investigations into all the allegations. After lengthy and careful inquiry, the commission came out with its report that the Christians were absolutely free from any of the accusations made against them and that the allegations were completely false. One head-man in a village was removed from his position and others punished for stirring up needless trouble.

"What has been the effect upon the Christian community in that section. The Christians have been stirred to a new sense of unity and obligation. They have come through the opposition nobly and are now more determined than ever before to be faithful to the Master. The young men particularly have caught a new vision of service and witnessing. When the annual Christian home-coming was held in Bidar, instead of the usual two thousand in attendance, eight thousand turned up. They marched through the streets making Bhajana (singing and playing instruments) and boldly confessed Christ as Lord and Master. So the Church has emerged stronger and there are signs that the revival will go on under the anointing of the Spirit of God."

The best way of revenge is not to imitate the injury.—Marcus Aurelius.



DR. KENNETH POPE, above, pastor of First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, will speak on The Methodist Hour radio network Sunday morning, November 27, at 8:30 EST and 7:30 CST. His topic is "The Near Side of God." Dr. Pope served as pastor of First Methodist Church in Austin, Texas, for eight years before being appointed to the church in Houston. He has been a frequent contributor to church periodicals and has spoken on special lectures throughout the nation.

CROP CLIMAXES NATION-WIDE DRIVE

CHICAGO.—A goal of 3500 railroad carloads of America's farm products to fill Friendship Food Trains for the needy overseas has been set for this year's nation-wide drive of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), it has been announced by officials of the cooperative church relief project.

The farm-to-farm drive, which is concentrated in the nation's 33 top agricultural states, will be conducted during the individual state's harvest season. Timed generally in late October and early November, the state campaigns are aimed toward a dedication climax during the Thanksgiving season.

"Our goal, simply, is to help feed the aged, ill, orphans and destitute overseas, in the name of Christian brotherhood," John D. Metzler, national CROP chairman, said.

"Every bushel of wheat and corn, every crate of eggs and can of milk, will help to meet the world-wide need as described in eyewitness reports of church, farm and government authorities. CROP commodities reach those unfortunates who are desperately in need because they are not reached by any other group."

CROP's national goal of 3500 carloads of farm produce was set through the cooperative efforts of individual state committees and the national CROP office in Chicago.

Commodities sought in the various state drives illustrate America's versatile agricultural economy, it was pointed out. These include wheat, corn, milk, eggs, beans, soybeans, oats cotton, dried fruits, sugar, lard flour, rice, livestock, peas, wool and peanuts. Emphasis of CROP is on the giving of commodities, although cash is accepted and exchanged for exportable products.

The commodities are shipped overseas in bulk, officials said, to save expense and to provide employment in processing the goods as well as relief. The products then are distributed by church agencies to the neediest, regardless of race or creed.

The CROP program, which was started in August, 1947, is sponsored by Catholic Rural Life, Church World Service (22 Protestant denominations), and Lutheran World Relief. Officials point out that it is the largest relief collection program of its kind in existence and it is the first cooperative relief project of Catholics, Lutherans, and Protestants. More than 75,000 American churches participate.

Approximately 75,000,000 pounds of farm products—2,392 railroad carloads—were contributed in the 1948 CROP drive in 26 states, starting with the midwest's Abraham Lincoln trains in the spring through CROP's Christmas trains all over the country.

Last year's contributions were sent to the needy principally in 22 of the 43 nations served by CROP's Parent Agencies. Since its inception in 1947, up until the start of the drive this fall, more than 118,000,000 pounds of products had been contributed through CROP for the needy abroad.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS TO MEET AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE

The School of Missions for North Carolina Woman's Society of Christian Service and Western North Carolina Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Greensboro College, Greensboro, September 3-8, 1950.

A spiritual life retreat will be held from 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 1 through Sunday noon, September 3. The Wesleyan Service Guild Institute will be held September 8-10. Four credit courses will be offered and departmental clinics and workshops will be held daily. It is not too early to make plans for a successful school of missions.

AGED METHODIST DIES

Charles Clark Lineberry, 84, of Greensboro, Rt. 6, died at his home November 2, following declining health for the past eight years and critical illness for three weeks. A native of Guilford County and a retired farmer, he was educated at Whitsett High School and Old Yadkin Academy. He was the son of the late Dr. A. W. Lineberry and Celia Gillespie Lineberry.

In 1900 he was married to the former Arrie Catherine Anderson who died December 22, 1932.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. John W. Sharpe, Sr., and three grandchildren, John W. Sharpe, Jr., Charles Robert Sharpe, Dorothy Jane Sharpe, three nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from Moriah Methodist Church by the pastor, Jarvis P. Brown, a large number of friends attending. Mr. Lineberry, commonly referred to as "Uncle Charlie" was the oldest member of this church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Man was made to seek God: that is the foundation of revelation; to know Him as a man: that is the condition of revelation; to grow into His likeness: that is the test of revelation.—Bishop Westcott.

Greensboro College Plans Full Program for Founders and Benefactors Day Dec. 3; Moreland to Speak

THANKS, CARL

Greensboro College is indebted to Rev. Carl H. King, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference, for his Advocate page this week, which tells of plans for celebrating Founders and Benefactors Day on December 3. The College's thanks go to him, also, for the following letter recently addressed to Dr. Luther L. Gobbel, President of the College:

"I am enclosing a check for $7,500.00 which is our regular appropriation to Greensboro College. It is a real privilege for me to have a small part in making this appropriation available for the cause of Christian education. I want to assure you, Raymond Smith, and others again of my sincere appreciation for what you are doing in training persons for responsible places of leadership in the conference. I also rejoice with you and with others in the field of higher education over the accomplishments at our recent annual conference. I do see some signs of encouragement. We must continue to work and to plan to make the progress to date permanent."

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. J. Earl Moreland, A.B., A.M., LL.D., has served Randolph-Macon College as president since 1939. Under his excellent leadership this ancient institution has made extraordinary progress. Dr. Moreland, moreover, is distinguished not only for what he has done for his own institution, but for many others in many lands. As professor, vice-president, and president of Porta Alegre College in Brazil, vice-president of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennesse; member of the Southern Regional Council, Virginia Academy of Science, Virginia, Federal and World Council of Churches, General Board of Education, and Jurisdictional and General Conferences of The Methodist Church, and as lecturer and speaker, Dr. Moreland has traveled widely and done much for great causes. We are happy to present him as our guest speaker for Founders and Benefactors Day—Homecoming Day, December 3, 1949.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF FOUNDERS AND BENEFACTORS —HOMECOMING DAY

Founders and Benefactors Day, instituted by the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College in 1921, has been celebrated annually at the College since that time.

On this occasion students, alumnae, faculty, trustees, and friends of the College remind themselves of their debt of gratitude to those pioneering spirits who in 1838 chartered Greensboro Female College and those faithful men and women who since those early days, in continuing succession, have kept alive the vision of trained, cultured, Christian womanhood and have given selves and substance to the perpetuation and expansion of the pioneers' dream, making possible the Greensboro College of today and laying the foundation and giving assurance of a greater G. C. tomorrow.

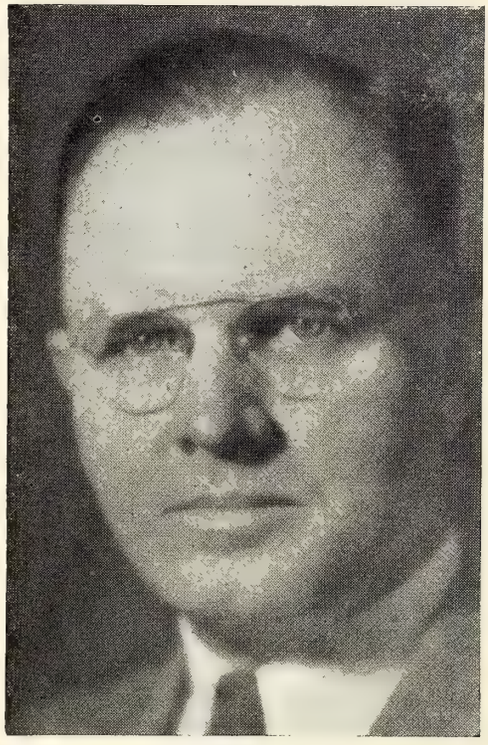
Since 1933 Homecoming Day has been celebrated jointly with Founders and Benefactors Day.

Since 1944 the leaders of the various student organizations have played an important role in planning and carrying through the day's festivities. They are sharing again in this year's observance.

111 YEARS

You will be rewarded abundantly if you attend Homecoming Day, Dec. 3, 1949.

Greensboro College's celebration of Founders and Benefactors Day Saturday December 3, 1949, in Odell Memorial Hall will be a commemoration of Greensboro College's 111 years of educational history and service and an expression of



Dr. Moreland

appreciation for all who, in the years gone by, have helped make the G. C. of today possible.

PROGRAM

8 a.m.-11 a.m.—Classes (Returning alumnae are invited to visit the classes if they wish.)

10:00 a.m.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumnae Association (Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees)—Student Council Room

11:30 a.m.—Founders and Benefactors Day Exercises—Odell Memorial Hall

1:00 p.m.—Buffet Luncheon in the College Dining Room

2:00 p.m.—Greensboro Senior High School Band Concert on Terrace in front of Main Building

3:00 p.m.—Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Rev. Peter Doub

This year for the first time it was decided that there should be a pilgrimage to the tomb of Rev. Peter Doub, a Methodist minister of the early 1830's who had the vision for the education of women and in 1832 founded a school for this purpose. This later gave inspiration for the establishment of a college for women which turned out to be Greensboro College, chartered in 1838.

Concerning the Rev. Peter Doub, the following paragraph is quoted from "A Romance of Education" by Dr. Samuel Bryant Turrentine:

". . . decision was made to erect a handsome monument in memory of Rev. Peter Doub and wife, sponsored by West Market Street Methodist Church and Greensboro College. The dedication and unveiling exercises of the monument took place on Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock, October 10, 1945, at the Doub plot in Green Hill Cemetery, Greensboro. These exercises were conducted by Bishop Clare Purcell, Charlotte, N. C., who presided over the Western North Carolina Conference, held in Greensboro during that week."

All alumnae and Methodist ministers are invited to be guests of the college for luncheon, provided reservation is made by December 1. Reservation should be made by writing to Miss Mary Brock, Alumnae Secretary, or Dr. Luther L. Gobbel, President, Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C.

Wives of the ministers are also included in the invitation to the exercises of the day, including the luncheon as guests of the college provided reservations are made by December 1.

ALUMNAE CORDIALLY INVITED

Dear Alumnae,

Draw a red circle around the date December 3, 1949, on your calendar; tie a red string around your finger, cancel all previous engagements and meet us here in Greensboro.

What is this red letter event? HOMECOMIG DAY at Greensboro College, our beloved Alma Mater.

You're welcome at G. C. any day, any time, any hour, but we especially would like to see you here for this gala occasion when old friends meet again!

Various committees of students, faculty, and alumnae are working to make this day a success. But without you, their plans are all in vain.

Don't say "No;" just say, "I'll Go." See you at G. C. Saturday, December 3.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. H. Smith (Helen Whitley)
President, Greensboro College
Alumnae Association

METHODISTS 77%

Thirteen states and China are represented in the Greensboro College student body this year. North Carolina furnishes 86.4% of the students.

Thirteen denominations are represented; Methodists constitute 77% of the enrollment.

Seventy-four occupations and professions are represented by the fathers of Greensboro College students. Daughters of farmers, numbering 35, head the list.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

Many Greensboro College students will be prepared to participate in the observance of Student Recognition Day in their local churches during the Christmas holidays. The date fixed for the observance throughout the church is Sunday, January 1. Through student speeches it is hoped that parents and others will come to see Methodist colleges through the eyes of students and that students in the Methodist colleges will be reminded that their home churches are still concerned with their Christian education. Participation on the part of students will tend to bind them closer to the church and inspire within them greater appreciation for their respective institutions. Suggested programs for the day are being mailed from the office of the General Board of Education in Nashville to all Methodist pastors.

Mrs. Spencer Appointed; Many Nations Need Supply Packages: Shiloh Organizes: Chatham Zone Meets

Edited by MRS. A. H. BORLAND
2010 Pershing St., Durham, N. C.

NEW PROMOTION SECRETARY

Mrs. Colin G. Spencer of Carthage has been appointed as the promotion secretary of the Fayetteville district, replacing Mrs. L. P. Cox of Sanford who has resigned.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO MRS. WALSTON

On Tuesday, November 8, C. H. Walston, husband of our beloved Emily Walston, conference secretary of supply work, died at his home near Walstonburg following several weeks of illness. The love and sympathy of all her friends and co-workers go with her in this time of her sorrow. Our Father will richly bless her and give her strength to carry on.

SUPPLY LETTER

In spite of all the complications because of illness at home, Mrs. C. H. Walston, secretary of supply work, found time to send a very important and informative letter to her district secretaries. Excerpts from this letter follow:

"Heretofore, gift sent as a result of a study was counted as supply work and reported as such, but that is not now true. We recognize the fact that appropriations are the most necessary finances, and that supply work strives to furnish the extras. For years we have used the interest aroused by a study course to promote giving to our institutions in the country studied, and have urged that these gifts be reported through the Supply Department. Now the Woman's Division has assigned every Jurisdiction regular missionary projects to which will be sent the money sent as gifts from study classes. Our Southeastern Jurisdiction has been assigned Seiwa Christian Workers and Kindergarten Training School, in Nishinomiya, Japan. This will be a continuous project even though the place will be changed with the topic of study. This year we are studying Japan. You will **not** report the cash sent from a study as supply work, but it will be reported through the Missionary Education Department. Supply Work is being directed to Japan this year so please report what is done as Supply Work, but not study classes. Each Jurisdiction has been assigned a different school, and only the gifts directed to this particular school will count on appropriations. For instance, if some supply gift was sent to Mrs. McKinne marked for Seiwa Christian Workers and Kindergarten Training School, Nishinomiya, Japan, it would not count as supply work even though it was sent that way, because Mrs. McKinne already knows that this school is taken care of through appropriations. I hope this is clear."

Another important item mentioned by Mrs. Walston is concerning boxes for overseas relief. She says: "Last quarter I was asked to tell you to send only cash for relief, no boxes. But here is an exception. Food and clothing are greatly needed in Japan, and very few things as yet can be purchased. Packages weighing 22 lbs. will be received at the post office, but because of the lack of transportation, smaller packages are preferred, especially since the missionaries have to carry the packages from the post office. We are asked to send packages to Japan, Korea and the Philippines.

"Be sure your packages are securely wrapped and carefully addressed. Put a list of the items on the inside of the package. In the Ninth Annual Report will be found the names of missionaries to whom these packages are to be sent in Korea, Japan and the Philippines."

The following things are of the greatest need:

Food: Sugar, salt, puddings and other mixes, sweetened cocoa, hard candies, vitamins, powdered milk, dehydrated foods, garden seed, dried fruits (raisins, prunes, etc.), fats (oleomargarine in plastic bags go very well). Pack food carefully as packages are roughly handled. Never send anything in jars. Do not pack soap and food in the same box. Bar soap goes much better than powdered soap.

Clothes: Underwear, men's hats, shoes, coats, scarfs, hoods, sweaters, rubbers, baby clothes, materials, thread, needles, socks, gloves, yarn, towels. Remember that average Japanese are smaller than average American, so send small sizes.



However, larger sizes in good condition can be remade. Be sure that your package contains clean, mended, well-packed articles. Never send high-heeled shoes or large men's shoes. Low flat heels, oxfords and tennis shoes are best.

General: Pictures, pencils, notebooks, construction paper, crayons, pen points, pen holders, erasers, hymnals and Bibles.

The needs in Korea are much the same as in Japan. Korea now has her own government, therefore there is apt to be a duty on packages. However, relief packages and unsolicited gifts should be allowed to enter without duty. Be sure packages are marked "Relief Gift—No Commercial Value." If you send new articles list their wholesale value on the declaration tag and mark the package "Gift." Place a list of the articles you send inside the package and write another list on the regular customs form and fasten to the outside of the package.

The Philippines need used Sunday school materials. They are now using 1948 materials. Magazines and religious publications are acceptable as reference material.

Carrying charges on packages to Japan, Korea, and the Philippines should be reported in the value column of the local society's report blank. We are urged not to send packages to any other field, but send cash for supply work instead.

Urge the sending of gift boxes from the youth. Let them pack their own boxes. Introduce Supply Work to the youth, but do not approach them for cash.

SHILOH IN RALEIGH DISTRICT

A new society in the Raleigh district was organized on Monday, October 31, by Mrs. M. M. Person at Shiloh church on the Louisburg charge. The officers elected are: president, Miss Mary Pest, Rt. 4, Louisburg; vice-president, Mrs. Jobe Overton, Bunn; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Walter Murray, Rt. 4, Louisburg; secretary of missionary education and secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. R. L. Jeffreys, Rt. 4, Louisburg; secretary of youth and children's work, Miss Myrtice Wood, Rt. 4, Louisburg.

CHATHAM ZONE MEETING

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Chatham zone of the Durham district met Sunday afternoon, October 30, at Ebenezer church on the Bynum charge. Mrs. J. Frank Houser, zone leader, presided. Rev. John Cline gave a word of welcome and Mrs. Fred Riggsbee of Pittsboro gave the response.

The presidents of the local societies made their reports.

District officers present and discussing their work were Mrs. G. B. Robbins of Graham, president; Mrs. C. A. Cates of Graham, supply work; Mrs. Raney Crumpton of Roxboro, youth work; Mrs. W. C. Mosier of Burlington, missionary education; Mrs. R. W. Morgan of Chapel Hill, literature and publications; and Mrs. Edd C. Thomas of Mebane, promotion and organization.

Rev. John Cline closed the meeting with prayer.

SUPPLY WORK FOR CHILDREN

Mrs. M. W. Warren, conference secretary of children work, has listed the askings for 1949-50 for supply work with children. The project this year as last is the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem. The complete address is Bethlehem Center, Inc., Mrs. Marion Wooten, Head Resident, 408 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The articles should be listed on a blank "Shipment of Goods Blank," which may be secured from the local secretary of supply work of the Woman's Society. A receipt will be sent from the worker in charge of the institution for filing.

The askings are: canned fruit and vegetables; soap, laundry, toilet and powder; tooth paste; cash for playground equipment; storybooks for children; table games for boys and girls as checks, dominoes, ping pong, etc.; balls, tennis, soft, football, and baseballs.

You Can Order Dean P. E. Lindley's

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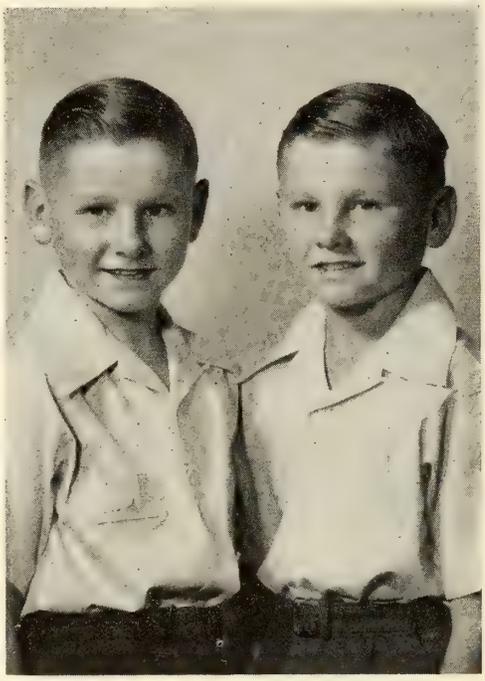
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By O. V. WOOSLEY

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Call One, Both Come

FINANCIAL SECURITY

We have had with us today a representative of the State Welfare Department. The purpose of this good woman's visit was to become familiar with the type of service The Children's Home is rendering its dependent children. A good part of the day has been consumed in discussing the best ways and means of providing for boys and girls whose homes have been disrupted and who have come to live in our Home. All child caring institutions in North Carolina either have to be licensed by the State Welfare Department or permitted to operate by consent, depending on how many children are enrolled and how well the enrolled children are served. One of the qestions asked by the good lady was as to the soundness of our financial security. The lady thought that it would be very unfair to children already deprived of home and loved ones to be further deprived of the security that money can buy. We were glad to inform the inquirer that our children have ample reason for sensing the security that is provided by our Methodist people.

TIME TO ACT

Even though our children do not have any financial fears, those of us whose responsibility it is to keep the children from having such fears find it necessary to remind our sharing friends of the fact that the rearing of children requires a good deal of financial investment. Since the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are coming along we feel that our friends will use these times for acting in a glorious way. At this time when children's needs are right generally presented through the press and over the radio, as well as in the pulpit and in the classrooms, it would appear very opportune for offerings to be taken for our Children's Home family. Judging from echoes we have heard, this will be done this year, as in the past, in no uncertain way.

REPRESENTING THE HOME

An unusually large number of our youngsters will represent the Home at the approaching Thanksgiving services. Before this appears in print some thirty youngsters will have rendered a program the night before Thanksgiving with Centenary friends here in the city. Four high school boys and girls will be with the young people at Burkhead on the same evening. Six of our boys and girls will be with our Hawthorne Lane friends in Charlotte on the evening before Thanksgiving. A good friend from Grace, Greensboro, will fly over early Thanksgiving morning to pick up one of our young men for appearing before their congregation in the interests of The Children's Home. On Sunday evening before Thanksgiving four high school boys and girls will be with the young people at Ogburn Memorial here in Winston-Salem. The youngsters are anticipating these visits with much pleasure.

JOY BELL RINGERS

We have not had any joy bell ringing for some time. But the harmonious tones are beginning to come through the brisk fall air. They are stimulating, all the more so since our fifth Sunday offerings are showing quite a marked decline because of the very bad weather on that day. Those congregations having paid all or more than their basic askings are herewith listed along with their pastor in charge:

Maylo, Gastonia, M. C. Reese.

Bethlehem, Climax, J. S. Higgins.

Wesley Memorial, High Point, W. Arthur Kale.

Elizabeth Chapel, Dellwood circuit, Paul R. Taylor.

Plateau, South Fork circuit, W. G. Burgin.

Upper Laurel, Icy circuit, J. M. Green.

Mt. Lebanon, Randleman, Frank H. Edwards.

"TUM SEE DADDY?"

At the request of a good Methodist welfare superintendent we went to visit a man who was reported to have three young children with no one to look after them following the desertion of their mother. On arrival at the plain little home, located a half-mile from the nearest neighbor, we approached two little boys standing on the front porch. Little four-year-old Jerry, with a good deal of his morning's breakfast still on his face, smilingly inquired, "Tum see Daddy? He's sleep." Daddy had worked in a hosiery mill during the night before and on reaching home had prepared breakfast for the boys and then had gone to bed to sleep while the little fellows wandered about the place. Three older girls had been let out to friends who were willing to keep them, one on the hope of permanent adoption. The father reported that the two little boys had to stay at home all night by themselves while he worked seven miles away in a hosiery mill to secure funds to buy them milk and other necessities. The six-year-old boy could not go to school because, as he stated, "Daddy don't have time to wash my clothes." The daddy wanted to know if his little boys could come to The Children's Home to be kept until such time as he could re-establish a home for them.

A VETERAN'S INQUIRY

A World War veteran, deprived of one arm and one leg and otherwise physically impaired, has two junior boys and a pre-school age girl with no one to provide for them. The mother of these children has deserted her family and her whereabouts are unknown. It is reported that such has been her habit from time to time. The veteran wants to know if his two boys, doing well in the fifth and sixth grades, and the little pre-school age girl, can find a home of security here with us. He reports that the children have been in one place after another until they yearn for some place to live and someone to love them. We want to do something for these children.

TOM AND DON

The picture herewith presented is that of Don and Tom Price, interesting twin boys, ten years old last February. These boys are so much alike that this scribe never bothers to try to distinguish one from the other. They both are lovable lads, so much so that there is no particular reason to tell them apart. These interesting lads are sponsored by the Men's Bible Class of Carraway Memorial, Greensboro, H. H. Craven being the correspondent.

BUYING BIBLES

While these notes are being dictated an interruption has come along since nine little girls are asking Miss Taylor if she has any Bibles to sell. Our family is in the midst of Bible reading emphasis and each youngster wants a Bible. It is our policy to buy a Bible with good print from the American Bible Society and sell it to the youngster at a nominal price, thus enabling the youngster to feel some ownership in the matter. Each Sunday morning at Sunday school the boys and girls in the Junior Department follow the reading of the Bible story with keen interest. Encouragement for certain Bible readings during the week are causing a good deal of response.

FOOTBALL BID

Our varsity football team has come through another season undefeated, having won all ten of the scheduled games. The local papers recount that our team has not been defeated in thirty-eight consecutive games, meaning that no game has been lost in nearly four years. Mr. Clary and his boys have accepted an invitation to play in the Piedmont Bowl game Friday night, December 2. The opposing team has not yet been selected.

NANNY GOAT RUN

Following our hard game with the inspired Wilkesboro High team, leader in the Highland Conference, our good friend, Peter Brame, of North Wilkesboro, writes: "I just want to let you know how upset we were at the football game last night between the Children's Home and the unbeaten Wilkesboro team. As you know, until the last quarter the score was

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Jeremiah, Spokesman for God

Jeremiah 1; 14:7-22; 20; 22:1-23; 32:6-10, 37-39

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

When God called Jeremiah to be a prophet he shrank back with a sense of unworthiness, just as Moses and Isaiah did (Exodus 4:10-12; Isaiah 6:1-7). But then Jeremiah saw in vision Jehovah put forth his hand and touch his mouth, and say, Behold I have put my words into thy mouth. See, I have set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms to pluck up and break down, to build and to plant. But instead of yielding to Jeremiah's directions, not only did the nations fail to listen to him but the rulers of his own people cast him into a dungeon. His experience was one of the paradoxes so common in the lives of the prophets.

It surely required great faith for Jeremiah to believe that God had actually given him power over the nations. And yet his predictions were finally fulfilled as though they had been the edicts of a king. And not only that—and here is the wonder of it—but every time similar conditions have been repeated in successive ages similar results have followed. Hence we have discovered that Jeremiah has expressed the laws according to which in all ages God governs the nations.

The manuscript of Jeremiah is as though one had rushed in at the time of the siege and gathered a bundle of papers together in haste. It takes time and study to realize the riches that we have in his prophecies. But it is an interesting fact that some of the greatest of all the Old Testament scholars refer to him as their favorite prophet. One reason for this is the sheer courageous progressiveness of his thinking. The people of his day had come to have a superstitious reverence for the ark of the covenant. But said Jeremiah, The day will come when the ark of the covenant is carried away; then you will have such a sense of the covenant-keeping God in your hearts that you will not miss the old relic or make any attempt to duplicate it (3:16).

Another reason why Jeremiah greatly attracts us is that he is so intensely human. When he predicted the destruction of the city at the hands of the Babylonians the high priest put him in the stocks; perchance even the small boys threw missiles at him. Then the high priest released him, and Jeremiah bravely told the old hypocrite that he would die in a strange land. But when Jeremiah gets alone the reaction comes (20:7-18), and he complains to the Lord that he had overpersuaded him to be a prophet. He exclaims, Cursed be the day on which I was born, and cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father that a man child was born to him, making him very glad, because he slew me not from birth. Of course we are to understand that Jeremiah would have done any favor to this man if he had been in trouble. That was simply the prophet's way of saying, I feel very bad indeed.

And yet when the Babylonians surrounded the city, and its destruction was at hand, Jeremiah in order to encourage the people took of the little he had left to save himself from starvation, and bought real estate, as though to say, In time there will be a boom in real estate here, and I want to be in on the ground floor. and said he, If you doubt that the sun will rise and the stars move in their courses then doubt that God will bring back his people, and a son of David will reign again here in Jerusalem (33:19-22).

Jeremiah's prophecy of the restoration of the Davidic kingdom in Jerusalem was never literally fulfilled, but it certainly was overflowed, for Jesus, the Son of David, is enthroned in the adoration and love of unnumbered millions throughout the whole world.

THANKSGIVING—A GREAT INTERFAITH HOLIDAY

It is well for us that the Pilgrims were men and women of courage and conviction, prepared to sacrifice much for their principles, even their lives. If they had faltered in the face of terrible hardship, we might not today have Thanksgiving as we know it.

The Pilgrims were a pitifully small minority in England. They wanted only to worship God in their own way. But like so many blameless minorities of the past and present, their devotion to conscience made them handy scapegoats. Using religion as a pretext, the Pilgrims were hounded by the King's soldiers. Their property was confiscated, their leaders jailed—even hanged.

Of course, the king was really trying to suppress the growing struggle for a better order, for a concept of life based on the intrinsic worth and dignity of the individual—a concept that threatened the autocratic privileges of royalty. It was the old story of picking on a minority to divert attention from the misdeeds of those in power. The Roman emperors used similar tactics in persecuting the early Christians and, in our own time, Hitler exploited anti-Semitism for the same ends.

Yet, in the age-old struggle between Might and Right, the victor is always the same. Today, the story of the Pilgrims is enshrined in the hearts of men, while the name of James the First, their persecutor, is almost forgotten.

The Pilgrims were a devout people and their entire code of ethics was based upon ardent and exhaustive research in the Bible. Many of their pastors studied Greek and Hebrew so they might read the Old and New Testaments in the original. William Bradford, governor of Plymouth Colony and possibly the greatest of the Pilgrim Fathers, was a devoted student of Hebrew because, as he wrote, he desired to see with his own eyes "the language of God and the angels, and how the words and phrases lie in ye holy Text . . . and what names were given to things from the Creation."

Thus, the Pilgrims could well appreciate the parallel between their wanderings and hardships in the wilderness, and those of the ancient Jews in the Exodus from Egypt. When, in 1621, the first harvest was gathered in Plymouth Colony, the Pilgrims looked to the Old Testament for inspiration. The first Thanksgiving, as recorded by Governor Bradford, was based on the ancient Jewish harvest festival described in the Bible, a holiday which is still celebrated by Jews as the Feast of the Ingathering, on Succoth.

Thanksgiving was indeed an interfaith celebration from the start. When the Pilgrims invited Indian Chief Massasoit and his ninety braves to their harvest banquet in 1621, they expressed this spirit. And when the Touro Synagogue of Newport, Rhode Island, held the first Thanksgiving celebration in that State on November 28, 1765, those who flocked to the services were animated by the same ideal.

Today, as then, Thanksgiving is celebrated by Americans of all religions and races. In many cases, special interfaith ceremonies are held to emphasize this aspect of the harvest holiday. In New York City, for example, Christ Methodist Church, Central Presbyterian Church and Central Synagogue hold combined Thanksgiving observances annually. The ceremony is rotated among the houses of worship each year; but the three congregations and their three men of God, Dr. Ralph Sockman of Christ Methodist, Dr. Theodore Speers of Central Presbyterian and Dr. Jonah Wise of Central Synagogue, always have been present to take part in the ceremony. This moving service, which is typical of many others held throughout America on Thanksgiving Day, vividly illustrates the common heritage of all Americans and the universal aspects of all great religions.—**Religious Press Committee.**

In Memoriam

James P. Lynch

Spencer.—At the regular meeting of the Board of Stewards, Central Methodist Church, July 5, a committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions of respect for our late departed Brother James P. Lynch.

Whereas in the providence of God our friend and co-worker, James P. Lynch, departed this life on June 18, 1949, after a lingering illness, and whereas Brother Lynch had been a faithful member and loyal official of the Central Methodist Church for more than a quarter of a century, having been a steward and a trustee for a greater part of that time, and having supported the entire program of the church by giving liberally of his time and means, thereby being an inspiration to his co-workers and friends;

And, whereas in his last will and testament, there being no members of the immediate family surviving, and due consideration to other relatives, the residue of his estate was willed and bequeathed to the Central Methodist Church, Spencer, N. C., to be used in the erection of an Educational Building for the Christian training of the coming generations and as a fitting memorial to himself and his wife, Mamie Hatley Lynch, who preceded him in death by about two years, she having been a faithful and devoted member of this church for many years;

And, whereas, bowing to the will of our loving Heavenly Father in the passing of our friend and co-worker in the church visible, we are confident that the continuing influence of his life will be felt among us, and we rejoice that he now rests from his labors and is at peace with his God.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the Salisbury evening Post, a copy placed in the permanent records of the church and a copy be sent to the relatives.—J. E. Yountz, pastor; J. D. Carter, president, board of trustees; T. W. Seay, chairman, finance committee.

Pete's Thanksgiving

Pete Johnson was glum during dinner that night. "No, Peter," his Mother said, "You just can't invite Dave and his family to our Thanksgiving dinner party next week."

"Aw, Mom, why not?" begged Pete. He wanted so much to have his friend Dave Rosen over to the party.

"Because, as your father told you, we've never met Dave's family and they don't know our friends, and . . . well, we can't have them."

"But Dave's swell, honest," pleaded Pete, "and his family only just came here to Centerville a coupl'a months ago. I'll bet they don't know anybody in town yet, and they might have to be all alone on their first Thanksgiving here."

"We understand," said Pete's father. "But Dave's family would surely think it odd if we invited them here—we're complete strangers to them!"

"But Dave's already asked me to his house next month. His folks are having a party for his friends."

"A birthday party?" asked Mrs. Johnson.

"No," replied Pete. "It's for Hanukah. Dave's Jewish, and Hanukah's a Jewish holiday, a big day of celebration. Dave told me all about it."

'How nice!" said Mrs. Johnson. "Of course, you may go; but that still doesn't mean we can ask Dave's family for Thanksgiving. The Hanukah party is for you children who know each other; but ours is for grown-ups, and we don't know Dave's parents at all."

Pete sighed. He was thinking of how lonely Dave and the Rosens would be on Thanksgiving Day. Dave was one of Pete's best friends. The first day Dave had come to school, looking shy and a little scared of all the new faces, everyone had liked him, and Pete most of all.

The day before Thanksgiving, the boys were playing after school. "Guess you'll be having a big Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow." Dave's eyes had a far-away look.

Pete shuffled his feet. "Nothing much," he muttered. "Wh-what are your folks doing?"

"We're going to some old party," Dave said unhappily. "Just grown-ups, I guess —some people my parents met. I don't even know their names."

Pete felt worse than ever. Dave was so shy; he would hate being with strangers. How Pete wished he could ask all the Rosens to his house tomorrow!

Thanksgiving Day was bright and sunny; but Pete was not. As the Johnsons' guests began to arrive he stood near the door with his parents, finding it hard to smile a welcome at everyone. Each time he thought of Dave and his family, he felt more unhappy.

Suddenly, the doorbell rang again. Pete heard voices behind the door—and one of them was a boy's voice. It sounded just like—but no, thought Pete, it **couldn't** be! Just then, Mrs. Johnson opened the door, and standing there, next to his parents, was Dave! Both boys stared at each other open-mouthed. "But—how come?" they squealed. Pete's mother looked just as surprised. Then she clapped her hands together.

"So **this** is your friend Dave!" she exclaimed. "Why didn't you tell me his last name? The Rosens and Dad and I have been good friends ever since we first met at the Parent-Teacher meeting last month.

Everyone was laughing now, and Dave and Pete laughed the hardest. All at once, he knew the real meaning of the words "Thanksgiving." Pete was deeply thankful to God, for making his wish come true because the wish had been generous and loving in spirit.

—Religious Press Committee.

GOD IS NEAR

By Grace Wilbur Conant

Sometimes when morning lights the sky
And gladness fills the air,
I feel like telling things to God,
He seems so very near.

Sometimes when flowers are in bloom
And birds are singing clear,
I feel like singing things to God,
He must be very near.

Sometimes when trees are standing tall
With branches in the air,
I feel like saying things to God,
I know He must be near.

Sometimes when work and play are done
And evening stars appear,
I feel like whispering things to God,
He is so very near.

—Arkansas Methodist.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME

(Continued from page twelve)

Wilkesboro 6, Children's Home 0. We were about to give up but during the next play there emerged from the scramble a little boy in white uniform, scooting up the sideline who looked like a flying nanny goat, and before he was knocked down he had run 81 yards for a touchdown. He then kicked the extra point and later with two minutes before the end of the game, he kicked a field goal for three additional points. The crowd of 2400 was thrilled to death, even some of the crowd that wanted Wilkesboro to win unconsciously cheered in the excitement. I am so glad you sent your boys up here. It has done the whole town and country good. Choo Choo Justice never thrilled a crowd any more than when young Smith turned on the steam in the last quarter."

CHURCHES VISITED

Early last Sunday morning our singing group hurried off to visit with our friends in the North Kannapolis congregation. By the time of opening the Sunday school the church was completely filled with a number standing on the outside. Our youngsters rendered a short program and then hurried away, but not before we were informed that this congregation was busy in the construction of a hundred-thousand-dollar new church. Brother W. B. Shinn, who some forty years before had led in the construction of the Trinity church in Kannapolis, stated that they were building the new church, which he said would be the best in Kannapolis, on the pay-as-you-go plan, the congregation marching up each third Sunday and placing from eight hundred to a thousand dollars on the table in front of the pulpit.

We arrived in front of the handsome church building in Jackson Park in time to be ready for the eleven o'clock service. Our good friend of many years, N. E. Nash, was out to meet us and soon he and Rev. H. S. Williams were making us feel very much at home. A congregation that comfortably filled the beautiful and commodious auditorium heard our youngsters sing and a brief presentment about the challenges of the Home in such a way as to make us feel happy. At the conclusion of the service at the suggestion of Layman Nash the congregation came up to the front in the good old-time fashion, leaving their envelopes and cash on the table as a contribution to The Children's Home family. Old and young, little and large, came forward. One little girl, so small she could hardly reach the top of the table, lent her bit to the enterprise. One cannot witness a sight like that without feeling an earnest desire to use our friends' money wisely. The Jackson Park congregation is doing a wonderful job in the running of a nursery for the working mothers of that area, Rev. Mr. Williams having had this on his heart for some time and is now happy to see it come to successful fruition.

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November
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December
Oak Ridge, 11 4
First Meth., High Point, 3:30 4
Stokesdale, 7:30 4
Jamestown, 6:00 5
Main Street, High Point, 8:00 5
Rankin Memorial, High Point, 7:30 .. 6
Welch Memorial, High Point, 7:30 7
Ward Street, High Point, 7:30 8
Friendship, 7:30 9
Reidsville Ct., 11 11
Main Street, Reidsville, 5:00 11
Stokesdale Ct., 7:30 11
Hickory Grove, 7:30 12
Summerfield, 7:30 13
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December
Maybrook: Massey's, 7:30 1
Burlington, West Burlington, 11 11
Burlington, Glenco, 3 11
Mebane: Mebane, 7:30 11
Durham, Duke Memorial, 7:30 13
Butner: Butner, 7:30 14
Durham, Carr, 7:30 15
Burlington, Front Street, 11 18
Burlington Ct.: Shiloh, 3 18
Durham, St. Paul, 7:30 18

January
Alamance: Sapling Ridge, 11 1
Pittsboro: Brown's Chapel, 3 1
Bynum: Bynum, 7:30 1
Durham, Calvary, 7:30 3
Durham, Trinity, 7:30 4
Person: Oak Grove, 11 7
Yanceyville: Bethel, 11 8
Leasburg: Hebron, 3 8
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Andrews: Fletcher's, 7:30 11
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Durham, Bethany, 11 22
Bahama: Ellis Chapel, 3 22
Roxboro, CaVel, 7:30 22
Cedar Grove: Cedar Grove, 7:30 24
Carrboro: Merritts, 7:30 25
Mt. Hermon: Friendship, 11 29
Fairview: Fairview, 3 29
Burlington, Davis Street, 7:30 29
Haw River: Haw River, 7:30 31

February
Durham, Asbury, 7:30 1
Durham, Duke's Chapel, 11 5
Roxboro Ct.: Longhurst, 3 5
Rougemont: Riverview, 7:30 5
Durham Ct.: McMannens, 11 19
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East Rockingham: E. Rockingham, 11 20
West Rockingham: Pee Dee 7:30 20
St. John-Gibson: St. John 11:00 27
Laurel Hill: Rachels 7:30 27

December
Troy Circuit: Ophir, 11:00 4
Mt. Gilead Ct.: Melton's Grove, 3:00 .. 4
Ellerbe: Mt. Pleasants, 7:30 4
Red Springs, 7:30 5
Eastover: Downing Street, 7:30 6
Northmount: Gardners, 7:30 7
Aberdeen-Vass: Page Memorial, 11:00 11
Pinebluff: Community, 3:00 11
Roberdell: Roberdell, 7:30 11
Person St.-Calvary: Calvary, 7:30 14
Rowland: Rowland, 11:00 18
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St. Pauls: St. Pauls, 7:30 18

January
Robbins Circuit: Pleasant Hill, 11:00 .. 1
Glendon: Cool Springs, 3:00 1
Robbins Station, 7:30 1
Hay Street, 7:30 4
Biscoe: Biscoe, 11:00 8
West End and Station: Doubs Chapel 3:00 8
Hamlet, 7:30 8
Haymount, 7:30 11
Broadway: Broadway, 11:00 15
Goldston: Bethlehem, 3:00 15
Jonesboro Hts.: Jonesboro Hts., 7:30 .. 15
Rockingham, First, 11:00 22
Cordova: St. Pauls, 3:00 22
Laurinburg, 7:30 22
Troy, 11:00 29
Mount Gilead, 7:30 29

February
Parkton: Hope Mills, 11:00 5
Stedman: Bethabara, 3:00 5
Fayetteville Ct., Cumberland, 7:30 5
Siler City, 11:00 12
Siler City: Hickory Grove, 2:30 12
Sanford, Steele Street, 7:30 12
Maxton, 11:00 19
Caledonia: Central, 7:30 19
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Carthage: Carthage, 7:30 26

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December
Kipling, 11 4
Erwin: Parker's Grove, 7:30 4
Dist. Set-Up Meeting, 10 (Edenton Street) 5
Henderson, First, 7:30 5
Smithfield, 7:30 7
Raleigh, Hayes Barton, 7:30 9
Creedmoor: Banks, 11 11
Stem: Shady Grove, 3 11
Louisburg Ct.: Bunn, 7 11
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Clayton, 7:30 14
Oxford Ct.; Marrows, 11 18
Henderson, City Road, 7:30 18
Raleigh, Trinity, 7:30 19

January
Lillington, 11 1
Mamers: Cool Springs, 3 1
Fuquay, 7:30 1
Dunn, 7:30 4
Newton Grove: Hopewell, 11 8
Four Oaks, 7:30 8
Cary, 7:30 9
Louisburg, 7:30 11
Westover: Pleasant Grove, 11 15
Garner: Mt. Zion, 3 15
Apex: Holly Springs, 7:30 15
Oxford, First, 7:30 18
Moncure: Jones Chapel, 11 22
Millbrook: Knightsdale, 7:30 22
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30 25
Granville: Rehobeth, 11 29
Franklinton, 7:30 29

February
Princeton: Fellowship, 11 5
Benson, 7:30 5
Zebulon, 11 12
Mt. Pleasant, 7:30 12
Vance: Flat Rock, 11 19
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ON A WIDE CIRCUIT by W. W. Reid

I AM THANKFUL

I am thankful today that for another year I have had food, and raiment, and shelter—enough and to spare; thankful, too, that I have been permitted to work with the soil and the seed, utilizing the rain and the sunshine, and with the mysteries of the perennial resurrection of the buried root and the stark tree that are part of God's processes in providing these necessities of life for myself and my fellows.

My very thankfulness for these blessings of food and raiment and shelter becomes a pang of grief and pain that there are millions of men and women, and—more dreadful yet—of little children who starve and grow ill, and waste unto death because some men have denied them these very blessings. And I find I cannot be truly thankful—my prayer of thankfulness can be only hollow words and hypocrisy that deceives only myself—if I do not share with these my fellows the bounty that has been showered upon me. I must share if I am to enjoy—share if I am to be thankful.

I am thankful that though there are occasions for discouragement, and bewilderment, and fear as men look upon the deeds and listen to the words of other men, yet there wells up in men's spirits hope, and courage, and even eager expectancy for the good and the better on the morrow: that "hope springs eternal in the human breast," and that hope, too, has its great victories.

I am thankful that though my eyes, and ears, and brain are weary of the clashes, the hatreds, the untruths of man against man, yet the voice of peace, the word of understanding—the Holy Spirit himself—is alive and speaking and working among millions of men; that the way of peace, of understanding, of truth is known, and that there grows the will to follow in that way; that we are assured that man need not—will not—forever grovel in the dust.

I am thankful for the knowledge, gained by experience, that the sun never stays behind the cloud; that pain is often the forerunner of great joy; that turbulent sorrow surrenders place to the calmness and serenity of fond memory and mellow acceptance and understanding.

I am thankful that the deeper scientists and philosophers probe into the mysteries of the universe, the more reverent and awe-struck they become at the unfolding and expanding greatness, and strength, and majesty, and beauty of the controlling Power—the Creator, Ruler, Overseer, and Father they join us in calling God; that nothing has been discovered, or invented, or dreamed but has added to our understanding of God and of his will and his work.

I am thankful that roses still bloom in England, that birds still sing in Palestine and Japan, that the rainbow still beams through the mist that encircles much of the world; thankful that God has not withdrawn his concern, and his gifts, and his justice because of man's perversity and disobedience.

I am thankful that "though the wrong seems oft so strong," I have faith and evidence that "God is the ruler yet."

Nothing is wasted on earth that lays up ever so little in heaven.—Liddon.

Be Not Afraid

In this great universe, so vast,
Do you sometimes have fear
That only in the distant past
Could people feel God near?
Have men explored the skies so long,
And at so great a cost,
Simply to kill life's hopeful song
By saying God is lost?

But you can't lose God in the skies,
Nor deep in endless space:
He sees the teardrops in your eyes,
The sorrow in your face;
He's been to you a constant friend,
He's walked the paths you've trod,
And He'll be with you to the end—
The ever present God.

So listen in and hear God say:
"My child, be not afraid;
I'm God of night, and God of day,
And God of all that's made;
I'm yonder with the distant star,
And I am everywhere;
And I'm with you, just where you are,
And hear your every prayer."

—Ernest C. Durham
Raleigh, N. C.

Brevard College *submits a statement*

by the late

William Allen White

in support of the Christian College

"If Christianity is to survive, it must survive in the environment made by Christian leaders. It cannot survive in the atmosphere that is thickening with modern paganism. Out of paganism come the crass ideals of the tyrants who are ruling Europe in Rome, in Moscow, in Berlin. And don't think America is free of that atmosphere. We are still the land of liberty, but unless the free are brave, they will no longer be free. Unless those who believe in a Christian civilization are willing to sacrifice of their good, hard-earned cash to educate Christian leaders, they will find in a few generations that their dream has vanished.

"After all, it comes to this: Is the Christian faith strong enough in this country to pay for its own maintenance? If the American churchmen fail to support the kind of colleges that turn out Christian leaders, American life under another leadership soon will close the churches.

"Preachers alone can do so little. But if in every community men and women are found who know the truth and will fight for that simple freedom which the truth inspires, the people will see a vision and follow it."

Our forebears took the long look when they made plans for a Christian world. Without Christian leadership they saw clearly that such a world was impossible. Our civilization today bears the imprint of the courage and wisdom which our forefathers exercised in their day. The question with us now is whether we are going to plan for posterity with the same courage and wisdom. If so, we must make provision for the ongoing of our Christian colleges.

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DR. ROWE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON OUR FAITH

During the period of emphasis on Our Faith, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor emeritus of Christian Doctrine in the Duke Divinity School, has agreed to conduct a question and answer column in the North Carolina Christian Advocate. This eminent theologian and scholar is well prepared to discuss helpfully every aspect of our Christian faith. Our readers who have questions they would like to ask Dr. Rowe are invited to send them to the Advocate or directly to Dr. Rowe at Duke University. The Advocate is grateful to this gifted preacher for this outstanding service. If you have a question to ask on any aspect of the Christian faith, send it in.

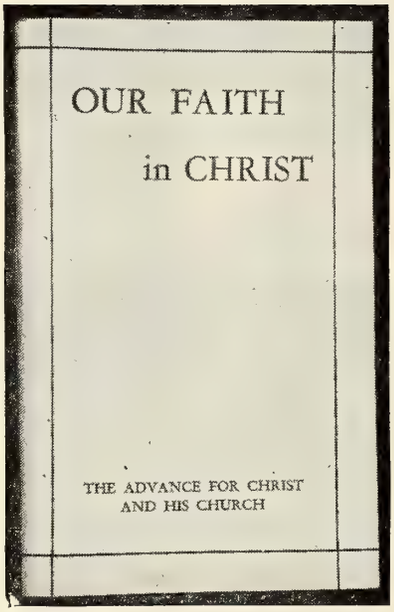
DISPLACED CONFERENCE MEMBERS

By C. S. Kirkpatrick

Our group is growing—more members of the W. N. C. Conference reside outside the Conference bounds than did last year. I sent a list of these brethren to the Advocate last year, following the printing of which I had a number of interesting messages from some of the fellows. For instance, one retired brother, living in another state, wrote me of the kindly messages he had received from a number of appreciative former parishioners in charges he had served.

The lay people often inquire of the whereabouts of former pastors—"the man who baptized me, or who made me a steward, or who buried my mother," etc. The retired preacher thinks and talks much of the lay men and women who helped make his work go on the charges he has served back through the years. I am asking the editor to publish the list of "displaced brothers" again this year in the hope that it may help these two groups get together.

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Dear Editor:

I would like to share with my friends through the Advocate the unusual manifestations of love and kindness that we received from our friends at Franklinton as we closed our 13-year pastorate and moved to the Zebulon-Wendell charge. At a reception following our final service our church presented us $300 in bonds, the Franklinton Baptist Church gave us a lovely sterling silver tray and our Wesley Chapel a beautiful silver vase. A fine old friend near Franklinton had already presented me with $200 in bonds. Many groups within our church and individual neighbors had also showered us with lovely gifts. We parted in great love and with the hope that if in the providence of God it should seem best, we would again reside in this delightful community.

We have been cordially and enthusiastically welcomed at both Wendell and Zebulon. We have inherited two lovely and well appointed brick churches and a friendly and active membership. We hope to add our small contribution to the valiant labors of Paul Carruth and all the other fine men of God who have preceded us and to have a good and happy pastorate here.

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Any local church dominated by such un-Christian layman is prostrate with impotence in advancing the Kingdom of God. Yes, one layman under the guise of Christianity can ruin a local Christian church. Why not save him by opening his blinded eyes and warming his stony heart? If he stubbornly refuses to be converted to the Christian faith, then he should not hold an office in the Christian church.

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EDITORIAL

Will the Philadelphia Evangelistic Advance Point the Way?

In Philadelphia this week the Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church is sponsoring perhaps the largest evangelistic campaign in American church history. Working in cooperation with the United Evangelistic Advance, this gigantic crusade has enlisted 1,000 ministers from all over the nation. The mornings are being spent in a study of evangelism. The afternoons and evenings are given over to visitation and preaching evangelism in 329 participating churches. Two ministers have been assigned to each church, one to direct evangelistic visiting in the afternoons and the other to preach in the services that are held simultaneously each evening. It is expected that 10,000 persons will be won to Christ during the campaign.

Methodists throughout the country are watching with deep interest this huge evangelistic endeavor. They will, of course, want to know how many persons will be reached for Christ. But they will want to know what sort of impact this intensive crusade will make upon a big city. They will want to know particularly what sort of impact it will make upon the participating churches. They will want to know if the Philadelphia campaign may set a pattern that can be followed in other large areas.

Our generation has hung a big question mark around the old-fashioned revival. It has frowned upon many evangelistic methods that won multitudes in other days. In many circles the professional evangelist has been discredited. At the same time, many of our churches have been drying up spiritually and vast numbers of people have been lost to Christ and the church. We are in danger of losing something vital to Methodism. We have virtually substituted Christian education for conversion, and we have brought up a generation of church members which, on the whole, is neither educated nor converted. With all of our emphasis on education, the majority of our church members has no clear understanding of the great fundamental Christian truths, and hence no abiding loyalty to Christ and the church.

Now, Christian education is tremendously important. But there must be a definite Christian experience before education can fulfill its highest purpose. A genuine conversion, which is the central task of evangelism, creates a desire for Christian knowledge and development.

North Carolina Methodism needs to sound a strong evangelistic note. At the recent annual session of the North Carolina Conference the 795 churches reported only 4,185 persons received on profession of faith during the year. This is an average of slightly over five members for each church. The Western North Carolina Conference at its last meeting reported 6,424 persons received on profession of faith during the year. Both Conferences received 10,609. It took 392,000 laymen and more than 600 pastors to win 10,609!

We cannot say that our failure to win more to Christ is due to the lack of prospects. The fields were never whiter. More than sixty percent of the people are still outside the church. The Baptists of the state won more than 25,000 persons on profession of faith in 1948. Many of the smaller sects have been having outstanding success. The unconverted are all about us.

Methodism was born in a revival. Evangelism has been the secret of our success in the past. The passion for lost souls is historically one of our distinguishing characteristics. The flaming heart is as essential today as it was in the eighteenth century. When the Methodist Church fails to convert, it will fail to live. Our evangelistic methods may change, but our evangelistic passion must never change.

Let us hope and pray that all who labor at Philadelphia this week will lay hold of the secret that can capture the mind and heart of our generation for Christ. And if the earnest men from our two Conferences find something vital and significant at Philadelphia this week, let us all give them our utmost cooperation in an all-out evangelistic crusade in North Carolina.

Cast all your cares on God! That anchor holds.—Tennyson.

Do not spill thy soul in running hither and yon, grieving over the mistakes and the vices of others. The one person whom it is most necessary to reform is yourself.—Emerson.

God dislikes melancholy and depressed spirits because they show a lack of faith.—Early Riney.

Fifty percent of sick persons need prayer more than pills, aspiration more than aspirin, meditation more than medication.—Stanley Jones.

From the Church Must Come the Moral Power for Peace

"Congress," declared United States Senator John Foster Dulles recently to a church audience, "is working on great plans to halt communism by giving economic and military aid to the nations which we hope will resist its progress. They develop power by financial appropriations," the eminent statesman and churchman continued, "but moral power does not come from any act of Congress. It depends upon the relation of a people to their God. We must look to the churches for the development of the great moral power required to make human rights secure and to win a just and lasting peace."

Mr. Dulles is well qualified to speak on this subject. For years he has been in the thick of the diplomatic struggle for peace. An active and loyal churchman, he has a keen understanding of the role the church should take in international affairs. His opinions should carry strong weight with both diplomats and churchmen.

Multitudes of people have been looking solely to governments for justice and lasting peace. Governments, to be sure, have tremendous responsibilities for the peace. But what they do in this respect will be largely in economic and political and military realms. In none of these realms lies the hope for peace.

Our hope for abiding peace lies in moral power. There can be no safety in the world until there is a spiritual regeneration of the people. The real problems confronting mankind today are basically moral. There can be no peace until the moral foundations for peace have been carefully laid.

Many people inside and outside the church are not aware of the critical role the church occupies in human affairs. Some would give it a purely priestly function. They would push it into a corner and make its message irrelevant and innocuous. The church has an unprecedented opportunity today. To fail to see that opportunity or to evade it is to fail God and humanity. Man's best hope for enduring peace lies in the moral power which the church can generate in the human heart. Others may write the peace. But the church must see to it that they are men of integrity and goodwill. It must lead the people into a right relationship with their God.

Shall we preserve the Itinerant System *for ministers?*

By Bishop W. W. Peele

The question that I propose is: "Do you want the itinerant system for Methodist ministers to be preserved?" It would appear that one element of strength in Methodism has been the itinerant system for its ministers. Ought it to be preserved? Have we reached the time when we can afford to junk it? Other denominations almost unanimously seem to see in the Methodist system something desirable and they wish they had it.

Our ministers are appointed for one year at a time. The appointments are taken under review annually. If, for any good reason, either pastor or people—or both—desire a change and will be open and frank each with the other, a change can be made at the end of any conference year. On the other hand, if each desire to work together longer and are understanding each with the other, the appointment can be made for another year. So far as it is humanly possible, each minister has an appointment, and each charge has a pastor. The itinerant system has been one of the strong elements of Methodism in its long history. This, I think, is the opinion of most laymen and of most ministers.

Now, the question is: "Ought it to be preserved?" I would be the last one to say that this system has worked perfectly. I would not contend that mistakes have not been made in the appointments for which I have been responsible. What I shall say is intended in no way to defend or justify anything connected with my administration. The appointments as I have read them must stand or fall on their merits. I will say this: There has never been the slightest intimation in any cabinet meeting that I have ever held that any appointment was considered lightly, nor has any minister or church been considered critically.

I have never worked in a cabinet where I did not feel that any minister was safe in the hands of the cabinet and any church was safe in leaving its appointment to the judgment of the cabinet. If the itinerant system is to survive, a few things must undergird it.

1. The cabinet must look upon the making of the appointments as a major responsibility. To place the ministers in the places for which they are best fitted and most needed and where they will enjoy a reasonable amount of happiness and security is the major work of a cabinet. Nothing can be of more importance than the responsibility of dealing with human beings. So far as my experience goes, these men have been faithful to the trust.

2. The spirit of service must be the dominant spirit of the ministers. To lose the spirit of early days which followed the divine call and to put in its place ease, comforts, financial considerations out of proportion to their importance, and to measure the grade of a charge by the salary bracket alone is disastrous. Our ministers are not bought and sold in a competitive market. When they are, our itinerant system will have collapsed!

This system, so long the genius of Methodism, is facing severe tests. Both laymen and ministers will decide whether it will be discarded or preserved.

3. If the itinerant system is to survive, we must have a high regard for the integrity and judgment of the cabinet. In the present cabinet of the North Carolina Conference there is a total of more than 30 years experience in dealing with ministers and churches in the making of appointments. Yet pastoral relations committees will often take the judgment of some person who is without any responsibility or experience, who is inclined to talk freely on the street corner, to the judgment of these 30 years' experience in the cabinet! The system of itinerancy will not work unless the laymen and ministers believe in the integrity and judgment of the cabinet. The cabinets with which I have worked are worthy of such confidence.

4. The functions of the pastoral relations committee must be more thoroughly understood and practiced. A pastoral relations committee is not to select a pastor. Read what the Discipline says. This is what it says (Par. 147-3): "When a change in pastoral relations is contemplated, the committee on pastoral relations shall co-operate with the district superintendent and bishop, and consult with the pastor." The work of this committee is "to co-operate" and "consult." It was never intended that this committee was to select a pastor and inform the bishop and district superintendent of its decision. Under our system, the final responsibility rests with the bishop, and if he has the responsibility, it is he who should have the final decision as to the appointment. There must be a clearer understanding of and commitment to the function of the pastoral relations committee if the itinerant system is to be preserved.

Finally, if this system is to be preserved, the ministers and the laymen together must protect it. The ministers alone cannot. The laymen alone cannot. Both must together protect it and see that it functions properly. It must not be discarded, not in the remotest instance. It is not necessary. When the minister wants to move, he must be true to his people and tell them so, along with the district superintendent. When the people want a change, they must be open and frank with the pastor. Nothing else in either case is Christian. If either changes his mind, tell the other about it. Open and frank dealings one with the other is the only way to work! The itinerant system is on the way out. Do we want to preserve it?

LIBERTY IS A GOD-GIVEN RIGHT

By E. Stanley Jones

Man hungers for liberty. I believe in liberty of people, individually as well as collectively. Communism emphasizes justice, not liberty; individualism emphasizes liberty not justice. . . .

One of my proudest moments was when I saw my country's flag being lowered and the Filipino flag being hoisted in the Philippines. We did not give the Philippines its liberty. We just recognized its God-given right, its God-given liberty. I want everybody to be free so I am against all societies of compulsion.

Nations have the right to make mistakes, and through mistakes to move towards liberty. No nation is good enough to rule over any other nation. No one can give liberty. All one can do is to recognize a God-given right. Good government is no substitute for self government.

One can not seek liberty as an end in itself. If you seek liberty, you will miss it. You can be free only as long as you obey law. You will never get outside of the law, so abide by the law to get liberty. Liberty will come as a by-product of an act. Liberty is the freedom to do right. License is the freedom to do what you please.

The Church looks at

ITS PROBLEM *in Rural America*

By W. W. Reid*

American rural life is changing so rapidly, and the secular influence of the city and of the industrial town is becoming so marked upon the farmer and his way of life, that church methods—especially those of the rural Protestant parishes—must change to meet new needs or be swept aside as a religious and social influence. The one-room, one-day-a-week (or one day per month) church can never meet the growing needs of their communities. Cooperation, interdenominational planning, and emphasis upon men's basic religious needs, with the gradual disappearance of emphasis upon church differences, must be the order of the day in the rural and village church. Rural people cannot afford the waste and "luxury" of divisive denominationalism.

The above paragraph tries to sum up the major emphases and conclusions of the three day "National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country," held in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 8-10. Six hundred delegates were present from all states in the Union; about one-fourth of them were Methodists. The Convocation was under the auspices of the Committee on Town and Country which is sponsored by the Home missions council of North America, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, and the International Council of Religious Education.

Methodist rural expert, Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, as chairman of the interdenominational committee this year, presided over the Convocation. Miss Marjorie Minkler, rural secretary of the Methodist W. S. C. S., was leader of the worship services. Other Methodists prominent in the program or its planning included: Dr. Rockwell C. Smith of Garrett; Dr. Aaron H. Rapking of Hiawassee College; Dr. Mark A. Dawber of the Home Missions Council; the Rev. Ray F. Magnuson of Nebraska Wesleyan; Dr. John Baxter Howes of Westminster Seminary; Dr. Clyde Rogers of the Ohio Council of Churches; Dr. Glenn Sanford of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

In addition to platform addresses, there were nine commissions which studied various aspects of the rural problem in America and presented recommendations and suggestions for meeting felt needs in different areas and situations. Many of these now go to denominational agencies, to councils of churches, and to community ministerial groups for study and possible implementation. Some of these recommendations are:

That a ministry to isolated families or areas must be done cooperatively by all churches, with a definite program aimed at serving the known spiritual, educational, religious, and social needs of people and community;

That this ministry to isolated areas cannot be done by itinerant missionaries, or occasional services, but by a division and allotment of territory, and by a cooperative program made by all pastors in a given area;

That for scattered territory, a cooperative mailing office should be planned for mailing Sunday school materials to families, and that the material should be tied closely with the life and needs of the people;

That in the fast-growing areas between the farms and the cities and large towns, there should be interdenominational planning before new churches are established; that the city churches should help start those in the outlying sections; and that in these newly-established parishes visiting workers should be employed interdenominationally since many denominational churchmen will be enrolled in each new church;

Thoughtful churchmen, representing Protestant America, meet to study the church in rural places and make some suggestions that the denominations cannot afford to pass up lightly.

That courses of training of men for rural church ministry should be established in all theological seminaries;

That churches should largely cooperate on a county basis (rather than a village or ecclesiastical basis) since the county is now the natural governmental unit in America;

That in regions of decreasing population (New England rural areas, in the timberland, etc.) where small and scattered and neglected churches are the rule, the idea of larger parishes, group ministry, and other means of interchurch cooperation be advocated;

That in mining communities, and in some other industrial areas—"where the companies have engaged in paternalism, and there is denominational competition, a weak ministry, poor church equipment, and a narrow conception of religion"—that the "Christian-center" or the "settlement-house" type of ministry be established; and that a trained ministry be sent there to make "a statesmanlike approach to management, labor, and other community groups that will result in a united movement powerful enough to provide both moral and physical success."

An analysis of the so-called rural population of America, made by Dr. Edwin L. Becker, of the Disciples of Christ Church, Indianapolis, showed that it may be divided into the "farming population" and the "non-farming rural residents." The latter, he estimates, constitute 35% of the people in towns, villages, and rural areas; they live in the country but work elsewhere; and they are the most rapidly growing group in the American population—representing a misnamed "back to the farm" movement.

Some of the problems confronting the church because of these non-farming rural residents, Dr. Becker notes as: their wide variety of social and religious backgrounds, their division of interests between the place they live and the place they work, the time consumed in home-to-work and back travel, their financial situation because of relatively large families, the buying of homes, and other costs, and the lack of time to devote to the church and community interests. "Nine out of ten go into the city for medical and dental care," he said. "Social control is difficult and law enforcement inadequate. Vice organizations, taverns, and undesirable dance halls are attracted to rural areas out of reach of the city police."

This new and growing rural situation is a challenge to the church to carry on a new evangelistic program and to adjust its services to meet the needs of these residents as well as of the more stationary farmers.

"Churches in the midst of people with such diverse interests and religious backgrounds must become c o m m u n i t y churches," says Dr. Becker. "They should keep their denominational affiliation but they should develop a community atmosphere in their local fellowship. Specialized religious workers with children and with families are needed. A diversified staff will probably be possible only as churches co-operate in larger parishes across denominational lines. Churches that begin to reach rural residents soon find it necessary to enlarge their buildings. They must provide modern educational facilities and attractive sanctuaries.

A plea for the strengthening of the county seat church, and for the development of that church so that it will minister to the community of the county and will also assume obligations for the surrounding village and rural churches, was made by Dr. Rockwell Smith, of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

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*Board of Missions and Church Extension.

METHODIST HOME MAKES ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR FUTURE

Three years ago the Western North Carolina Annual Conference launched the pioneer Methodist Home for the Aged in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. This Home, located in Charlotte, is now in operation, with 72 guest-members. There are 109 active applicants and 131 inquirers for the 18 additional places available. Careful research has gone into the planning and opening of this Home. It can be confidently reported that our Conference provides as fine service to our aged members as is available. The departments of home making, diet and medical care are well staffed and are operating smoothly and efficiently. The program and the spirit of The Methodist Church are cultivated within the life of the Home.

Operating Cost

The cost of operating the Home to date is $57,934.57. This has been provided as follows:

Golden Cross	$10,000.00
Monthly Income from Members	32,657.50
Gifts from members and other	13,992.15
Income from dividends, rents and miscellaneous	1,284.15

The Golden Cross appropriation has been the only supplement from the Conference for operating expenses. It has been vital and necessary.

All of the appropriation has been used in the hospital department as follows:

Total cost of operating hospital	$12,464.44
Paid by members	6,775.94
Supplemented by Golden Cross	5,688.50
Cost of furnishing and equipping hospital	8,199.60
Paid by Golden Cross	4,311.50
Total paid by Golden Cross	$10,000.00

All Golden Cross funds were allocated to hospital care. 3,543 patient days' service was rendered.

The Building Program

The first group of buildings projected included a Central Hospital-Administration unit and two residence units. It was necessary to complete at least two units for efficient operation. These first two units have been completed and provide for the staff and 90 guest-members. The growing list of applicants indicates the pressing need for the second residence unit to house 70 more members. A Home for the chronically ill is also proposed. It is urgently needed. Excellent progress is being made on the landscaping of the grounds.

Financing the Building Program

The Annual Conference of 1946 gave to the Home for the Aged right of way and priority in a campaign for funds to build the Home. During the three years following, contributions have been as follows:

1947	$195,252.11
1948	116,045.11
1949	170,000.00

A balance of $85,000.00 remains to be raised to pay for the first two units. A third unit for additional members will cost approximately $250,000.00. The first projected group is not completed without this third unit. Therefore the initial building program is not completed.

Full Value for Our Money

Our Conference has received unusual value in the building of the Home at Charlotte. The second unit, which includes 70 residence rooms in a fireproof building, and also includes a large assembly room and craft shop, cost only $272,000.00. In a neighboring state a building which included only 25 rooms and an assembly room cost $242,000.00. The cost to the Methodists of our Conference was approximately $4,000.00 per room. The cost at the other Home was nearly $10,000.00 per room. The average for such building projects over the country is between $6,000.00 and $10,000.00 per room.

The sources of building funds have been as follows:

From the churches of the Conference	$305,172.98
Direct gifts from individuals who are members of our churches (credited to the churches	143,459.46
Total from members of other denominations	42,182.38
Grand Total	$490,814.82

We are grateful for our friends outside the Methodist Church who have assisted us so generously. We are likewise indebted to individual Methodists for their splendid support. But the rank and file of Methodist people in our congregations have provided the bulk of our building funds. This has permitted our Admissions Committee to elect members on the basis of need and merit, irrespective of their financial resources. If the average church member is permitted to continue to contribute to the building and support of the Home, the Home can continue to serve the average members of our churches.

Future Plans

It is not in the mind of the Board of Managers, or, of the Administration to request continuation of the campaign granted by the Conference for the past three years. It is their opinion, however, that the Home for the Aged serves a critical need, and faces a future of unbounded possibilities. It therefore is worthy of one day's undivided appeal to the congregations of the Conference.

The three-year building campaign is ended. We now face the long-term task of expanding the Home to meet a growing need. Our first task is to finish paying for the two units which are now occupied.

Free Will Offerings on Mother's Day

We will then continue to build as funds are made available. The Board of Managers of the Methodist Home appreciate the fact that the Annual Conference has set aside Mother's Day as a time when our churches are to receive special free-will offerings for the Methodist Home for the Aged.

Special Gifts

We also suggest that our friends continue to encourage special gifts for the Methodist Home. Nearly $200,000.00 has come from this source. There will be many gifts, both large and small, in the future.

Memorial Gifts

More and more friends are "sending their flowers" to the Methodist Home upon the death of loved ones. When memorial gifts are received the Home in turn sends appropriate engraved cards to the family of those who are memorialized.

Wills

The administration of the Home is constantly learning of new friends who have provided for the Methodist Home for the Aged in their wills. These bequests should be worded as follows: "I give, devise and bequeath to the Methodist Home for the Aged, Incorporated, Charlotte, North Carolina, the sum of ——— Dollars."

Annuities

For those who desire to do good with their money while living and yet need the income from the principal during their lifetime, we offer life annuities which pay a much larger return than the usual investment. The purchase of a Home Annuity Bond is like executing one's will while living, and it has the additional advantage of saving estate taxes, court costs and possible litigation. A Home annuity bond is protected by ample reserves and is one of the best investments money can buy.

For information concerning the above, or for other information, write or speak to Rev. Reid Wall, Superintendent, Methodist Home for the Aged, Route 8, Box 533, Charlotte, North Carolina.

KINGS MOUNTAIN GROUP VISITS METHODIST HOME

By Mrs. A. H. Patterson

Sunday, November 13, was a red letter day for approximately 100 members of Central church, Kings Mountain, who visited the Methodist Home, near Charlotte. The group reached the Home in time for the vesper service set for five o'clock. The service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of Central church, who had for his topic, "Songs In the Night."

The Central church choir, in charge of the music, gave an impressive rendition of the spiritual, "Listen to the Lambs, All A'Crying" with Mrs. Juanita Warren singing the obligato, "He Shall Feed His Flock." The choir and congregation joined in singing three well-known hymns.

Tables had been arranged for the spreading of a covered dish supper provided by the visitors. After supper the guests were escorted over the building and were overjoyed when they found that everything had been done to provide a home of comfort and beauty—a home altogether homelike. Adding to their joy at seeing all this, the group enjoyed so much meeting and mingling with so many choice souls who gave them such a hearty welcome and did so much for their comfort and happiness during their visit at the Home.



News in Brief -- Personalities

DR. MARK DEPP of Winston-Salem was the speaker last Monday evening at the men's fellowship meeting of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point.

REV. WILSON O. WELDON of Thomasville attended the annual conference on preaching held last week at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois.

MISS PATRICIA LACKEY, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alton Glenn Lackey of Catawba, and Mitchell Carol Young, were united in marriage on Wednesday, November 23, 1949.

REV. CHARLES MANESS MITCHELL of Havelock and Miss Vivien Hines Proctor of Rocky Mount were married November 10 at Clark Street Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

REV. D. A. OAKLEY writes that he has returned to his home in High Point following confinement in Davis Hospital, Statesville, for more than a month. He wishes to thank his many friends who remembered him with correspondence and in their prayers. He expects to be able to resume his work by Christmas.

CHESTNUT STREET CHURCH, Lumberton, is observing Christian Literature Week December 4-11. As a part of the observance, the Methodist Publishing House will set up a display of more than 200 books of interest to all members of the family and Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, will speak at the morning service Sunday.

THE WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING program, promoted each year by the American Bible Society from Thanksgiving to Christmas, is sponsored by a Layman's Committee headed by President Truman. This group gives national sponsorship to the movement in cooperation with the American Bible Society and state and local Bible Societies. The program enjoys active assistance by church people and denominations in the United States and countries overseas, and by community and civic groups, service clubs and societies. Ministerial executives, governors of states and leaders in other walks of life give it unqualified endorsement. More than 14,000,000 copies of the lists of readings have been prepared by the Society this year for use in following the program.

ANN STREET CHURCH, Beaufort, has recently voted to name the new educational annex for Miss Lottie Sanders, veteran worker in the children's division of the church school. The resolution states: "Whereas, Miss Lottie Sanders, through many years, has given unstintedly of her time, efforts and talents to the promotion of the primary department of Ann Street Methodist Church, and whereas, her love for children is unexcelled by no one in our midst, and, whereas, she is loved, respected and honored by all who know her, and, whereas, upon doctor's orders, she must give up her much-loved work among the children, at least temporarily, and whereas, we have sought for some time an appropriate way in which to honor her for her long years of service, we, the official board and membership of Ann Street Methodist Church do now declare that the new annex building shall be called the Lottie Sanders Building, and in this name shall be dedicated to be used for the honor and glory of God."



DR. FRANK C. TUCKER, above, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, speaks on the Methodist Hour, largest independent religious radio network, Sunday morning, December 4. Dr. Tucker's theme is "The Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken." Dr. Tucker is a graduate of Central College and Yale University, is a member of the General Board of Education, and a Curator of Central College. He has for years been one of the outstanding leaders of The Methodist Church in General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference activities. Music for this Methodist Hour broadcast will be by the famous Methodist Hour Choir under the direction of John Hoffman, and one of the South's best known radio organists, George Hamrick, is the accompanist.

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION at State College is planning homecoming December 3 and 4. The program begins with a banquet Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock and will close with a message by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Durham Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

TRINITY CHURCH, Troy, welcomed their pastor, Rev. C. P. Morris, back for the fourth year with an old fashioned pounding on Wednesday night, November 16. It came at the close of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial service sponsored by the W. S. C. S. When the pastor and his family took inventory, they discovered an ample supply of provisions for the pantry for many weeks to come. Mr. Morris and his family would like to express their very grateful appreciation to the Troy people for this expression of love.

THE REV. LUD H. ESTES, First Methodist Church, Milan, Tennessee, finds that "the prettiest decorations I have ever seen on a Christmas tree," are World Service Christmas offering envelopes filled with contributions and tied thereon by the contributors as they enter the church on the Sunday nearest Christmas Day. "We punch a hole in the envelope and put a string through it," says Dr. Estes, "then send the envelopes out with a letter before Christmas. We get a large amount for benevolences in this way."

REV. WALTER LEE LANIER of Leaksville is a patient at the Leaksville hospital where he has undergone an operation.

BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL of the Charlotte Area was one of the speakers at the conference on preaching held last week at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. Following the general theme "Fruits of Faith," Bishop Harrell's topic was "Forgiveness—Human and Divine."

THE MINISTERS' WIVES of the Rocky Mount District, under the leadership of Mrs. A. J. Hobbs, met at the set-up meeting on Friday, November 18, at First church, Rocky Mount, to become better acquainted and to organize a minister's wives association in the district. Mrs. Hobbs was elected president and the district was divided into zones with a chairman for each zone.

DR. B. JOSEPH MARTIN, director of the Methodist College Foundation, Inc., brought the message last Sunday morning at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Eugene C. Few, who was in Jacksonville, Fla., where he was the featured speaker in special services at Riverside Park Methodist Church. Dr. Few was pastor of this church before coming to Greensboro.

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE B. CLEMMER of Thomasville, on their 25th wedding anniversary, Saturday, November 26, were presented a beautiful silver coffee percolator by the ministers and their wives of the Thomasville district. In token of their appreciation and the high esteem in which they hold the Clemmers the parsonage families of the district chose this way of expressing their good wishes to the district superintendent and his wife on their silver anniversary.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE had eight representatives to attend the evangelistic advance being held at Philadelphia. These include Dr. H. P. Powell, Raleigh; Dr. F. W. Paschall, Laurinburg; Rev. R. F. Munns, Raleigh; Rev. B. D. Critcher, Durham; Rev. L. C. Vereen, Warrenton; Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, Washington; Rev. H. I. Glass, Kinston; and Rev. L. L. Parrish, Wilmington. They attend the school of evangelism each morning and participate in special evangelistic services being held in 329 churches in the Philadelphia area.

TRINITY CHURCH, Troy, is now clothing three children at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh. The church has adopted a mission special of $660.00 for Korean pastors, and has already paid this amount in full for the first year. In addition to this the church pays $1,200.00 on World Service. A beautiful altar set has just been given to the church by Miss Mary Elizabeth Poole in memory of her father, Mr. R. T. Poole, who was very active in the church during his lifetime. The W. S. C. S. is purchasing a beautiful, bronze, lighted, bulletin board which will be installed on the lawn within a few months. An automatic tower-chimes player will be installed next week, the gift of the W. S. C. S. and A. Leon Capel. Improvements on the church plant will be made before the District Conference meets here next spring. Thirty-one new members were taken into the church last year. Church attendance, interest and giving are growing and the future is bright for this church.

Methodist Students to Join in Religious Emphasis; Foundation Speaker Named; Thomasville Reports

WESLEY FOUNDATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK AT CHAPEL HILL

By Brooks Patten

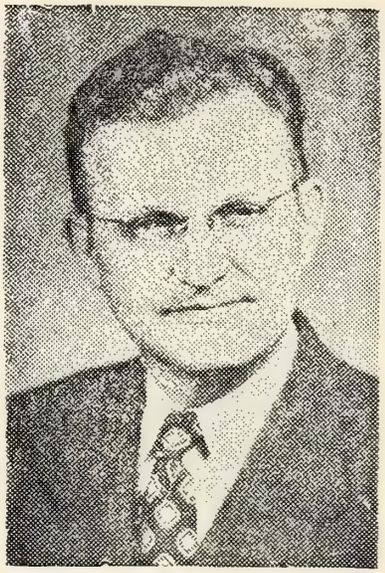
The Wesley Foundation at the University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, cooperating with all other denominational and religious groups, is helping to sponsor what promises to be one of the most outstanding Religious Emphasis Weeks to be held in the university community in recent years. The dates are from December 4-8.

Chairman for the week is one of Wesley Foundation's pre-ministerial students, Pete Burks, from Myer's Park Methodist Church, Charlotte. A twenty-six member committee composed of students and advisors has been working since last spring to plan full daily programs. Chancellor R. B. House and the university administration have set aside one hour each morning for a campus-wide convocation. Principal speakers will consider the general theme "Foundations of our Faith." On Monday Professor Albert Outler of Yale Divinity School will speak on "The Human Quandry." On Tuesday Rabbi Joseph Rauch, from Temple Adath Israel, Louisville, Kentucky, will give "The Jewish Answer." Dr. Outler will speak on Wednesday, presenting "The Christian Answer," from the Protestant view. On Thursday, Dr. Joseph F. Moody, professor of modern history at Cathedral College, New York City, and Notre Dame College, will conclude with "The Christian Answer" from the Catholic viewpoint.

Evening addresses will consider the theme: "The Application of our Faith to Current Social Problems." Professor Kermit Eby, associate professor of social sciences at the University of Chicago, will speak on the topic: "Labor Issues in the Light of our Faith." Professor Outler will discuss "Christian Community and the Human Community" and Professor H. Shelton Smith, professor of American religious thought at The Duke Divinity School, will consider the topic: "Christian Realism and the Color-Bar." Mr. Samuel Levering, nationally known economist and member of the national executive committee of the United World Federalists, will conclude the series on Thursday by discussing the subject: "Toward World Government."

In addition to these main addresses other features of the week will include faculty seminars, dormitory and fraternity house discussions, leaders' luncheons, daily vesper services and personal counseling periods. Mr. Claude Shotts, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is serving as the adult co-ordinator for the program. The planning committee extends an invitation to all members of the community and residents throughout the state to participate as much as possible in the events of the week.

Approximately 1700 Methodist students have been making Chapel Hill their home for the fall quarter. The Wesley Foundation program, organized around the work of twelve committees, has attempted to serve the needs of the maturing student. Dedicated to the clear conviction that the hope for the world lies in the power of the Christian message, the program committee has sought to lead students into a clearer understanding of the Christian faith.



Dr. Cooke

COOKE TO BE METHODIST COLLEGE FOUNDATION SPEAKER

Dr. Dennis Cooke, president of High Point College, will be the chief speaker at the annual meeting of the Methodist College Foundation, Inc., to be held at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, Saturday, December 10. Dr. Cooke's subject will be "The Role of Independent Colleges and Universities."

The program will get under way at one p.m. with a luncheon which is provided as a courtesy of the Methodist churches of High Point. During the afternoon meeting reports will be made by various committees, and officers for the new year will be elected.

Dr. B. Joseph Martin, newly elected director of the Foundation, will be introduced and will outline plans for the year.

The Foundation is composed of 500 representative laymen and ministers from all over the state.

YOUTH HAVE GOING ORGANIZATION IN VILLAGE CHURCH

By Charles Elbert Page
Duke Divinity School

"It can't be done in this village," said a kindly old man. "In this community we have a Primitive Baptist background and youth groups will not work." Even though there was truth in what he was saying, this gentleman was in for a surprise. There is more truth, however, in "Christ Above All" the motto of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Two newly formed groups can testify that the well-meaning gentleman was entirely wrong.

These groups are the evening meetings of the MYF and Intermediate Fellowship in the very small rural church in Sims, North Carolina (Raleigh District, N. C. Conference). In this community of about 500 people there is one church—the Methodist Church—with about 50 active members. Youth groups have been started twice before but were short lived. Now nothing can stop them!

Last Christmas the young people gave the pageant, "The Nativity." They got in the habit of meeting weekly for two months while practicing for it. In January they missed their evenings of fun and fellowship at the church and decided to get busy and organize. "Like father, like son". . . some of them did not share in this feeling. Nevertheless, about ten were determined. During the summer those ten really worked. The results are astounding! Two evening meetings have been organized . . . the MYF and Intermediate Group. To greet the new conference year the two groups can boast of approximately fifty members . . . equaling the active membership of the Church proper.

Who, primarily, is responsible for getting these groups together and organizing them? Not the pastor, not the Sunday school superintendent, but a few determined youth with ideals and aspirations who felt the need of fellowship and the lifting of "Christ Above All." No barriers in the form of tradition or otherwise can quench this fire in the hearts of our youth.

Yes, this is an unusual case, yet can it not happen anywhere in any number of our churches with no youth programs? It can. Where a few people are determined to do something with and for the youth, even if the odds are against them as in this case, they find wider horizons for the advancement of Christ and His Church.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT HAS OUTSTANDING RECORD

By J. E. Pritchard

The Thomasville District, which might be referred to as the baby district in the Western N. C. Conference since it was formed six years ago, is proving itself to be somewhat of a giant when it comes to doing things. Other districts will please pardon us for boasting of the fact that the Thomasville district led all the conference last conference year on a percentage basis in contributions to the Children's Home at Winston-Salem, this district having raised 109.82 per cent of its askings. It is significant that the charge which led all the conference on a percentage basis is in the Thomasville district, this charge being the Ramseur-Franklinville charge which raised more than double its quota.

On Sunday afternoon, October 30, the district superintendent, Rev. George B. Clemmer dedicated the new pipe organ in the Concord church at Coleridge. Memorial windows also were included in the dedication. This organ was the gift of Dr. R. L. Caveness, who, after retiring from the practice of medicine, became the leading industrialist of the community. Some two years ago Dr. Caveness built and donated to the church a large building known as Florence Hall which is equipped for social purposes.

While it is too early in the conference year to have definite figures yet it seems that this district will again do well in raising missionary specials. First church, Asheboro, and First church, Lexington, have each taken $1,000, while the Memorial church, Thomasville, has accepted $1,500 as missionary specials.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Lanier kept open house in the new eight room parsonage recently built by the congregation of the West Bend church, Asheboro. This splendid new building which is thoroughly equipped was erected on a hard-surfaced road only about two blocks from the church.

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.—Emerson.

Missionary Writes on Church Work in Communist China; 2,500 Methodist Students to Hold Meeting

SO WE STAY IN CHINA!

By F. Olin Stockwell
Chungking, West China

We shall probably soon be under a new government in China. Reports show that the Central Government is dying; Canton will soon fall; and probably Szechwan, with its two important cities of Chengtu and Chungking, will surrender. We do not expect serious fighting here. . . .

We do not expect to be martyrs. If we had any information from other parts of China which indicated that missionaries were not able to work and were losing their property and their lives, we would get out now. But all the news that we have been able to gather indicates we will be able to go ahead with our work here, that we shall not suffer any serious trouble, and that staying here is a reasonable risk. So we stay.

We stay because there is a job to be done. (A few weeks ago Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Rappe who had had many years of fine service in West China went home to retire. Because of their departure, we are moving from Chengtu to Chungking). Chungking, with its six Methodist churches, high schools, hospitals, and other schools will give us plenty to do. During the coming days of transition to a new regime, we shall face many knotty problems which can be solved only through patience, prayer, and good judgment.

We stay because there are friends who need us. In former times of internal trouble, a strong anti-foreign sentiment increased the danger of those remaining. This time we find friendliness on every side. In such times of social unrest and economic stringency, our dependence upon friends and their calls upon us become greater than ever. If you could spend one morning with me as I talk with person after person, hearing tales of woe, giving a word of assurance and help, providing a few dollars financial aid to some worthy project, planning for a youth conference, an evangelistic meeting, or a hospital board meeting—in other words, doing the routine task which is never just routine because it involves friends and their problems and opportunities—if you could spend one busy day with men, you would not wonder that we do not leave.

As I read the West China Periscope, I see: No harm to our persons or property; a new government within a few months; a temporary break in mail service which will last from one to three months; no lack of food or clothes and probably no serious financial difficulty; institutions and work, including evangelistic work, continuing as usual.

Social unrest has been normal in China for many years. The church grows in spite of it. People stand in deeper need of Christ because if it. The evidence of God's transforming power shines clearer against the background of it. This is the day to build —and we stay.

METHODIST YOUTH TO MEET DURING HOLIDAYS

The end of the year, 1949, will find 2500 Methodist students and adult workers with students assembled in Urbana, Ill., and engaging in the fourth National Methodist Student Conference. The sessions of this Conference, which meets quadrennially, will be held in Urbana, Illinois, as were the Conferences of 1941 and 1944. The 1937 Conference met in St. Louis.

The objectives of the Conference are in part: to discover God's will for the individual, to determine the real nature of Man's predicament and the Christian answer, to secure an inspirational lift for our student generation, and to suggest possible patterns of activities.

The theme of the Conference, which is a most timely one, is "The Christian Use of Power in a Secular World." Around this theme and its various implications, the program of the Conference has been planned.

It is anticipated that the Conference will lean heavily on four recent books, produced primarily for use in the Conference but designed also for use in youth groups in local churches. The volumes are:

Christian Faith and the Campus Mind, by Harland E. Hogue.

Gods of the Campus, by Robert Hamill.

Fellowship of Concern, by Harvey Seifert, and

Let's Act Now, by Richard T. Baker.

The conference leadership is of a high order, as evidenced by the following partial list of persons who are to address the Conference: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Bishop Richard C. Raines, Dean Liston Pope, Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins, and Doctor Channing Tobias.



CHICAGO—An impartial survey of the over-all structure of The Methodist Church, believed to be the first undertaken by a major denomination in the long history of Christianity, is now getting under way.

The 26-member commission is shown at its recent session in Chicago at which preliminary reports were presented by George Fry and Associates, professional firm of management engineers, in making the four-year study.

Scope of the survey is revealed by the wording of the legislation passed by Methodism's 1943 General Conference ordering an impartial survey of all "general boards, commissions, and service agencies" of the church.

Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago heads the commission and Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham is vice-chairman. John R. Van Sickle, newspaper publisher of Rockford, Ill., is secretary, and Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer.

Board Plans Aid to Colleges Through Sustaining Fund, and Ministry to Youth in Camping Program

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GOOD PLANS—IF THEY WORK

With the new conference year getting under way and the district set-up meetings going along, it might be a good time to summarize the plans before the conference in the field of Christian education. We think a well balanced and comprehensive plan for the whole job is before the people, and if the plan just works we can feel happy.

Planning for Colleges

Perhaps the most constructive work was done in facing our opportunities for backing up our Methodist related colleges. In the college sustaining fund we have taken a forward step which is most encouraging to our college administrations. That is, they are encouraged by the conference action at its annual session. Our thousands of college students and our college administrations will be encouraged and helped if we will turn a favorable vote by the annual conference into action on the field by putting the college sustaining fund right into church budgets.

Need Evidently Realized

The conference attitude seemed so favorable that no questions were raised on the Conference floor, which was good, in showing a trend of interest. On the other hand, passage without discussion did not afford an opportunity to present the great need behind the sustaining fund. In briefest statement, our colleges have found their expense of operation rising rapidly, and their income declining from every source except the cost paid by students. This last has never been the major source of revenue for college operation. If student payments constituted the major source of income, young folk from many families would never have the opportunity of a college education. The college advance directed assistance almost entirely toward building needs and endowment, with little going into the cost of current operation. The college sustaining fund will help the colleges operate the improvements made possible by the college advance.

What the Colleges Get

The college sustaining fund is not a huge item which will make a considerable difference in church budgets. For individual pastoral charges it is a small item which can be handled easily and hardly noticed in the annual financial program. But the help to our colleges will be very considerable in their struggle to keep their current operations cost out of the red.

Can We Do It?

The question of whether we can do it resolves itself into a question of whether we want to do it. We don't know much about formal logic, but it does seem that we can do the job all right when it still leaves us far behind other denominations in the state in support to the colleges, and when it puts us on a proportionate basis with the Western North Carolina Conference in college support. What they can do in western North Carolina we can do in the eastern half. If our eastern high school football teams can win the state championship six years straight (after all, this typewriter is being operated in Durham) and this year win both the Class AA and the Class A (Henderson) championships, then we adults should not admit that the western adults can do better in backing up these boys in college than we can. This paragraph must contain a plug for Burlington High also, runner-up in the Class AA championship, because in Methodist doings it also is in the eastern conference. Sure! We can back up these boys with educational opportunities in college just as well as any people anywhere. Let that college sustaining fund flourish!



CAMP PROGRAM ALSO PLANNED

For the first time we have been able to put before the conference an exact plan for each pastoral charge in helping to complete our conference youth camp. Giving each charge a definite goal was suggested by the board of lay activities and we have been able to carry out this helpful suggestion. With a definite goal for this conference year and for the quadrennium before each charge, there is no reason why we cannot do the work necessary for camping at Don-Lee next summer. The only way to meet defeat on the progrom would be through an insufficient interest in the camping opportunities of our youth.

CAMPING NEXT SUMMER

It may prove to be strictly essential to get our camp ready for next summer. We have held our camping program together for two summers of disappointment over camping at Don-Lee because we had district camp committees carrying on at camp sites we have been able to rent from public agencies. At the recent annual conference session pastoral changes were made which leave us with key leadership for camping by district and in only one district. This district has been using a camp in South Carolina and has to take what is left after South Carolina folk set their camp dates and last summer almost failed completely to get a week.

Our other districts have been using a camp site which is overcrowded even when we put in a number of campers which is entirely too small to meet the need and demand in the districts. Frankly, we do not now see who in these districts would take the responsibility with the key ministers having been moved out of the districts involved. If we get our camp ready the picture will be entirely different. We can have a nucleus staff to stay through the summer and the district committees would be responsible only for enrolling their campers and presenting the program of instruction and recreation at the camp sessions.

Get the Job Over

No doubt a lot of pastoral charges will want to do their part for the quadrennium and have it over. This will not only clear up one item in the financial program for the charge but it will give a great impetus toward the successful initiation of camping at Don-Lee next summer. The publicity already given, and to be given to the Christmas offering leaves no doubt as to how the job for the quadrennium can be done. The only thing left is to do it. We are doing a Class AA building job at the camp site, with building and camp plan far superior to those of most conference camps in the land. We will not be ashamed of the effort it is taking nor even of the delay in completion once we have finished the job. We think we have the finest young people to be found anywhere. Camping at a Methodist youth camp ranks along with an education at a Methodist college as a choice dream of thousands of our young people.

THE OTHER PLANS

Space does not afford to go into detail about the rest of the planning which has been done for Christian education in the Conference. The paragraphs above on our Christian colleges and Christian youth camp are the two matters calling for individual decision and performance by the pastoral charges. Hence they are featured on this page.

ALL WILL MOVE ALONG

The ministers and laymen are acquainted with what is going on in the fields of Christian education for children, youth, adults, the efforts before us in leadership education, and the new work projected in Christian family education. We are in real difficulty in only one phase of the total program. That is in our work with children. We are without a conference director in the department of children's work, at a time when the Advance for Christ and His Church is placing special stress on the Christian education of children. We do not have the fund to replace our children's worker. We are undertaking to do the same complete job that is being done by our neighboring conferences with between $5,000 and $13,000 less money to use. That isn't easy to do. We are in the same position a college or public school would be in if one-fourth of its faculty left and no resources were available for replacements. But our job is to do the best we can under the circumstances. We got impressions of Methodist working going on over the nation at a recent meeting of the educational forces from all over the nation. We came away very proud of our conference and its work in Christian education. The usual team work can make this our best year.

Set Dates for Events; Winston Churches Hold Studies; Four Societies Formed; Mrs. Redding Resigns

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1950 JOINT SCHOOL OF MISSIONS TO BE HELD AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE

The planning committee of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences met at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Thursday, November 17, and made plans to hold the joint school of missions and Christian service for 1950 at Greensboro College. Since the regular time had to be changed because of the new year beginning in June instead of January as heretofore, the time chosen conflicted with other events at Pfeiffer College and made it practically impossible to secure student help.

Tentative dates were set for the spiritual life retreat to begin Friday, September 1 through Sunday noon, the school of missions to begin Sunday afternoon, September 3, through Friday, September 8, and the Wesleyan service guild weekend to begin Friday evening, September 8 and run through Sunday noon, September 10. Mrs. H. O. Lineberger is chairman of the planning committee and Miss Lillian Walker was chosen secretary.

SUB-DISTRICT MEETINGS—ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

The Asheville District had four sub-district meetings which were well attended and splendid programs given. Two were held each day for two days, with half of the district officers attending two meetings and the other half attending the other two. The program of Advance was explained and each goal stressed and all departments of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was emphasized.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

An executive meeting of the Asheville District was held at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Crowell of Acton, recently, beginning with a covered dish luncheon.

Miss Amy Hackney, president, led the group in a beautiful devotional service on Our Faith, and a season of prayer followed with each person present responding. Reports were heard from the eleven members present.

Two new societies have been organized in this district during this quarter: Horse Shoe on Mills River charge, with Mrs. W. H. Holden, Horse Shoe, president; and Saluda, with Mrs. L. L. Clippard, Saluda, president.

The Board set as the time for their regular quarterly meeting the third Thursday of the first month of each quarter.

All officers were urged to do all they could to get new members and to get every church organized, or at least a key woman in each church. The meeting was closed by the spiritual life leader, Mrs. J. H. Bancroft, and the next meeting will be held at the home of the secretary of promotion, Mrs. S. M. Garren, in Hendersonville.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE AT AT KINGS MOUNTAIN

Approximately 113 people brought their Self-Denial offering for the special projects of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial at Central Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. The same self-denial spirit was shown when 67 women gathered at the parsonage for the regular monthly meeting of the Spiritual Life group. Not only were the downstairs rooms filled but the stairs were filled. This was an inspiration in itself, and with the added inspiration that came from the singing and the very splendid message of the leader, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, on "The Advance for Christ Personified," many comments were made as to the enriching effect of the meeting. Help and encouragement to make this an outstanding experience was given by the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Brendall, Jr.

OGBURN MEMORIAL AND MARVIN CHAPEL WOMEN STUDY MISSIONS AT THE GRASS ROOTS

A combined effort in a jurisdiction class on the part of Ogburn Memorial and Marvin Chapel Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild resulted in reaching through four class sessions and discussion groups about 65 women on the subject "Missions at the Grass Roots." Mrs. Paul Shamel and Mrs. Clifford Fulk, secretaries of missionary education in the respective churches were largely responsible for the large enrollment and continuing interest of the class. Mrs. J. Hugh White, Mrs. Clifford Fulk, Mrs. E. L. Ballard and Mrs. J. R. Hamilton led the group in the four sessions.

STUDY CLASSES IN WINSTON-SALEM

Ardmore church women have just closed a very successful jurisdiction class on the study, "Japan Begins Again," under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Rozzelle, teacher, and Mrs. N. A. King, secretary of missionary education. About 35 women took part in this study.

At each session Japanese articles were on display and Japanese flower arrangements were furnished by Mrs. T. B. Holcombe. Well planned worship services added to the effectiveness of the meetings, and Mrs. C. W. Stuart had charge of the music.

Following the session on "Meet the Japanese," a tea was held. A highlight of the second session was a talk by Dr. Luke Ketahata, a Japanese doctor at the Bowman Gray Hospital, who told why and how he became a Christian. Dr. "Luke" as he is known in Winston-Salem, plans to go back to his native country as a medical missionary.

ANOTHER NEW SOCIETY IN WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

Mrs. R. A. George reports another new Woman's Society of Christian Service, this being one at Chestnut Grove church on the Pinnacle charge, which completes the organization of this charge.

Fifteen women were present for the first meeting when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ralph McGee, Rt. 1, Pinnacle; vice-president, Mrs. Hardin Wall (same address); recording secretary, Miss Avolene Stewart, Rt. 1, King; promotion secretary, Mrs. Elmer Rutledge, Rt. 1, King; treasurer, Mrs. O. R. Smith, Rt. 1, King; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. Hardin Wall, Rt. 1, Pinnacle; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. W. F. Heffner, Pinnacle; secretary Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Lonnie Baker, Rt. 1, King; secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. Nobie Stewart, Rt. 1, King. The Rev. W. F. Heffner is pastor of the charge and Mrs. Heffner was instrumental in getting the society organized.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT HAS THREE NEW SOCIETIES

Three new Woman's Societies of Christian Service have been organized in the Thomasville District—New Union on the Richland charge; Bethlehem and Wesley Chapel on the Bethlehem-Farmington charge. We are sorry we do not have the names of the officers for these societies.

Thomasville District has one 100% society. Rehobeth on the Coleridge charge has every woman in the church a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In addition to these four other women in the community of other denominations are also active members. This is a worthy example for other societies.

VICE-PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Because of the serious and prolonged illness of her little boy, Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., has resigned as Conference vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and her resignation has been accepted with profound regret. This announcement has not been made public heretofore in the hope that it would not be necessary, but Mrs. Redding finds that her child needs careful and constant attention and her friends all over the Conference are in sympathy with her decision.

A successor has not been found for the office as vice-president. Mrs. D. M. Davidson has been elected to take Mrs. Redding's place as a member of the Research Committee.

COUPON CAMPAIGN

Ogburn Memorial church, Winston-Salem, still heads the list in the campaign for coupons for the Winston-Salem Bethlehem Center with a total of 3,500, with Ardmore running a close second with 2,819. Others sending in since the last report are Lowe's on the Reidsville Circuit 1,004; Casar, 735; Lenoir 533; Kannapolis (Mrs. Litaker) 639½; Biltmore 604½; Central Terrace 954½.

STATESVILLE SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The fall meeting of sub-district No. 4 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at Triplett, Statesville District, on October 25, with nine societies represented and a large number of visitors.

Mrs. H. A. Poston, chairman, presided, and Mrs. Bruce McLaughlin was secretary. Rev. R. L. Phillips of Shepherd gave the morning meditations. Mrs. L. G. Sloop, president of the hostess society welcomed the group and Mrs. Florence Brown of Jones Memorial Church responded. A beautiful solo was sung by Miss Dorothy Bostian.

Mrs. T. V. Goode, secretary of promotion, gave an interesting report of her work, and made a stirring appeal for Bibles for Japan. Other district officers present were, Mrs. Forest Sharp, Mrs. John B. Steele, Mrs. Mark Goforth, Mrs. Fred H. May, Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle; Mrs. Stanley Hall and Mrs. Ross Bunch.

Morehead City Gives Generously; Many Trips Made; Groups Visit Home; Celebrate First Anniversary

By L. C. Larkin

The Methodist Orphanage
RALEIGH, N. C.
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I do hereby will and bequeaht to the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C., contemplated by the charter under Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina (here designate the bequest . . . . .

A TRIBUTE TO TILLEY

We offer our congratulations and sincere thanks to Lester A. Tilley and his loyal members at Morehead City. This charge is the first to pay its entire apportionment for the new conference year.

MOREHEAD IS MAGNIFICENT

As the morning light was breaking Sunday, November 20, six of us left the campus for the coast. At nine we stopped for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dowdy in New Bern. We arrived in Morehead City in time for the morning service.

The writer and the children presented a worship program. The pastor, Lester A. Tilley, is off to a good start in the new year. A lovely new sanctuary is nearing completion. This church presented the superintendent with more than enough to cover the entire apportionment for the new conference year.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, J. M. Jolliff received us at Newport with a large congregation. This pastor has passed his seventieth birthday and is doing an excellent work. After supper was served our party in Newport, we returned to Morehead City.

The 7:30 evening program was given in Franklin Memorial Church. The pastor, W. D. Caviness, had members of all of his churches there for the service. The auditorium was filled to overflowing.

A moving picture of life at the Orphanage, in natural color, was shown. A generous offering was placed on the altar by our friends on this charge.

A fishing trip was arranged for Monday morning. The weather was ideal, and this outing was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The visit closed with a sea food dinner at the Sanitary Restaurant. To all those who opened their homes to us, and did so much for our pleasure, we are deeply grateful.

OUR BABIES ARE REMEMBERED

The members of the Lou P. Edwards Sunday School Class of Daniels Memorial church visited our Home recently. This church is located near Goldsboro and Rev. C. W. Goldston is the minister.

It was like a preview of Christmas at the Baby Cottage. The children were presented pocketbooks, watches, marbles, and candy. A large supply of towels and bath cloths were supplied. A lovely scarf was given to the matron and $22 to be used for the little people. These loyal friends remember the babies at this time each year. For these expressions of their love for our Home, we are deeply grateful.

SUPER SERVICE

This is a season when our staff is called on for "super service." The district set-up meetings call for special activity. The Orphanage is always represented and our Home is given recognition by every district superintendent.

Thanksgiving services are being held in many churches by the Orphanage superintendent and the children. Wednesday, November 23, the churches at Biscoe and Star were visited. A. M. Williams is the preacher in charge.

Thanksgiving Day was spent in Washington, N. C., with our football boys playing the high school team.

Friday, November 24, our turkey dinner was served to our large family of grateful children. The turkeys and trimmings came as a gift from W. H. Basnight of Ahoskie.

On Sunday, November 27, Mrs. Larkin visited West Burlington with a group of the children. George W. Blount made plans for Orphanage Day in his church.

On Sunday night the superintendent presented the cause of our Home to the Methodist people of the Moncure charge. The pastor, McD. McLamb, made our hearts glad with his welcome and his personal interest in our boys and girls.

CARAVAN FROM CARR

Our doors were open wide on Sunday, November 20, to our friends from Carr church, Durham. About 100 children and adults honored us with a visit. The efficient pastor, M. C. Dunn, led this caravan from Carr to our campus.

This church has always taken care of the Orphanage askings early in the year. He believes that an informed church is a triumphant church. These people give promptly because they know the children personally, and see the importance of this Home to these boys and girls.

We invite the ministers and members of other churches to visit us with a small or a large group.

RALEIGH CHURCHES RECEIVE CHILDREN

The superintendent and a group of children were invited to Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Sunday, November 13. This was the first anniversary for the pastor, Harry C. Smith, and also for the Orphanage superintendent. We have just completed one year of our ministry here in Raleigh. The Orphanage and this church are close together, in location and in spirit. It was a high privilege to have a part in the worship service with our neighbors.

The pastor and members of Trinity Methodist Church here in Raleigh take a warm personal interest in our Home. In the absence of the Minister, R. F. Munns, the writer conducted the service Sunday November 27. On each fifth Sunday a group of our children visit this church and are entertained in different homes. Fourteen of our boys and girls are sponsored by the Methodist churches of Raleigh.

ORPHANAGE OFFERS NEW COURSES

We are happy to announce the introduction of two new courses in our high school this fall.

We have a manual arts class for the older boys. This provides special training in all kinds of wood work. We have a large, well equipped room. The equipment was provided through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lasley of Burlington.

We also have a course in home economics. This is open to sophomore and Junior girls, and is offered for the first time this year. Thirty girls are taking advantage of this elective course.

This laboratory contains two modern all-electric kitchens, each complete with an electric range, refrigerator, sink, metal wall and base cabinets and breakfast tables and chairs. Facilities are adequate for learning to prepare and serve meals.

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The program of work for the areas of homemaking: first, personal appearance and clothing; second, personality development next, equipping of the home economics laboratory, which will include the making of draperies and the framing of pictures for the walls, and last, planning and preparation of simple family meals.



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Jeremiah Denounces False Prophets

Jeremiah 8:8-13; 23; 26-28

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

In the Bible the word prophet does not mean primarily a predictor of future events, but rather a spiritual physician who makes a diagnosis of our case and suggests the right remedy, and tells us what will happen if we do not use it. The false prophets called moral tuberculosis a bad cold, and a spiritual cancer a sore that could be healed by putting on a poultice.

Doubtless the false prophets that Jeremiah denounced said many good things, and some of them were eloquent; but they did not stress fundamental morality, nor realize the terrible power of evil. They were superficial optimists, and mistook their patriotic fervor for the voice of God. They called Jeremiah a traitorous weakener of the national morale. But actually, while he wept over the coming doom of Jerusalem, Jeremiah was surer than any man in Israel that God would ultimately bring in his kingdom, and that the day would come when they would not so much celebrate their deliverance from Egypt as their deliverance from exile and their glorious restoration (25:5-8).

The false prophets were all men eager for rewards, like those preachers today who trim their sermons to suit the prejudices of the pew, and have eager eyes on the pastorates of churches that pay large salaries. But the false prophets are by no means chiefly confined to the ministers. We have editors whose policies are determined by what they deem to be the chances of a large circulation and a lucrative list of advertisers. And how many false prophets one finds in our legislative halls who could not say without lying that they have malice toward none and charity for all, and courage to do the right as God gives them to see the right! Some of our novelists whose pages contain noble sentiments, but who with the hope of making best sellers put cosmetic on the popular follies, are among our most dangerous false prophets.

Jesus realized that it was possible for a man to have such psychical power that he could work beneficient wonders without being sincerely a messenger of God, or deeply and unselfishly devoted to the public good. He pictured these false prophets as having finally convinced themselves that they were true prophets (Matthew 7:22-23). At the judgment seat they protested, Have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done many mighty works? But all of them received the dread word, Depart from me, I never knew you, ye that work iniquity!

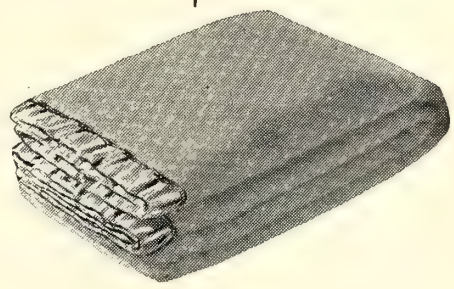
How are we to discriminate between the real messengers of Christ and those popular preachers who come to us in sheep's clothing, and profess great loyalty for the old time religion and gather about them enthusiastic crowds, but are not true prophets of God?

Jesus says, By their fruits ye shall know them. And the fruit of the spirit, says Paul, is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control. Do men after hearing these popular preachers begin to exercise great charity toward those who differ from them? Do they become unusually kind and patient in their homes? Do they pay old debts that have been outlawed, and make humble apologies for the wrongs they have done to others? We must remember that the commonest type of false prophet is the man who in general is sincere and speaks the truth, but who does not study the Scriptures deeply enough nor wait upon God persistently enough to gain the courage to speak the dangerous truth at a crisis. He is like many of us who are well-meaning and honest, but often yield to pressure and fail to speak out when to do so would make us unpopular.

One of the most helpful uses to make of the class hour is to bring up the names of the preachers who in the deepest sense are true prophets, and also the writers.

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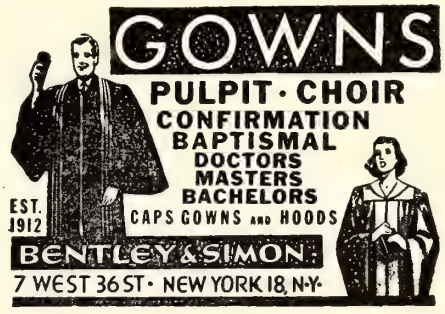
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What Does God Require?

"Twenty-five dollars!" Tom Johnson looked at the garage mechanic in amazement. "It just cost me forty dollars two weeks ago to get the motor fixed up."

"Sorry, Tom," said Bill Judson. "You need a brand new set of brakes. I can do a temporary repair that will do you for a week or so in ordinary driving; but it wouldn't be safe. Besides, the jeep's in bad shape generally. My advice is to junk it. Otherwise, you're just going to keep pouring more money into repairs."

Tom sighed. "I guess you're right, Bill. Would you just fix it up so I can ride it around over the week-end?" As Bill went for his tools, Tom thought to himself, "Maybe I can find some sucker, and unload it while it's still running."

Bill got to work and in a short time Tom was able to drive the jeep away. "Remember, Tom, it's only a makeshift repair. Drive very carefully or you may run into serious trouble. And don't try to drive it more than a couple of days, at best."

Tom promised and drove off. "I'll have to work fast," he said to himself. "Can't sell it to a friend, either, 'cause everyone who's ridden in this jalopy knows it's a lemon." Then, suddenly, as he turned the corner he saw young Philip Bernstein waiting for the bus.

Philip was a newcomer to Riverdale High—and to the United States, too. He and his mother had come to Riverdale a few months ago from a displaced persons camp in Germany. They were all that were left in a family of seven. The rest had been killed by the Nazis. Tom didn't know much about Philip. He and his buddies hadn't done anything to make friends with the new student. But he did know that the Bernsteins were trying to start a fruit and vegetable business, and that Phil was looking for a car he could use to make deliveries.

"Here's my sucker," Tom told himself, as he pulled up alongside of Phil and invited him for a ride. Phil was anxious to make friends among his fellow students at Riverdale and accepted Tom's invitation gladly.

"How's the vegetable business, Phil?" Tom asked.

"It is coming along nicely," answered Phil in his careful English. "If I could only find a good used car I could buy to make deliveries, I think we could build it up quick—I mean quickly."

"Well, that's a coincidence," said Tom. "I was just thinking of selling this jeep. Now that the summer's over, I won't be doing much driving; but with a business, you'll need it especially when the bad weather comes."

"You mean it?" said Phil delightedly. "I have always wanted to drive a jeep—ever since the Americans liberated us from the concentration camp. And Mother would be so glad because we could take more orders. But how much would you want for it, Tom?"

"I was going to ask $200," declared Tom, "but because it's you, I'll sell it for $175." He felt a sting of conscience as he thought of what he was doing; but he brushed it aside. "After all, he's only a foreigner," he told himself.

Phil was overjoyed. He made Tom drive to the Bernstein house and paid him $175. Then he insisted on driving Tom home, even though it was quite late.

Tom was congratulating himself on his good luck as they took the long hill down toward the railroad tracks. Suddenly, as they were almost at the crossing, a train came whistling around the bend. The sharp descent down the hill had given the jeep a good deal of speed and Philip jammed his foot down hard on the brake. But the makeshift repair was not good for a sudden stop. The brake linkage snapped and the car raced out of control toward the approaching train.

Terror froze Tom in his seat; but Phil acted with lightning speed. He reached across in front of Tom, threw the door open and pushed him out on the road. Then he jumped free of the jeep, just seconds before it crashed into the oncoming engine and flew into a thousand pieces along the road.

When Tom shook the dust out of his eyes and picked himself up, he found that all he'd suffered was a scratch over his left eye. But Phil was rushed to the hospital with a broken arm and two broken ribs.

It was a conscience-stricken Tom who sat in church the following Sunday and heard the minister's sermon. The text was a selection from Micah: "He hath shown thee, oh, man, what is good and what does the Lord require of thee; but to do justly and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Tom went straight from church to the home of a classmate. Together they started a collection among all the students of Riverdale to buy Phil a brand-new jeep, and Tom opened the collection with the $175 Phil paid him, plus another fifty dollars he was saving to buy himself another jalopy. Then the class organized a squad to take over Phil's duties in the fruit and vegetable business until he was well enough to do his work again.

When Phil was discharged from the hospital, Tom met him at the door, sliding away from the wheel of a much finer-looking jeep than the one Phil had bought. He handed Phil the ignition key and said, "It's from everyone at Riverdale High, to welcome you and to wish you luck in your new business. They let me bring it, because I wanted a chance to thank you for saving my life." Then Tom confessed to Phil that the jeep he had sold him was a lemon and asked Phil to forgive him.

From that day, Tom Johnson and Phil Bernstein were bosom pals. Tom now knew that God's words were the only ones by which to live.

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THE CHURCH LOOKS AT ITS PROBLEMS IN RURAL AREAS

(Continued from page five)

"In the county seat the farm cooperative has its headquarters, the labor unions have their halls, the governmental and social and recreational agencies have their offices," Dr. Smith pointed out. "If the standards which these institutions and agencies see in the church are standards of prestige and power; if the church becomes the agency through which the class structure of the community comes to its final and definitive expression, and if, through church membership, the niceties of class distinction are symbolized, then we must not be surprized if this same class system comes to fruition in the Farm Bureau, or the CIO, or in the Masonic lodge or in the garden clubs. But let the spirit of Christianity find expression in a church where the poor have the gospel preached to them; then invisibly but irresistably the gospel leaven will infect and perfect every agency of our common life.

"More and more the unit of rural life is becoming the county. Our day needs the church and it needs the message of the church registering effectively at the level of our significant social interactions."

Dr. I. George Nace, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, made a similar plea for the "rechurching" of rural America, especially in its towns and villages. "This does not simply mean the erection of new church buildings in the larger geographic communities," he said. "Unless methods and means can be found to enable the town and country church to penetrate the educational and social activities of the community in a larger and more aggressive service, the secular institutions will take over and the secularization process will become more entrenched. The rechurching of rural America is necessary if this increased penetration of community life is to take place."

Dr. Nace suggested that the problem of leadership in the rural church is of major importance; that there should be two or three ministers to the rural church—one responsible for the preaching, one in charge of the educational and recreational program, and perhaps one who would be a personal counsellor to the people.

"The rechurching of rural America," said Dr. Nace, "will require the reconstruction and revamping of our denominational systems. They must cease from squabbling, end their divisiveness, on pain of losing their hold on the community, on pain of losing their hold upon Christ."

In Memoriam

Mrs. T. J. Weisner

Mt. Olivet.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Olivet, wish to pay loving tribute to one of our beloved members, Mrs. T. J. Weisner, whom God called to her heavenly home on September 26, 1949.

Great faith and trust in the Lord, love for her friends, devotion to her family and loyalty to her church and community were a few of her many virtues..

Therefore be it resolved that we extend our love and sympathy to the bereaved family.

That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the minutes of our society, a copy sent to the family and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mt. Olivet Church.

Mrs. Lucy Turner Smith

Asheville.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Haywood Street Methodist Church, Asheville, pays tribute to the passing on April 6, 1949, of Mrs. Lucy Turner Smith, wife of B. M. Smith. She joined the church at an early age and continued with faithful service throughout her life. Due to declining health, she was debarred for some time from attending services, but never lost that keen interest in the development and growth of the church and the community. She bore her suffering patiently with a smiling face. Her character was beautiful, and by her sweet disposition she won many friends during her life.

Her trust in God brought her peace; her service to others brought her joy; her bright, cheerful disposition and radiant Christian life brought faith and comfort to all who knew her.

Therefore be it resolved,

First, that our sincerest love and sympathy be extended her family who so lovingly and patienlty attended her through those months. We pray God's richest blessings attend them.

Second, that we thank God for her beautiful life which was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Third, that we emulate her life of patience and sweetness of disposition during the days of her illness, when she exemplified how much a Christian can suffer and keep one's faith in God unbroken.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, a copy be put on our records, and a copy sent to the family.—Mrs. L. C. Robinson, Mrs. C. M. Swicegood, Mrs. W. B. Whitaker.

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JOINT OBSERVANCE FOR LAYMEN'S DAY AND COMMITMENT DAY FEBRUARY 26

By Wilbur E. Hammaker

Commitment Day in 1950 falls on Febrauary 26. It has come to be one of Methodism's meaningful days. Its significance can scarcely be exaggerated. What it shall mean to tens of thousands of our boys and girls in 1950 and for many years thereafter is something to make glad the hearts of men and angels. Commitment Day, the Third, I have begun to term it on printed pages and in the spoken word. It is worthy of such dignified designation.

In 1950 Laymen's Day comes also on February 26. That is by General Conference legislation, which designated the fourth Sunday in February each year as Laymen's Day. But the General Conference also fixed an official Commitment Day. It is to be on the first Sunday of Lent each year. When it was discovered, a month or two ago, that the same date in 1950 was the official day for each Board, some of us wondered—and, yes, worried a bit. A collision would be disastrous to both. What to do kept me awake some nights. Conditions made it no easy thing for either board to shift to some other day.

Conferences were resorted to. It is wonderful what answers can be found when men of goodwill sit down to solve knotty problems. What at first seemed misfortune proved, on close examination, in across-the-table conversations, between leaders of the two boards, to be good fortune.

There **could** be a joint observance of the two days. It was a providential leading. The hand of God was in it. Is in it. God guided and girded the General Conference even as in an ancient day He guided and girded the old Persian, King Cyrus, though the divine will was not completely understood at the time.

Both boards are convinced that the joint observance of Laymen's Day and Commitment Day on the 26th of February, 1950, can and shall be one of the victorious events in the Advance for Christ and His Church in the present quadrennium. The theme for the address of the lay speakers on February 26th is to be, according to the plan worked out by the Board of Lay Activities, "The Faith of a Layman." Each speaker will be asked to bring his message to a climactic conclusion by talking the last seven or eight minutes about the meaning and value of Commitment Day and about his personal faith in abstinence as a mighty bulwark and a protective barrier against the assaults and ravages of old king alcohol and his cohorts. If so minded, he will then launch into the plea for pledge-signing, or he may turn to the pastor for the casting of the net.

The pastor will be asked and urged to bring his message, ablaze with the passion and purpose of the whole temperance cause, on the Sunday before Lent begins, viz: on Sunday, February 19. He can have a passage in His Advance for Christ and His Church discourse that will deal, from the standpoint of love, with the temperance question. His discussion will, probably, come to the clearest and hottest focus as he holds aloft the banner of Commitment Day, and sets forth the tremendous reasons why every Christian who respects himself and loves his fellowman should "join up" with the abstainers.

Nearly two million have pledged themselves in our two Commitment Days. A little more than a million in 1948; a little less than that number in 1949. These will be recruiters in 1950. They will be urged each to win one; at least one. We shall never be satisfied or cease from our labors in this particular area until every member and constituent of Methodism has taken his or her stand for the rounded-out Christian life, which is the plan of Christ for all the Redeemed.

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20, 1950

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Costen J. Harrell,
Bishop, Charlotte Area

MEET A LOYAL METHODIST!

By Edna Boone
See picture on front cover

Linked with the growth of the Bethlehem Methodist Church located at Bell Arthur is the story of one whose life has been spent in faithful service to the Master and to her church. This person is Mrs. W. A. White, whose picture is shown on the front cover of the Advocate this week.

When Mrs. White of Route 2, Farmville, joined the Bethlehem church soon after moving to this community, little did she dream that through her interest, her prayers, and her untiring efforts, there would grow in the Bell Arthur community such a church as exists today.

Soon after moving her membership, Mrs. White was asked to take over the superintendency of the Bethlehem Sunday School. The church at this time was located between Farmville and Bell Arthur, but was later moved to its present site. For many years Mrs. White labored under most trying conditions to keep the church alive. Many times it seemed that the Sunday School might just as well disband, for there were less than 15 members on roll. Nevertheless, through the faith, prayers, and never ceasing labors of Mrs. White and a few faithful members, the Sunday School did go on, though in a small way.

In recent years, the church school membership has increased to such capacity that it has been necessary to add new Sunday School rooms to the building. In addition to the new Sunday School rooms, a new youth building has been completed. This new building is proving to be an invaluable asset to the church program, since it may be used for Sunday School classrooms, a recreational building for young people, and for fellowship suppers. The church has also purchased a bus for use in transporting adults as well as children to and from the church.

Mrs. White has also lived to see the development of an extensive program for the training of children and young people. Each summer a vacation church school is held for the children, and a youth activities week is held for young people.

With such varied activities of the church program, it is easy to see that Mrs. White can justly be proud of the church which she has served for 41 years. At the age of 83, she still attends church where she has been a member since 1903. This date also marks the year when she first subscribed to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and she has now been a subscriber to her church paper for 46 years.

Although her daughter-in-law is acting superintendent, Mrs. White still maintains the superintendency of the Sunday School, and though she no longer teaches a class, she is always present to take part in a discussion of the lesson. She is a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and holds the position of promotion secretary in this society.

The inspiration of such a life as that of Mrs. White will have a lasting influence on the members of the Bethlehem Methodist Church, and the people of Bell Arthur community, for her life will long be remembered as one of faithful and undying devotion to her community, to her church, and to her Master.

DR. ROWE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON OUR FAITH

During the period of emphasis on Our Faith, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor emeritus of Christian Doctrine in the Duke Divinity School, has agreed to conduct a question and answer column in the North Carolina Christian Advocate. This eminent theologian and scholar is well prepared to discuss helpfully every aspect of our Christian faith. Our readers who have questions they would like to ask Dr. Rowe are invited to send them to the Advocate or directly to Dr. Rowe at Duke University. The Advocate is grateful to this gifted preacher for this outstanding service. If you have a question to ask on any aspect of the Christian faith, send it in.

DP FAMILY PROVES A BLESSING

Dear Editor:

About a month ago a family of Displaced Persons, Mr. and Mrs. Nikitin and their two children, Alex and Irene, came to live on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Alexander, members of Mt. Pleasant church, near Kimesville. Two weeks ago the Philathea Class of the church gave them a "linen shower." There was more than linen in it—blankets and other things. The night before Thanksgiving the Youth Fellowship gave them a "fruit shower." Those of us who were in on it know what Jesus meant when he said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The parents speak no English, the boy and the girl a little. But they did not have any words in any language to express their thanks—only the language of tears. They have been coming to our church, not understanding anything that is being said; but perfectly reverent in their attitudes. We are glad to have them among us.

C. W. BATES

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The Minister Should Know

There is still need for strong, effective propagation of Christian principles so long as some leading layman or laywoman in his church reveals a parsimonious attitude toward the church's program. There are far too many such persons in our local churches. Persons with this fault are likely to be among those who have more of material resources than do most of the members. They have either made or conserved what they possess by pinch penny methods. They like to be on the official board and use what influence they have for conservative use of money. They stand like a rock in the way of progressive plans whenever proposed. They are satisfied with the old church house, the old organ, the old pews, or the old anything else, because a new one will "cost too much money."

Every Christian should know that his wealth is a sacred trust, and should not be wasted nor needlessly expended. He should recognize the opportunity which his material possessions offer him to provide for himself and family, and to aid in extending Christianity through the agency of the church. While such persons seek to guard the church from extravagance, they should also know how easy it is for themselves to reveal niggardly or miserly attitudes toward the chief causes of the church.

These persons would keep the salary of the minister down when it should go up; they overestimate the value of a dollar and underestimate the worth of a human being; they pay one dollar per week in support of the budget when they should pay five.

All human beings are worth saving, but one who assumes the role of a Christian and misses the spirit of it so far as some such "high-ups" in the church do, presents a serious problem to the minister. The conversion of a stingy church member is a most difficult undertaking.

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EDITORIAL

Our Most Effective Weapon Against the Liquor Traffic

In October, 1947, Rev. S. Wayne McQuain was assigned to the the Webster Springs Circuit in West Virginia. At that time the eight churches on the circuit had 522 members, 212 of whom were inactive. Actually only 317 could be located, including inactive members. Church School enrollment stood at 300. Today, after two years, according to an article in the December issue of Shepherds magazine, the charge has eleven churches, has received more than 600 new members with several hundred more making confession of faith and uniting with other churches. Church School enrollment has jumped to 1,000. These phenomenal statistical results have been achieved by the diligent labors of the pastor, his wife and aroused laymen, using visitation evangelism, revivals and other means of bringing men and women into more intimate relationship with Christ and the church.

But back of these impressive statistics lies the story of real achievement. And that story is told in part by Ward Huffman, executive vice-president of the Webster Springs National Bank, in a letter to the pastor. Here is the letter: "Dear Rev. McQuain: Each year our bank receives a copy of the annual report put out by the West Virginia liquor commission. . . It is very gratifying to note that for the year ending June 30, 1948, the Webster Springs store suffered a loss in business of 20,305 bottles of whiskey and wine, with loss of sales of $52,554.48, and a loss of profits of $14,-214.14, over the previous year ending June 30, 1947. . . Much of the wines and liquors consumed in previous years has been purchased by the working men in this vicinity. Many former customers of the liquor store are now spending their money on their families and for the upbuilding of their community. I believe that we all agree that the chief cause of this loss in business has been occasioned by former patrons whose lives have been changed under your ministry. Their outlook is just the reverse and many men who used to be outlaws are now humble followers of the lowly Nazarene. May I, for one, express to you my appreciation for your efforts in making this a better community in which to live. From purely a selfish standpoint: less money spent at the liquor store means more money deposited in our bank, more wealth created in the country, and above all, a much higher type of citizenship than formerly. . . ."

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—II Timothy 2:15.

This story is heartening indeed. Mr. McQuain and his co-laborers have achieved remarkable statistical results. But the results in transforming human lives are even more remarkable. They have not simply added members to the church. They have brought men and women into the Kingdom of God. Therefore, it is not strange that redeemed men would cease to patronize liquor stores. The man who has tasted the drink that Christ gives will lose his appetite for strong drink!

The permanent solution to the alcohol problem is not found either in making liquor legal or illegal, but in winning men completely to Christ. It is that simple. It is that difficult. Outlawing liquor, we believe, will help. The harder it is to get, the safer men will be from its ravages. Legal liquor is certainly no solution. The church cannot afford to compromise at this point. But it must do more of the kind of work Pastor McQuain and his cohorts have done at Webster Springs.

Transforming men's lives is our most effective weapon against the liquor traffic!

Give Attendance to Reading The Scriptures

Shortly before he was put to death St. Paul, from a bleak Roman prison, wrote to Timothy, a young man in whom he had a deep personal interest: "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." It is the phrase, "give attendance to reading," that the great apostle wanted to emphasize.

It becomes immediately apparent that Paul was not referring to reading in general. A man of vast learning, this devout Christian was doubtlessly familiar with much of the literature of that day. Most of it he could not approve. He was referring to religious literature—the Scriptures. He was calling attention to the intriguing books of the Old Testament. He was referring to his own epistles, for the rest of the New Testament had not appeared at that time. He was counseling his spiritual son to do as he had done—to feed upon the Word of God, to give himself to diligent study of the Scriptures.

If Paul were writing to Christians today he would certainly emphasize Scripture reading. He would tell our generation to make the Bible the foremost book in our libraries, to give it the central place in the family reading circle, to make it the Book of books in our individual lives. He would counsel us to search out its eternal truths and to cling tenaciously to its amazing promises.

Ours is a reading generation, but it is not a Bible reading generation. Our minds are being fed a diet of secular literature, most of which is either indifferent to or diametrically opposed to the message of the Bible. Of the fifty most widely read magazines in America, not one is a religious periodical. Life and Look magazines have a total circulation of 12,000,000. The comics have a monthly circulation of almost 40,000,000 copies. Some of the books that have the widest popular appeal are positively degrading. President Dodds of Princeton recently remarked that Jefferson would be impressed that we have done so much to stamp out illiteracy, but that he would be shocked to know what we read and write.

Some of us may even be reading a great many books about the Bible. Unfortunately, however, the average church member spends a very small amount of time with the Bible. Much of our church literature is not Bible-centered, but like most of the current literature, follows a secular line. Much preaching today is not rooted and grounded in the Scriptures, but in the shallow humanistic philosophy of a literary-impoverished age.

There is no substitute for the Word of God. We learn more about the Bible from the Book itself. It is the only book which teaches us about life and God and the eternal purposes of God for our lives. It is the only book which can chart a safe and sure course for us all in these tempestuous times.

Universal Bible Sunday should remind us particularly to give attendance to reading the Scriptures. A Bible-reading people will be a steadfast and wise and happy and prosperous people.

A Message from the Methodist Hour

The Difference That Christ Makes

By DR. JOHN OWEN SMITH*

Any person with open eyes will acknowledge that Christ has changed the face of the world. He is the dividing line of history. B. C. and A. D. are the formula for the story of the life of man. We look at some of the gains by which the world is enriched through Christ, not for the sake of defending them, but that our faith in them may be strengthened.

I

Christ makes a difference with PEOPLE. Nothing has influenced the creed of man like the coming of Christ. Man's belief in God was strengthened and clarified. Christ may not have been the "whole" of God, but he reflected the sufficiency of God for people. His whole ministry was the personal presence of God in the world of darkness, sin and pain.

God is like his Son, Jesus Christ. He is not an angry diety to be appeased by sacrifice, but a spirit of Justice, Love and Mercy who loves and cares for all people; a Presence that gathers all mankind, even the outcast, the weak, the poor, and reminds them of his Fatherly interest in them. He is person-centered, not something cold and remote among the stars. The simple and yet powerful message of Christ's coming is that God has come where we are—to our city, our street, our block, our house, our hearts. Men get confused about the ownership and royalties as related to oil wells in the Middle East, but in Christ we know God is primarily interested in the millions of confused people that abide there. Political and economic issues concern themselves with personal and national property rights in China or elsewhere, but God in Christ is primarily concerned with the millions of confused people found there. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life." This we believe.

Christ also changed our thinking about men. In Him we have a new estimate of man's dignity and worth, and we come to revere human life wherever we find it. "Of how much more value is a man than a sheep?" is a constant reminder of the preciousness of personality. Synesius, a bishop, wrote to the governor of Tripoli as early as 412 A.D., saying, "You are using men as you would sheep, but precious among creatures is man, in that for him Christ was crucified."

People need not stay where they are. They can with the help of Christ rise to new heights. Though they be in the bondage of sin, the explosive force of a living Christ can break such bonds and create a new person. The difference in Him is moral reclamation and renewal. Sinners may wear the white robes of saints if they really want to, and experience the joy of new creatures in Christ.

There is a story about a man who wanted to make a pet of a pig. He tried diligently to do so by giving baths, wrapping him in pink and blue blankets and placing him in front of the fire. This process continued for a long while, but every time the door was opened the pig would run for the mud puddle. Finally, a magician came that way and assured the owner that he could make a pet of the pig. He did so by carving out the heart of the pig and putting in its place the heart of a sheep. After that the pig was a changed creature. This simple nursery story lifts up a marvelous truth. There is a marked difference when the heart is changed.

Text: "In everything ye are enriched by Him." I Cor. 1:5.

We will not despair of man or of the world in which he lives. Christ is still recreating men and women. He is still available to transform situations, and in the light of this magnificent truth we purpose not to leave the world as it is. This we believe!

II

Moreover, Christ makes a difference in the PATTERN. He is the final and all-sufficient pattern for a perfect humanity. We claim with just pride many endowments that make for a better society but fail to appreciate them as principles of the New Order of Christ—The Kingdom of God on earth. This pattern has charted so many areas. There are the legal safeguards for children, the youth in coal mines, the poor in tenements, and slaves everywhere. Imagine the field of literature without the influence of Christ as reflected in Milton, Wordsworth, Bunyan, Tennyson, Browning! Or the study of art without a Transfiguration, Last Supper, or Sistine Madonna. As for architecture, there would have been no Cross to fashion the shape of the great cathedrals, and the architectural genius of Rome, Cologne, and Westminister Abbey might just as well have honored Caesar or Alexander the Great. "The Messiah," "St. Paul," "Mount of Olives" and "The Hallelujah Chorus" are in the front ranks in musical compositions. Who would have inspired hospitals, schools, sustaining philanthropies and missionary movements at home and abroad? All these have sprung from the New Order of Christ.

A fragment of a letter was found in Egypt recently during some excavations. It was supposedly written by Hilarion, a corn merchant, to his wife in Rome about the time of the birth of Christ. He wrote this to the expectant mother. "I wish the gods favorable to you. If it is a boy, bring him up; if it is a girl, throw her out." Such a custom is a long cry from recent statistics which indicate the span of life for women now exceeds that of men by an average of five to six years. Jesus brought womanhood into the pattern of God. He was born of Mary. His mother's song "Magnificat" has been called the charter of woman's liberty.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me." Frequently little children were sacrificial objects for the appeasement of angry gods or pawns in payment of debts. Jesus took a little child and sat him in the presence of big men —men with broad shoulders and social prestige—and said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." These successful adults caught the lesson that unless they too became humble, pure in heart, teachable, and willing to be led by something bigger than themselves, they would miss the Kingdom of God.

There is also His over-arching principle of love, the idea to which the future belongs. Inherent prejudices, false prides, petty sulkiness and childlike jealousies fade in the presence of love. Tolerance, brotherly love, interracial cooperation, one world in Christ, all become man's adventure to achieve in this pattern of Christ. Here is God's design in face of man's disorder. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" . . . "If you love not man whom you have seen, how can you love God whom you have not seen?" . . . "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

Political approaches, economic systems and social planning must conform to this pattern. We who believe not will wind up in frustration and defeat. Christ limited is Christ crucified. Apart from this basic truth, life is dangerous.

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We give our all to Christ that redemption may come to the world in the light of this pattern of God.

III

Finally, Christ makes a difference in POWER. "You shall receive power." The most distinctive difference between Christianity and other major religions is not its teaching or its program of social service, but the power that it affords.

The disciples listened for almost three years to the marvelous teachings of Christ with respect to God, Christ, Prayer, Sin, Faith, Scripture, Love and Immortality. They got in on the ground floor of his kind treatment of others, his deeds of mercy and gestures of love. They saw the traditional enmity between Jews and Samaritans exploded by Christ's own deed. As strange as it may seem, right in the presence of such inspiration and challenge, they forsook Him and fled. They remembered the teachings and saw the pattern in action, but they lacked something that would enable them to carry through—power.

They got it. See the difference! James and John, for instance, had, along with their mother, been excited about positions on either side of Christ in the Kingdom. After they received this power, however, old anxieties became secondary. James was martyred for his faith. John was banished to a lonely island, and it is probable that from his quarry-prison came the best of the Book of Revelation. Peter denied that he ever knew the Master, and even after the resurrection experience, he would not face the world with the gospel. He too, received this power. Boldly he says, "You can throw me into prison, you can whip me and scourge me, you can do what you like to me, but I cannot but speak the things which I have seen and heard."

This power is the person of Christ in the individual life. If Paul had been asked whither came the power to achieve all that he did under the circumstances, he would have said, "Christ liveth in me," "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," "There are two of us—myself and Christ."

That is right—two of us. We need to cease running merely upon our own momentum and let Christ help us a bit. You there, with that physical pain that stalks your being all day and night! Use the power that Christ gives and let Him help you. You who want to decide aright and are not quite sure! Commit yourself so fully to Christ that He will decide it for you. You who are filled with sorrow that grows out of the blinding incident of death! Turn to Him who brought life and immortality to light; who taught and exemplified the truth that the righteous live forever; who lives to cheer and strengthen us with His power and love. He would like to give you this help: "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man will hear my voice and open the door I will come in." "You fathers, though sinful, know how to give good gifts unto your children. How much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." This we believe!

Those who attended the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in 1948 will remember the added attraction of the abdication of Queen Wilhelmena and the coronation Queen Juilianna. Following the pageant in the Amsterdam Stadium, depicting fifty years of Holland's history, the beloved mother queen and daughter were to ride to the Palace in Damm Square. It was difficult among so many people to secure a vantage point from which to see the parade. I made my way back to the Roode Leeuw Hotel where I stayed during the conference, and joined some others on a small porch outside a third story window. The head waiter, with whom I had become chummy, came and stood by me. We could see in the distance trucks coming down the avenue and on them were men with shovels scattering great quantities of sand ahead of the procession. We knew, of course, that horses drawing the queen's carriage and those bearing the queen's guard must not slip. It did, however, seem like a lot of sand to be throwing so promiscuously, because it would inevitably have to be cleared away. With a practical turn of mind, I remarked: "This is a great day in Holland, the Golden Jubilee, the first event of its kind in fifty years, but it is a lot of trouble for just one short ride, isn't it?" The Dutch waiter looked sternly at me and said with an emotional quiver in his voice: "But, we love our Queen, sir, we love our Queen!" Such a reply with such an emphasis one could never forget.

Christ makes a difference with people, in the pattern for our world and in the power to achieve. "In everything ye are enriched by Him." Many reasons could be given for rededicating ourselves to Advance for Christ and His Church. Foremost among them would be: "We LOVE our Christ, sir, We LOVE our Christ."

Why Be a Methodist?

By Rev. Frank C. Hubbard*

People join a lodge or society because they want to be identified with the things the organizations stand for or for the fellowship they find in being members or because they are interested in the activities and interests of those organizations.

This is not always true regarding the Church we join. All too often we become members of a particular denomination because our parents took us to a particular church—were members themselves—and we naturally fell in step alongside them and became members. Now there is nothing wrong with that, providing, that at some time we acquainted ourselves with some of the doctrines and religious ideas and ideals for which the denomination stands.

My own reason for being a Methodist is that I believe the ideas and ideals for which Methodism stands provides me with the means which will ultimately result in the saving of my immortal soul. That is the end for which we all must strive. In the meantime, it also enables me to live in peace and calmness with myself and those about me by providing me with certain fundamental truths—eternal truths—about God and the world in which I live. It provides me with a "philosophy" for living which brings into my circle all of God's children and enables me to declare with all conviction regardless of race, creed or color, "There stands a child of God, my brother and my sister."

When sorrow or misfortune befall me, Methodist doctrines provide me with the ways and means of overcoming them for they teach me to take these unpleasant experiences to the foot of the Cross and, in silent talks with Him who was himself a Man of Sorrow and acquainted with grief, leave them there confident that He is able to handle them.

On a more spiritual level, the Methodist Church provides me with means of worshipping God according to my conscience. It provides me with all the symbols to enable me to draw into closer communion and fellowship with Him and my fellow man yet at no time does it force these things on me.

While it does require me to pledge myself to live a Christian life and to keep the commandments of God, beyond that it does not go. Methodism does insist on a few great truths and otherwise allows perfect freedom of thought. John Wesley said, "We think and let think."

At one time some men took issue with Mr. Wesley regarding doctrine and theology. He replied to them by saying, "If your heart is as mine, give me your hand."

That, I believe, is the great thing about Methodism. Methodism does have doctrines, it does have its theology and it has a tradition as great as that of any other denomination but when it comes down to brass tacks—over and above all these things it is primarily a religion of YOUR heart!

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For the sake of our youth

Let's Finish Camp Don-Lee

By C. W. ROBBINS

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About twelve miles below New Bern, along the picturesque Neuse River, the Methodists of the North Carolina Conference are building Camp Don-Lee. They have been taking their time, but they are building it, nevertheless. It all began over four years ago when Don Lee of Arapahoe, a member of another denomination, gave the Conference a lovely fifty-acre camp site and some far-seeing ministers and laymen dreamed of converting this lovely place into a teeming summer capital for Methodist youth.

Now, four years seems like a short time. But during these four years a whole generation of intermediates has come along and grown too old to attend an intermediate camp. Thus hundreds of fine Methodist youth have missed forever the inspiration and the thrill they might have experienced at Camp Don-Lee. Among them are scores who no doubt through the influence of a Christian camp might have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. Many others doubtlessly could have received at this sequestered place a lift that would have tied them intimately throughout life to Christ and the church.

In terms of growing youth four years are tremendously important, and the price for delay has come exceedingly high.

Progress So Far

These four years, of course, have not been entirely lost. During four Christmases our people have contributed a total of $47,000. This amount has been used to construct two units —one for boys and one for girls. In all, ten well-built and thoroughly modern buildings have been erected—four cabins for boys and four cabins for girls, and two bath houses. Each unit will care for 100 young people. The cost of these ten buildings totals $35,200. Camp equipment, including beds, mattresses and other necessities, has cost $7,000. The balance, $5,800, has been spent in promotion and administration of the program. All financial receipts and expenditures have been reported annually and the accounts of the treasurer audited by a certified public accountant.

Present Needs

To complete the project, $70,000 is needed to construct a dining room and kitchen and to provide a deep well, water and electrical systems, and to secure sufficient equipment. It is estimated that the dining room and kitchen, which will take care of 400 persons, will cost $40,000; the water and electrical systems, $16,000; and equipment, $8,000. All of these facilities are necessary before the camp can be used.

How the Funds Are to be Raised

By Conference action, each charge is asked to raise during the quadrennium 1948-1952 an amount equal to its World Service acceptances for the Conference year 1948-1949. This amount can be paid at once or divided over a four year period into equal installments. It is hoped, however, that many churches will make special efforts to raise a substantial amount during the Christmas season. Because of the lack of funds, work is at a standstill. If the camp is to be ready for use next summer sufficient funds must either be in hand or in sight to construct the dining hall and kitchen and to install the water and lighting systems.

To one person $70,000 seems like a large amount. Broken down into individual contributions, it means about forty cents for each of the 165,000 Methodists in the North Carolina Conference. On a four-year basis it amounts to about ten cents per member per year. Surely we won't let that small amount keep us from providing a great opportunity for our young people.

Time does not stand still for our youth. With young people every month counts tremendously. While we have tarried, one generation of intermediates has slipped by us. We cannot afford to fail another generation.

Let's finish Camp Don-Lee soon. Let's do it by June!





The Only Place That Groups can meet now is Out of Doors, Illustrated by this Picture on the Left. Picture on the Right Shows Cabins Already Completed. Eight Cabins and Two Bathhouses Have Been Completed.

News in Brief -- Personalities

DR. EDWARD J. REES, former member of the North Carolina Conference, is now pastor of Madison Street Methodist Church, Clarksville, Tenn., having gone to that appointment recently from Staunton, Virginia.

THE MOREHEAD CITY CIRCUIT is the first charge in the North Carolina Conference to reach its quota of subscriptions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for the new Conference year. On a quota of 26 Rev. W. D. Caviness, pastor, has sent in 42 subscriptions.

REV. AND MRS. W. B. GREGORY and sons, W. B., Jr., and William David, were graciously received by the people of the Hatteras charge. Wednesday night before Thanksgiving a large group brought a bountiful pounding to the parsonage, and in so many ways are making the parsonage family happy.

THE NASHVILLE CHARGE held three Thanksgiving services and all were well attended. The offering for the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh was as follows: Yorks, $50; Red Oak, $100; Nashville, $175. On Thanksgiving morning the Red Oak congregation surprised the pastor with many gifts of food and placed them in the back seat of the car.

REV. AND MRS. J. DOANE STOTT of Garland had as their guests recently Professor Tahao Kuwada of Hiroshima Girls' School and Professor Junichi Nakamura of Kobe College, Japan. Both of these Japanese Christians, who are enrolled at Duke University this year, taught with Mr. Stott while he was a missionary to Japan. They spoke in services on the Garland charge during their visit.

THE DUNN SUBDISTRICT of the Methodist Youth Fellowship held its November meeting in the Newton Grove church. During the business session different matters of business were discussed including the overseas relief drive of which is resulting a great success. The recreation was led by Rev. O. K. Ingram, of Ervin, assisted by several youths. The highlight of the evening was the worship program. Mrs. H. R. Odom of Gibson was the speaker. Emphasis was placed on the youth fund.

DR. CHARLES McTYEIRE BISHOP, former president of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, died November 30 in Houston at the age of 87. A native of Jefferson, North Carolina, Dr. Bishop gave many years of distinguished service to Methodism in the South and Southwest, particularly in its educational program. Ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1889 he served pastorates in Asheville, N. C.; Kansas City, St. Joseph, and Columbia, Missouri. He became president of Southwestern University in 1911 and resigned and became president emeritus in 1922. Dr. Bishop then served as pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Houston through 1924, becoming head of the department of New Testament in the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University at that time. He retired this position in 1934. Lecturer, member of several General Conferences and boards, and fraternal organizations, Dr. Bishop was author of several books and numerous articles. He received degrees from Emory and Henry College, Virginia; Central College, Missouri; and Baylor and Southwestern Universities in Texas.



THE OFFICE of James H. Touchstone, associate secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, will be moved from Atlanta, Ga., to Chicago on Dec. 1. Mr. Touchstone has served since 1943 as the board's staff member for work in the Central Jurisdiction. He will continue in that capacity but will operate out of the board's 740 Rush Street office in Chicago.

DR. C. R. HINSHAW, dean of instruction of High Point College, and chairman of the invitation committee of the inauguration of Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, has announced that approximately 1800 invitations will be mailed within the next four weeks. These invitations will be sent to officials of cities, schools, state and colleges throughout the state and the nation, and many dignitaries will be present for the inauguration which takes place February 23, 1950.

RUFFIN METHODISTS observed Methodist College Student Day last Sunday, with Dr. J. H. Phillips, director of religious activities and professor of Bible at Duke University, as speaker. Dr. Phillip's subject was "On Having a Sense of Values." The Ruffin High School glee club rendered special music and young people of the church participated in the service. An unusually large congregation was present, and it was one of the best services ever held in the church.

THE CHILDREN of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Albright of Greensboro are honoring them on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Shelley B. Caveness, near Oak Ridge. Invitations are not being issued generally except through the churches which have been served by Mr. Albright, and they hope all their friends will take this announcement as a personal invitation to come to see them. The private road to the Caveness home is about a mile south of Oak Ridge on N. C. Highway 68—which is the road connecting Oak Ridge and Friendship.

THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH ordains women into the ministry and admits them to the conference on equal terms with men—a privilege not accorded Methodist women in the U. S. A. In the Union Theological Seminary, Seoul, there are 130 students preparing for the ministry, and thirty of these are women. The Seminary is on college level, and all the students are high school graduates. According to Mrs. Anna B. Chaffin, of Des Moines, Iowa, who is teaching in the Seminary, about one-third of the students have come from Russian-controlled northern Korea, and are practically penniless. Most of them have "work scholarships" in order to live and continue their studies.

THE METHODIST HOME FAMILY in Charlotte, after making a love offering to the Children's Home at Thanksgiving, is planning to send a gift of clothing to the Cherokee Indian Mission during the Christmas season.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Kings Mountain, women broke all previous spiritual life group attendance records Wednesday, November 9, when 67 met at the parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Brendall for the spiritual life group meeting. After the meeting the ladies were shown through the redecorated parsonage.

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DR. JOHN T. HIGH of Rocky Mount has presented Red Oak Methodist Church with an altar, altar cloth, and altar set. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore have installed hand rails on the front steps of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones presented communion table, pulpit chairs, record boards and had pulpit desk refinished in dark oak to match other furniture.

KNOX METHODIST CHURCH, in Manila, Philippine Islands, "the mother of 325 Methodist congregations in the Islands," has been braving tropical storms and tropical heat for more than forty years, and plans are under way to rebuild it through the "Advance for Christ and His Church" campaign of American Methodism. According to Missionary J. B. Holt, who has been serving as pastor of Knox, post-war Manila continues to be "the melting pot of the Orient," and Knox church one of its most active institutions. Two thousand persons attend its services on the average Sunday, and 1200 of them are students described by Mr. Holt as "living on a shoestring." Of families that brought children to the altar on a recent Sunday for baptism, five were Filipino, one was Chinese, one Indian, and one American.

LOOK MAGAZINE will feature the Methodist Church in its Dec. 20 issue. The article uses seven pages of text and attractive photographs to describe both the operation of a sample Methodist church and something of the history and activities of the denomination as a whole. "In many ways the Methodists form perhaps America's most typical church," the author, Ben Wickersham of LOOK's Chicago Bureau, writes. Bold captions in the article describe the denomination as "taking the lead to make Protestantism a united and progressive force," as putting "no strait jacket on religious thinking," as "leading Protestant churches in charity" and "rejecting communism and its 'method of class war.' " While the story of how a local church serves its community has its setting on Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, the author interestingly supplies facts and figures relating to such nationwide interests as Methodist history, publishing activities, philanthropic and educational institutions and membership. Fourteen attractive photographs help the reader to understand what Methodist church life is like.

Mass Meetings Covered Nation With Excellent Results; Laubach to Speak in State December 15

MASS MEETINGS DRAW 300,000

By E. Harold Mohn,
Executive Director

"If this keeps up, Methodism will have a revival," was the comment of one of the bishops at the close of two great Mass Meetings on successive days in his area.

The impression is universal that the 78 meetings conducted in as many cities across the United States were more than the coming together of nearly 300,000 Christian leaders. It was a search for a deeper understanding of their sacred mission and the dynamic to achieve it. These leaders were convinced that if Methodism is to advance to a conquest of the human heart for Christ and His Church, they must find for themselves something that will motivate and inspire the millions of our membership to new and greater effort.

The very fact that these Mass Meetings were organized around the idea of "Our Faith" and that there was a sincere effort to measure the whole church in terms of its acceptance and application of that faith, is witness to the sincere concern of Methodists today for a revival of true religion. These meetings did not call people into a campaign for money, but into a stewardship of life based upon the conviction that God is incarnate in Christ, that all men are children of God, and that our chief business is to bring His Kingdom into our homes, community, nation and world. Out of that mass conviction and consecration there is bound to come an increased loyalty to "Our Church," a greater dedication of life in the widening areas of "Our Ministry," and the most generous support of "Our Mission" to all men.

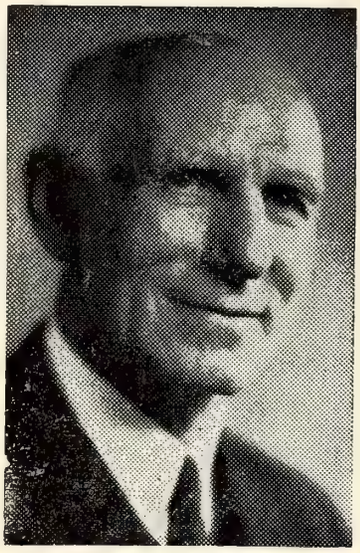
But you want a look at the figures. Statistics like these are valuable mostly for what they represent and imply. The greatest spiritual achievements are intangible and cannot be tabulated. We do not have reports from all Mass Meeting committees. But the Church must not be kept waiting longer for this promised work from the Advance office. Therefore, an estimate is made for the 78 meetings, based upon official returns from 35.

The attendance at these 35 meetings was 130,099, and the number of separate sessions held was 198. Based on these and other facts reported, we may deduce the following gross results for the 78 Mass Meetings:

Total attendance	292,723
Number of separate sessions	443
Pieces of free literature distributed	257,571
Pieces of literature sold	7,571
Sets of "Faith Booklets" sold	27,457

The total amount of offerings received in 35 meetings amounted to $11,780.00. Local expenses for these meetings were $8,568.00. The difference, $3,212.00, was sent to the Advance office for its share of expenses in providing free literature, posters, and in paying the travel expenses of guest speaker bishops. We will not know until all offerings have been reported how near receipts will come to balancing expenditures.

But there are other facts also of interest and importance. At a meeting in a western city, some people had traveled 800 miles to be present at the 6:00 a.m. Communion, and to sit together at breakfast where they heard the address of a guest bishop on "The Meaning of the Incarnation."



Dr. Laubach

In many places Methodist churches were inadequate to accommodate the crowds, and the meetings were transferred to large sister-churches, college chapels, or to city auditoriums. In one Eastern city 400 young people at the youth banquet requested the privilege of becoming the nucleus for a Methodist-wide "Fellowship of Prayer" at six o'clock every evening.

The largest single Mass Meeting attendance has already been widely publicized. It was the Los Angeles meeting, where about 5,500 persons thronged the great Shrine Auditorium. There were other audiences that numbered into the thousands. In some cities the program of the day called for eight different sessions. In others the program committee arranged for as few as three. Taking into account the number of meetings held and the attendance at each, the largest gross attendance reported was 9,200 at Los Angeles. None reported to date dropped below the 1,000 mark.

While it was deliberately planned to make "Our Faith" central in program and literature, these Mass Meetings were not used to sell large quantities of the booklets. The supply at the meetings was provided as a convenience to the people present. Of greater importance was the presentation of "Our Faith" as a challenge for thought and action. The challenge resulted in such a flood of orders for the booklets that by the end of October every one of the half-million sets had been shipped. Since that time an additional 100,000 sets have been printed, and half of them have been sold. More than 15,000 pastors have ordered these booklets through their district superintendents. So great is this demand for the seed of the Gospel that out of its planting God will surely bring forth an abundant harvest.

In this imposing plan of a mass approach to the most vital theme in our Preaching and Teaching Endeavor, the messages and the panel discussions and other addresses were a clear call to devotion and dedication. It was a month of spiritual awakening, renewed consecration, enlarged vision, and glorious fellowship for scores of thousands of churchmen. It was so well done that Methodism may desire to do it again. May God grant that our increasing concern for Christ and His Church may issue in spiritual power commensurate with both the needs and opportunities of our world today.

FAMED APOSTLE OF LITERACY TO SPEAK AT HIGH POINT

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, universally known as the apostle of literacy, will speak at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, Thursday, December 15, under the auspices of the High Point Ministerial Association, the Council of Church Women and the churches of High Point. He is scheduled for appearances at 10:30 a.m., at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Laubach's efforts on behalf of the illiterates throughout the world during the past thirty years are well known. Though many times honored by presidents and kings, he goes his way humbly year after year in his efforts to unlock the printed word to those who are linguistically imprisoned.

In 1915 Dr. Laubach went with his wife to the Philippine Islands as a missionary. After founding churches on the island of Mindanao, he established and became dean of Union College in Manila. In 1930 he returned to his first area, the island of Mindanao, and began a ministry to the Mohammedan Moros, who regarded the Christian Filipinos as their enemies. It is estimated that through his educational efforts he has been able to teach one-half of the 90,000 people in that territory to read and write. More than that, he has been able to bring them a deeper experience of God.

The Laymen's Movement for a Christian World sent Dr. Laubach to the Paris Peace Conference to organize prayer groups to help condition the conference toward doing God's will. His presence as a man of prayer was "something different" at the gathering of diplomats, high ranking military leaders and government officials. The news of his work made one of the feature stories of the conference. Upon his return to the United States he was sent to 26 cities in the United States and Canada to urge upon the citizens of America the necessity for prayer. His message resulted in requests for over 940,000 Prayer Cards. Of these, approximately 40,000 have been signed and returned.

Though officially a missionary of the American Board of the Congregational Christian Churches Dr. Laubach is being sponsored this year by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Student Volunteer Movement, and Agricultural Missions, Inc. He began a tour of the United States with a meeting in Boston on October 14. His visit to High Point is a part of this tour. When it is completed he will go to Africa for another campaign in behalf of illiterates.

Interested people throughout the state are invited to hear Dr. Laubach.

AGED MINISTER PASSES

Rev. Horatio Seymour Blair Thompson, aged eighty-one years and a retired member of the North Carolina Annual Conference, passed to his reward from his home at Seagrove, N. C., on Friday, November 18. The funeral service was held in Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, on Monday, November 21, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Kelly, assisted by Rev. J. A. Burgess, Dr. S. W. Taylor and Dr. J. E. Pritchard. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, and four sons.

College Foundation to Meet in High Point; Board of Missions in Session; Methodist Hour Reaches Many

AROUND 300 EXPECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING OF METHODIST COLLEGE FOUNDATION

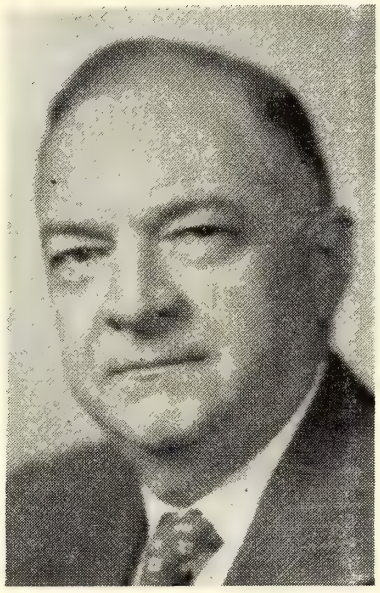
Around 300 ministers and laymen from all over the state are expected to attend the annual meeting of the Methodist College Foundation to be held Saturday, December 10, at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, according to officials of the Foundation. The program will begin at one p.m. with a luncheon provided without cost by the churches of High Point. James A. Gray of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Foundation, will be in charge of the program.

In the program that will follow the luncheon Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of High Point College, will bring an address on "The Role of Independent Colleges and Universities." Reports from various committees will also be given, and officers for the new year will be elected.

The group will also hear Dr. B. Joseph Martin, newly elected director of the Foundation.

Organized last fall at Winston-Salem, the Foundation is expected to begin an intensive program during the months ahead.

About 500 ministers and laymen are members of the organization.



James A. Gray
Chairman of the Methodist College Foundation



Edwin L. Jones
President of the Methodist College Foundation

METHODIST HOUR REACHES LARGE AUDIENCE

The Methodist Hour is now being broadcast over the largest independent interdenominationally sponsored network in the nation, according to the Joint Radio Committee of the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions which met recently at Gulfport, Miss.

Forty-nine stations, among which are ten 50,000 watt stations, receive this program every Sunday morning by the telephone network. (At a cost of approximately $1,600 per half hour's broadcast.) Fifty stations receive the program by transcription and play it one week later. An estimated listenership is reported undetermined: the most conservative feel that at least 750,000 people hear the program each week, an optimistic estimate would be more than 2,000,000. At any estimate given, this much is known: the leadership of Methodism in these two Jurisdictions is reached each week.

The Joint Radio Committee now has joint ownership in the Protestant Radio Center which gives the Committee—and the Church—the privilege of using the best equipment available for the production of radio programs, phonograph records, and other audio aids for religious work. The Protestant Radio Center formally opened and dedicated November 3, is located at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. It is owned by a number of Protestant radio committees, Columbia Theological Seminary and Emory University.

The Committee approved the designation of the months of July, August and September, 1950, as the period for the broadcast of the Methodist Hour for next year.

The Committee also made plans for broadcasting of the Methodist Hour during the winter of 1951 and the spring of 1952 and discussed themes for these series.

Bishop Dana Dawson of Topeka, Kansas, is the chairman of this quadrennial committee and Dr. Embree H. Blackard of Asheville, N. C., is the secretary.



MIAMI, FLA.—Bishop Roy H. Short introduces the Cuba delegation to Florida Methodist attending the Advance mass meeting held here to launch the eight months study of "Our Faith."

BOARD OF MISSIONS MEETS THIS WEEK

The annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church is being held at The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pa., December 6 to 9. The home and foreign missionary work of the Church, in every state in the Union and in 40 overseas areas, is being reviewed, and plans and appropriations are being made for 1950. In the absence of the president, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, who is in Malaya, the four vice-presidents—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop A. Frank Smith, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks and Dr. John W. Hawley—are presiding over various sessions.

Present at Buck Hill Falls for the meeting are 35 bishops of the Methodist Church, 22 other ministers, 46 laymen, 56 women, 13 youth, and 7 executive secretaries of the Board's divisions.

Highlights of the four-day session are the report of Dr. Eugene L. Smith, the new executive secretary, concerning his visit to Africa—given on the afternoon of the 6th; a report of Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, recently retired executive, on the morning of the 7th, on plans for an International Christian University in Japan; an address by Bishop Oxnam, on the evening of the 7th, on "Protestantism and the World Crisis"; a formal recognition of the retirement of Dr. Diffendorfer, and the commissioning of 25 new missionaries and deaconesses on the evening of the 8th.

Jurisdiction Raising Funds for Children's Building at Lake Junaluska; Conference Contributes $1,000

Edited by CARL H. KING

THE CHILDREN'S BUILDING, LAKE JUNALUSKA, A JURISDICTIONAL PROJECT

Hundreds of church school teachers of the Jurisdiction have benefited by the leadership education program at Lake Junaluska. An important part of this program is the laboratory school and other activities for children. As the summer program is expanded, the need for a children's building has emerged. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at its meeting in Columbia, South Carolina, approved the raising of funds for this building, and specific plans for the project were presented to and approved by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council at its meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 19, 1949.

The proposed building will contain classroom space for each age group in the laboratory school; space for the assembly Sunday morning sessions during the entire summer; rooms for weekday activities; children's library; workers' library; and space for other activities. The building is designed to serve all the children under twelve years of age for varied activities during the summer.

The $50,000 needed is to be raised by the Conference Executive Secretaries and the Conference Directors of Children's Work in cooperation with the church schools of each Annual Conference.

Offerings from Church Schools

As is well known, we are attempting to build a children's building at Lake Junaluska, to be named in honor of Miss Kennedy, one of the effective workers for children in the Southern Methodist Church. This project is being financed by an offering to be taken in all our Sunday Schools for that purpose. It is separate and apart from the regular Junaluska campaign. I am informed by Carl King, Executive Secretary, Salisbury, that the time set for the Western North Carolina Conference is from now until Sunday, February 5. This has such appeal that all our pastors and church superintendents will see that this cause is properly presented in our respective Sunday Schools, and a voluntary offering received not later than Sunday, February 5. All contributions should be remitted to Carl H. King, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C.—COSTEN J. HARRELL.

Opportunity and Responsibility

There are more than 27,500,000 children in the United States under twelve years of age. At least 30% of these reside in the nine states of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. Our church has a large share of the responsibility for these children. Here is the greatest evangelistic challenge and opportunity now before the church. There must be more and better trained workers to win these children to Christ and His Church. A Children's Building at Lake Junaluska will make a Jurisdictional laboratory school possible for training these workers year after year.

W.N.C. Contributions to Children's Building to Date

Pine Grove-Mt. Carmel, $10.00; New Hope-Bethel, $0.67; Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, $82.38; Dilworth, Charlotte, $25.00; Asbury-Oak Grove, $2.00; Linwood, $4.00; St. James, Charlotte, $21.67; Broad Street, Statesville, $6.43; Francis Asbury, $7.60; Marvin Chapel, $4.00; First, Belmont, $25.00; Morris Field, Charlotte, $6.52; St. Paul, Charlotte, $11.25; Cole Memorial, Charlotte, $7.50; Oakdale-Jamestown, $18.00; East End, Gastonia, $40.00; Myers Park, Charlotte, $294.00; Main Street, Gastonia, $10.00; First, Rutherfordton, $5.00; Fallston Charge, $3.50; Lake Junaluska, $5.00; Memorial, Thomasville, $5.00; First Hendersonville, $64.66; West Asheville, $7.76; Centenary, Greensboro, $6.00; Chadwick, Charlotte, $3.00; Asbury, Lincolnton, $10.50; Troutman, $3.50; Central, Shelby, $15.00; Clover Hill-Lawndale, $7.45; Tabernacle-Albemarle Ct., $3.15; Rutherford College, $10.00; Spruce Pine, $3.00; Central, Albemarle, $51.49; First, Forest City, $23.10; Boulevard, Statesville, $7.70; Central, Monroe, $8.50; Hillside-Merrimon, $6.27; Swannanoa Circuit, $9.00; Commonwealth, Charlotte, $15.00; Cotton Grove-Linwood, $10.00; West Market, Greensboro, $66.78; Shiloh-Granite Quarry, $5.08; Personal Contributions, $65.00. Total, $1,001.46.

Children's Building Emphasis During December, January and February 5

It is hoped that every church school in the conference will make some contribution to this fund between now and February 5. Our next check-up and report to this conference and to other conferences of the Jurisdiction will be made on February 8. The Virginia and South Carolina Conferences now have approximately half their amounts in hand. Bishop Marvin Franklin and members of his cabinet have designated January 29 as the date for the offering in one of the Mississippi Conferences. Other conferences have different approaches to this matter. Plans to raise our share were endorsed by the cabinet last year. The above statement by Bishop Harrell gives us a challenge to try to complete this item by February if possible. We do need the building for activities with the children and for a training center for workers with children from the Jurisdiction. Let us complete this item from our church schools now and be ready to assist the church with the larger drive for Junaluska later. In most cases church schools must set larger goals than the amounts given by Vacation Church School groups if our total goal of $6,000 is to be reached.

—Photo courtesy of the Asheville Citizen



The Asheville Area training school for Western North Carolina Methodists at Central Methodist Church. Attending the Conference were 230 persons. Classes were held each night of the five-day school.

Mission Workers Needed; Mrs. Doub Appointed; 110 Attend Lumberton Zone Meeting; Boards Meet

Edited by MRS. A. H. BORLAND
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WANTED

The Missionary Personnel Committee of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service has gotten out a most attractive leaflet called "Wanted—Laborers for the Vineyard," featuring Miss Ida Collie of Raleigh.

"Today challenging jobs under the church exceed the number of trained workers available to do them. Boards are constantly looking for trained young people willing and ready to be sent anywhere in the name of Christ—to meet the needs of people—to do anything that needs to be done. In the face of unprecedented need and opportunity we find Advance blocked because there are too few workers."

This quotation from the leaflet shows the vital need for workers and on the opposite page there is a sketch of Miss Collie and a letter from her. This is very well done, and should appeal to the young people of the church. The young people must be given the opportunity to make the decision for themselves. It is up to the women and other leaders to show them the fields of service open to them.

Miss Collie is planning to work in China, but due to conditions at the present time, she will serve for a year in the Mary Johnston Hospital in Manila, P. I. She has written to the nurse in charge of the Hospital asking for things she might bring from America to help the girls in the nursing school. The nurse suggested gingham or seersucker material for playsuits. Something for the school itself was a projector, with slides and film, etc. These are things which may be done. If any person or group is interested in doing some of these projects, contact Mrs. W. C. Chadwick in New Bern, and further details will be furnished.

NEW MISSIONARY EDUCATION SECRETARY

Mrs. N. P. Edens, conference secretary of missionary education, announces the appointment of Mrs. H. W. Doub of Aberdeen as the new secretary of missionary education for the Fayetteville district.

LETTER FROM MRS. HOOD

On Mrs. Gurney P. Hood's recent visit to the west coast, she visited many of the centers of work of the Woman's Division. The Gum Moon Residence Hall for Chinese girls in San Francisco was one of the most impressive. Mrs. Hood said that it was really a haven for the girls in the Chinatown area. One Chinese merchant said "The women of the Methodist Church are to be highly commended for making possible a Christian home for our young women."

DR. LINEBERGER ILL

Word has come that Dr. Lineberger, husband of our beloved Anne Lineberger, conference secretary of organization and promotion, is ill in Rex Hospital, Raleigh. He suffered a heart attack on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. He is reported as holding his own, but still very ill.

WEAVER'S CHAPEL ORGANIZED

Rocky Mount district reports that Mrs. Henry Maddrey, promotion secretary, has another new society, Weaver's Chapel on the Littleton circuit. This society was organized by Rev. and Mrs. J. Bascom Hurley. This is the second society organized on this circuit during the pastorate of Mr. Hurley.

Weaver's Chapel had its first meeting at the parsonage in October with Mrs. Hurley as hostess. The officers elected are: president, Mrs. Lindsay Pulley; vice-president, Mrs. Joe Smith; recording secretary, Miss Willie Floyd Walker; treasurer, Mrs. Milton Wilson; promotion secretary, Mrs. Peter Dickens; missionary education, Mrs. Matthew Wilson; literature and publications, Mrs. Jessie Jenkins; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. James Pittman; supplies, Mrs. Ervie Smith; children's work, Miss Beatrice Jenkins; youth work, Mrs. Harry Daniel; spiritual life, Mrs. Edward Wilson; missionary personnel, Mrs. Ike Porter; student work, Mrs. Leslie Cooley; and status of women, Miss Mabel Porter.

LUMBERTON ZONE MEETING

The Lumberton zone meeting of the Wilmington district was held in Trinity church, Fairmont, in October with Mrs. W. E. Glenn, retiring leader, as the presiding officer. The meeting was opened by a devotional given by Mrs. Fuller of Lumberton. Mrs. Houston welcomed the group, and Mrs. D. D. King of Lumberton responded.

At the roll call each society gave a short report. This was followed by a brief session of questions and answers. The young people of Trinity church gave a musical selection. Mrs. H. O. Lineberger of Raleigh, conference secretary of promotion, gave a talk dealing with the Advance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

During the business session, Mrs. E. C. Huffines was elected zone leader, and Mrs. M. S. Huston, secretary. The meeting was concluded with a luncheon at the church. About 110 were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WILMINGTON DISTRICT

The executive board of the Wilmington district Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. W. I. McLamb near Garland. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mrs. L. L. Motte, recording secretary, presided. Mrs. W. C. Davis, spiritual life secretary, gave a most inspiring devotional.

Encouraging reports were given by the following officers and zone leaders present: Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary; Mrs. L. L. Motte, recording secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Kermit Wheeler, Christian social relations; Mrs. Laura K. Sutton, student work; Mrs. Jessie Peters, youth work; Mrs. Victor Venters, children's work; Mrs. W. C. Davis, spiritual life; Mrs. Daniel Lane, literature and publications; Mrs. W. W. Sellars, supply work; Mrs. William Hobbs, assistant secretary of literature; Mrs. W. I. McLamb, status of women; Miss Ida Hankins, missionary personnel; Mrs. L. Baggett, Columbus zone; Mrs. W. E. Glenn, Lumberton zone; Mrs. A. D. Byrd, New Hanover zone; Mrs. James Floyd, Sampson zone;. Mrs. C. D. Barclift, conference recording secretary, and Mrs. M. S. Huston, secretary of Lumberton zone, were also present. At noon Mrs. McLamb served a barbecue dinner on the lawn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

The district officers of the Elizabeth City district Woman's Society of Christian Service met at City Road Methodist Church in October.

Mrs. M. Leigh Sheep gave a beautiful devotional using as her topic "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" She pointed out that fear of position and indifference on our part now are the same as our presence at the Crucifixion.

There were 22 present and only two absent. The treasurer reported that only 11 societies had failed to pay their cultiva-

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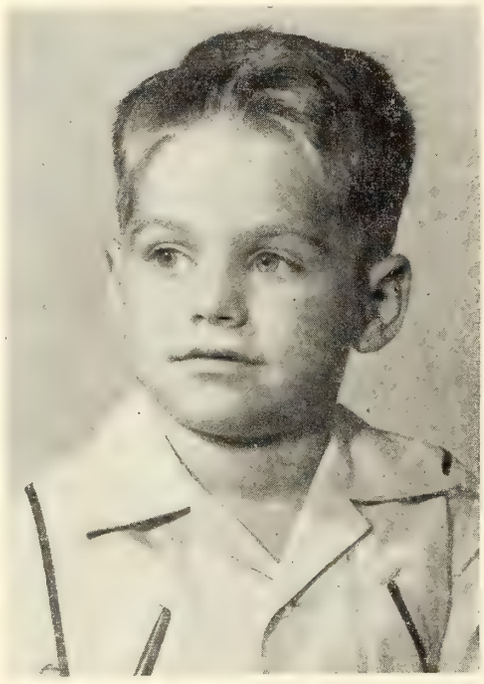
Home Has Mild Epidemic; 14 Children Received; Many Churches Send Thanksgiving Offerings

By O. V. WOOSLEY

The Children's Home
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Growing Big Thoughts

TO BED WE GO

It has been about a year since our children have been subjected to an epidemic of illness. To be sure, every day has registered a few sick children in the infirmary, but only very few at a time. But within the last few days we have run into an epidemic of colds and attendant ailments, such as hurting ears, burning throats and congested lungs. The girls at the infirmary serving as assistant nurses reported this morning that they served 47 trays to the youngsters who had had to go to bed with ailments. Doubtless within a few days the epidemic will have passed. Youngsters can get well mighty fast, particularly with Santa Claus time just around the corner.

THE NEWCOMERS

We have this week enrolled 14 youngsters, 8 boys and 6 girls. These boys and girls are now in the midst of getting adjusted. Some of them, particularly the little youngsters, can make their adjustments very readily. Others have to reason things out over several days. It is our policy for all newcomers to go to the infirmary where they are carefully checked over by the nurse and our doctors. As soon as possible thereafter they go to their cottages to be thrown into normal conditions existing here. Our capacity is now completely filled.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

We are now enjoying the good facilities offered by the new addition to our school building. For the first time in a quarter of a century all our school interests, so far as the first eight grades go, are centered in one building. The fireproof addition offers safety to our constantly growing library. The children can now do their schooling without so much exposure to the weather. The high school boys and girls continue to go across the way to the Richard J. Reynolds high school.

PULLS THE WAGON

Just outside the window one notices the little kindergarteners full of play and full of fun. The little youngster who wished to pull the red wagon the most is herewith presented. His name is Jerry Chilton, five and a half years old and a happy member of the baby cottage family. Jerry is sponsored by Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Valdese, Mrs. Charles Burgin being the correspondent.

THE BIG QUESTION

The big question in our minds now is how many of our friends will present The Children's Home interests at this glorious season of the year and how much will come of the interest when presented. We have noted that those who use the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons for raising funds for our family do a better job at supplying the needs of our family than those who do otherwise. There is a good deal of value in personalizing one's interest in children. Money coming out of a budgetary allotment serves just as well per unit as any other but it does not place little loving children in the midst of people's minds and hearts as well as to have a special emphasis time for them.

THE JOY BELL

The joy bell has dinged and donged quite considerably lately. It has rung every time a congregation or a charge paid its basic or total apportionment in full. It rings a little longer when the total askings are paid. Those congregations and pastors having sent out melodious tones since last recording are herewith listed:

Cedar Hill, Ansonville circuit, John R. Little; Glenwood, Greensboro, T. H. Swofford; West Jefferson, H. H. Wood; Triplett, Centenary-Triplett, R. M. Varner; Ebenezer, Belmont, Jerry D. Murray; Park Street, Belmont, Rollin P. Gibbs; Boger City, W. S. Smith; Mountain Valley, Ivy circuit, J. M. Green; McKendree, McKendree circuit, C. L. Jackson; Coburn Memorial, Salisbury, E. H. Brendall; Higgins Memorial, Burnsville, F. R. Barber; Stony Knoll, East Bend circuit; W. C. Eastridge; Skyland, Skyland-Mt. Zion, B. A. Adams; Grace, Greensboro, P. W. Townsend; Newlyn Street, Greensboro, W. H. Benfield; Eldorado circuit, five congregations, Frank Blalock; Central, Spencer, Byron Shankle; Ebenezer, South Fork circuit, W. G. Burgin; Pine Grove, Kernersville circuit, G. W. Faulkner; Penland, Bakersville circuit, G. A. Hovis.

HOME TO HOME

In sending us a check for $80 our good friend, Rev. C. M. Pickens, writes: "We had our Thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening and received an offering for The Children's Home. We had previously announced that this Thanksgiving offering would be for The Children's Home, and the enclosed check indicates the interest the guests of The Methodist Home have for The Children's Home family. We hope and expect that this will be an annual observance."

A TRUE STORY

Soon after conference R. S. Story, treasurer of the Albemarle circuit, forwarded us $50 and stated that this was part of the arrearages for last conference year on The Children's Home askings. He stated that later on a check for $100 would be forwarded, and sure enough it came the other day, completely cancelling the arrearage. This man Story seems to be as good as his word. No pressure was put on him from the outside. Of course there were some inside workings.

REVIVED MEMORIES

On Thanksgiving morning L. L. Moore flew over to Winston-Salem and carried Beverly Witherspoon, one of our fine young men, back with him to present The Children's Home to the Grace, Greensboro, Thanksgiving congregation. Judging from the subsequent check received, our Grace friends were in a Thanksgiving mood. Beverly brought back a little toy piano, a gift from Mrs. Olive Newell Shepherd, who writes: "When I was a little girl even the furnished parsonages didn't have a toy piano. Here is the one I wanted 35 years ago. Will you find the right little girl?"

This scribe knew Olive when she was a little girl and the little piano brings back tender memories of her, her good old dad, Rev. W. A. Newell, now deceased, and her talented mother, still living.

GOOD TIDINGS

"Enclosed you will find money order for $126, paying in full the total askings to The Children's Home from Pine Grove on the Kernersville circuit. You will continue to receive the fifth Sunday offerings."—Fred S. Ingram.

"Enclosed you will find check for $60 to be added to the $120 already forwarded, completely paying our total askings from Lebanon on the Labanon-Old Union charge."—Mrs. C. R. Wood.

"The people of the Moriah church gladly accepted the five per cent voluntary suggested amount as well as the basic apportionment for The Children's Home. The enclosed check does not constitute our full amount for the year but as we give thanks for the year's harvest our church wants to help your children to be able to give thanks also."—Jarvis P. Brown.

"As our Hopewell church does not take fifth Sunday collections for The Children's Home any more, I am sending you $5 as a thank offering to be used where needed."—Mrs. B. C. Lambeth.

FIRSTHAND INFORMATION

In the letter Dr. Mark Depp sent out to the membership of Centenary, Winston-Salem, congregation he writes: "Centenary church has a particular interest in The Children's Home. . . First of all it is home for more than 400 boys and girls. And they know it. Your heart would be thrilled, and you might easily have tears in your eyes, to hear them sing 'I Am Proud of The Children's Home and I'll Make Her Proud of Me.' We, too, are proud of it—proud of its fine location and spacious grounds; its equipment, already good and growing better; its excellent staff; its magnificent morale; and most of all, its splendid care of the children."

Jeremiah Teaches Personal Religion

Jeremiah 8:4-7; 26; 31

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Sin is so unnatural, says Jeremiah, that even the birds and the beasts rebuke us, for beasts follow instincts that guide them aright, and birds know the time of their coming and going. And they not only know what is for their health and welfare; they do it. But men rush into unnatural sin in a way that makes one think of a cavalry charge. And when they have done wrong and reap the results of it they have no remorse. They never exclaim, What have I done! When they fall down they have not even sense enough to get up again, and when they suffer for their folly they blame it all on their grandfathers. They feel that they sin by an irresistible thrusting-on as a result of the sins of their ancestors. They say, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

The day will come, says the prophet, when men will cease to hold their forebears responsible for their sins and for the sufferings they have brought upon themselves. And God will write a new covenant in their hearts, and his laws will cease to seem something imposed from without, but they will follow spontaneously and eagerly the inner guidance of God's Spirit.

How has this prophecy been fulfilled? First of all, Jesus came with his new revelation of the love of God. Just in proportion as we believe that the heart of the Creator is represented by that Friend of publicans and sinners who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, just in that proportion our hearts go out with an eager desire to serve him. Paul says, The love of Christ constraineth us. As the moon draws the tide, He who died to save us from our sins attracts us to loyalty and service.

Moreover it is not merely the love of Christ that draws us to spontaneous, overflowing service, but also the charm of his example and the reasonableness of his teachings. Unlike the hard impositions which the scribes enforced upon religious men, Jesus calls us to a reasonable service. Hear him as he says, Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth the man, but that which proceedeth out of the mouth; this defileth the man. Watch Paul, his great apostle as, at the risk of his life, he insists that Gentiles need not be circumcised or conform to the burdensome Jewish dietary laws. Hear St. Augustine as he proclaims that to be a Christian is to "love and do as you please."

If one desires to learn to play a piano or any other instrument, he practices until the right movements become automatic, and they are written on his brain. That is what we must do if we would learn to play the music of the Christian life. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Then it comes about that the fruits of the Spirit are the natural outgrowth of his life, and the promise of Jesus is fulfilled, If ye continue in my words, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 7:17). Children have to be taught their manners, but with the example of a courteous father and mother and frequent admonitions, good manners, in time, become to them automatic. They do not have to think what the book of etiquette says. Moreover, as men abide in Christ, and constanly rehearse his teachings, the right course not only becomes instinctive but is reinforced by a heaven-imparted vitality.

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The Little Boarders

By CORA S. DAY

This story really began last fall, when robins went south for the winter. Just a few days before they went, Millie and Jack made a strange discovery. They went out one morning, and there on the lawn were two young robins. It was plain to be seen that they were just out of the nest, for their long thin legs were wobbly, their tails were mere stubs, and their wings were too weak to carry them more than a few yards at a time.

"I never saw young robins so late in the season," said Jack, who liked and studied birds. "I think something must have happend to the old birds' first brood, and they started this brood later than usual."

For several days the baby robins hopped about the lawn and among the shrubbery, while father and mother robins fed them faithfully. Then, one morning, the baby robins called and called, but no father or mother answered, or came with their breakfast. Millie and Jack soon noticed their unusually loud, plaintive cries, and watched them. At last Jack cried:

"The robins have gone south! The father and mother birds have gone with them, and left their poor babies here. They are too young to go with the rest."

"Oh, the cruel, heartless birds!" Millie said indignantly. But Jack defended them.

"They didn't know any better. Poor things, they couldn't stay here. They would freeze and starve. Instinct told them to go when the flock went. But what's to be done with these little birds?" He looked puzzled. "I'd try to catch them and take care of them, but it is against the law. There is a fine of $20 for having a robin in your possession," he said. Then he brightened.

"I'll take my wheel and go see Mr. Wilson, over in Benton. He is the game warden. If he will give me permission—." He didn't stop to finish, but away he went.

Mr. Wilson liked birds. He liked boys, too, when they were Jack's sort of boys. He listened interestedly, gave the necessary permission, and sent Jack home happy.

It was getting along toward spring when Mr. Wilson happened to be near and called on Jack.

"How about those robins?" he asked. Jack led him to a big empty, unfinished loft over the kitchen. No, it was not empty; for in it were two of the plumpest, the handsomest and the tamest robins that Mr. Wilson had ever seen.

"Aren't they fine?" laughed Jack holding out a hand, to which they flew fearlessly. "I certainly am proud of those robins!"—The Sunbeam.



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DR. MORELAND ADDRESSES GREENSBORO COLLEGE AUDIENCE ON FOUNDERS DAY

"The graduates of this Christian institution have reached a total of 9 million lives since its founding," Dr. J. Earl Moreland, president of Randolph-Macon College, estimated in an address at Greensboro College Founders, Benefactors, and Homecoming Day exercises last Saturday in Odell Auditorium.

The featured speaker of the day based his calculations on the supposition that most college graduates manage to contact some 300 persons in a lifetime. "Who will present a yardstick sufficiently powerful to measure the influence of a Christian college?" he asked.

Dr. Moreland went on to liken the church-related college to a building. "The foundation of our Christian colleges is found in our church heritage," he pointed out. "Think of all church colleges have done through the centuries, boring into the life of our country Christian ideals."

Continuing his analogy, the speaker stated that the structure of Christian colleges is the enrollment of over 50% of all college students as of 1940. The church-related college graduates have served as checks and balances in society and have helped spread Christian ideals.

"Now we must solve the problem of our own natures," said Moreland in describing the superstructure of the church-related college. "Man is now face to face with himself. Will he take the implements he has made and destroy himself or build a better world?"

Dr. Luther L. Gobbel, president of the College, officiated at the program at which Moreland spoke. He welcomed visitors and introduced platform guests including representatives of the board of trustees, the college administration, the Alumnae Association, and the student body.

Over 200 alumnae and friends of the college were present for a buffet luncheon in the dining hall following the program. Mrs. Ada K. Smith, dietitian, presided. Color was added to the day with a concert rendered by the Greensboro Senior High School band directed by Herbert Hazelman on the terrace at 2:00 p.m.

Concluding the activities was a pilgrimage to the tomb of Rev. Peter Doub, early leader in education for women.

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The pamphlet, **Guides in the Study of Our Faith Booklets,** was produced in response to a strong demand. Many pastors, in addition to using the pamphlet themselves, are recommending it to leaders of study groups, and to individual readers of the "Faith" booklets.

In commenting on the phenomenal distribution of nearly 5,000,000 copies of booklets in connection with the current denomination-wide Teaching Endeavor, Dr. E. Harold Mohn, Executive Director, said: "We are getting reports from every area which show that pastors are taking this great teaching program seriously. It is a thrilling and important phase of the Advance. It can, and hundreds are expressing the belief that it will, result in a widespread revival of religion."

EUROPE STILL NEEDS CLOTHES

The areas where there is large need for clothing are Greece, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia. All types of clothing are needed, excluding luxury items—suits, underwear, coats for winter. Shoes are needed: but no high heels, larger sizes especially in women's shoes, and low heels. No luxury or fancy shoes. Work clothing for adults and play clothing for children—like blue denims and jackets—are needed. Everything which is textile is needed, from handkerchiefs to underwear—if it is cloth it is used, except fancy things.—Jan Mirejovsky, Youth Department, World Council of Churches, Geneva.

REV. GILES W. VICK DIES AT HOME

The Rev. Giles Wesley Vick, 68, died at his home Monday morning at 2:30 o'clock. He lived at 2608 University Drive in Durham.

He was born in Nash County, the son of Josiah and Margaret Dew Vick and was graduated from Trinity College in Durham in 1911. He had served in the Western Conference of the Methodist Church for the past 40 years. He had been retired since September of this year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Annie Pitts; five children, G. W. Vick of Miami, Fla., Joe P. Vick of Alexandria, Va., Whitefield Vick of Durham, Mrs. W. H. McCown also of Durham, and Mrs. W. C. Bost of Salisbury; one grandson; two sisters, Mrs. Chris Hibberd of Durham and Mrs. John Corbitt of Bailey; two brothers, Doan Vick and Claud Vick, both of Bailey.

Funeral services were held in Durham at the Hall-Wynne Funeral Chapel at 3 p.m. Tuesday, with interment in Maplewood Cemetery, Durham.

N. C. CONFERENCE WOMAN'S PAGE

(Continued from page eleven)

tion fee. A motion carried that the cultivation fee be increased to 15 cents per member and that it be paid the first quarter.

A motion carried that the district send a delegate to the Assembly of the Woman's Division in Cleveland on April 3, and that a fee of ten cents per member be paid during the third quarter to defray the delegate's expenses. Mrs. George Jackson, promotion secretary, was elected the delegate; and Mrs. E. R. Meekins, president, the alternate.

Mrs. Jackson recommended that a committee be formed to draw up a set of by-laws for the district. This committee was appointed by the president, and included Mrs. Glenn Pendleton, chairman, Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. M. L. Sheep, Miss Ethelynde Ballance, and Mrs. D. L. Meekins.

The president asked the women to pray for the finding of someone to become District Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds. She asked, too, for prayers each day at 6 o'clock for the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Jackson, reporting on the seminars, stated that 47 societies were reached with an attendance of 252. The last week in June was agreed upon for the district meeting to be held in Ahoskie. The board was reluctant to accept the resignation of Mrs. Garland Meekins, secretary of student work, because of ill health.

The president asked that societies become alert in the matter of collecting coupons for the orphanage. She also asked that a scrapbook be kept by the secretary, which will contain the district activities. Also that a copy of the minutes be sent to each district officer. A luncheon was served by the women of the church. The meeting adjourned at 3:30. Mrs. Enoch Sanderlin, the secretary, sent the report.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Etta Brogden

Calypso.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Calypso Methodist Church, wish to pay a loving tribute to our beloved fellow-member, Mrs. Etta Brogden, who went home to glory on October 2, 1949. She was affectionately called "Miss Etta" by everybody. We deeply feel her loss from our midst. She was a devoted member of the Calypso church and most active in the work of the Society. Her fidelity to her home, her friends, her community and her church is a treasured testimony to her devout faith and beautiful Christian life.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service, Calypso Methodist Church.

Mrs. Ella Jane Bryant

Henrietta.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Henrietta Methodist Church, wish to pay loving tribute to one of our beloved members, Mrs. Ella Jane Bryant, who died at her home October 13, 1949.

The following resolutions have been written:

First, we extend to the bereaved family our sympathy, love and appreciation, and assure them our continued interest, concern and willingness to cooperate and serve their needs.

Second, Ella Jane Bryant, founder of the Woman's Class, was always loyal to her church, the Woman's Society, and her community.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Society, a copy sent to the family, and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. —Mrs. A. O. Harrilson, president; Mrs. P. F. Snider, secretary.

Mrs. Minnie Suits

High Point.—Mrs. Minnie L. Suits, wife of Rev. Edward Suits, well-known and much beloved resident, died at her home shortly after 6 o'clock Monday morning, September 26, following a lengthy illness. She had been in declining health five years and in a serious condition since April. Mrs. Suits was born in Rockingham County, the daughter of Robert and Sarah Massey Simpson. She came to this city 32 years ago from Pinnacle, after having lived in various cities where Rev. Suits served as pastor. She was a faithful member of Rankin Memorial Methodist Church, which was erected during Rev. Suits' ministry there. Mrs. Suits was educated in the public schools of Rockingham county. On November 21, 1900, she was married to Rev. Suits.—John F. Cagle, pastor.

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—Religious News Service Photo

Our Readers Discuss Evangelism; Appointment Announced; Rutherdfordton Tops Advocate List

CONCERNING EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS

Dear Editor:

I wish to congratulate you on the editorial you had in the Advocate last week on the Philadelphia Evangelistic Advance. That was the most sane, sensible, editorial I have seen published in our Advocate in years.

I would like for you to write one in the interest of equalization of salaries, and open the pages for other articles that any of the pastors might wish to write. I believe that is a matter that needs to be discussed quite a bit pro and con.

PAUL R. RAYLE

Hamptonville.

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Dear Editor:

Again you have touched the button on my machine. I must commend and thank you for your editorial, "Will the Philadelphia Evangelistic Advance Point the way?".

This really has the Methodist ring. Push that button again. One statement I would change slightly. You say Methodism was born in a revival. I have been saying it was born a revival. There was no revival for it to be born in, but just the opposite—a dead church. But when Wesley was converted at Aldersgate Chapel the thing started and was continued as he sought and obtained sanctification on the 23rd day afterward; and further preparation for the work the last night of the year at a meeting of love feast and watchnight service and all night prayer meeting. When they got their pentecost as the Apostles did on the day of Pentecost. I am sending you a tract that I wrote on the celebration of Wesley's Aldersgate experience a few years ago which gives reference in McTyiers History of Methodism page 147.

We cannot save the people if we do not save Methodism, so our biggest job now is to save Methodism. I'm afraid we can not, but your editorial is encouraging to me.

I am sending you a copy of my last little book. The facts in it are discouraging but I am in the fight to the last ditch.

EBENEZER MYERS

Lenoir.

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Dear Editor:—As a pastor, student of Duke Divinity School, and a reader of the N. C. Advocate, I wish to write you a few lines to express my appreciation of two of your recent editorials. Both have been bold and fearless in the assumptions made and the facts stated. All the editorials are fine, but the one "Methodism and the Common People" and the latest, "Will the Philadelphia Evangelistic Advance Point the Way?" have been two of the most revealing editorials that I have ever read in the Advocate. I read the last editorial to my congregation in my sermon last Sunday. No better article on evangelism could have been written, so I say a hearty thanks and give us more of such!

C. M. FOGLEMAN, JR.

REV. JAMES T. INGRAM GOES TO NEW HOPE-BETHEL CHARGE

Bishop Costen J. Harrell has authorized the appointment of Rev. James T. Ingram, native of Mumford, Alabama, as pastor of the New Hope-Bethel charge, Charlotte District. This appointment is effective as of December 9, 1949.

After being graduated from Snead Junior College, Boaz, Ala., Mr. Ingram served in the armed forces of the United States in Europe. Following his discharge from the Army, he studied in Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., from which institution he was graduated in 1947 with the A.B. degree and in 1949 with the B.D. degree. His wife is the former Miss Kathleen Lovegrove, Chelmsford, Essex, England. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram have one child, a daughter, Elsie.

NO ADVOCATE DECEMBER 29

Following a custom of long standing, the North Carolina Christian Advocate will not be published December 29, the week following Christmas. The regular Christmas issue will appear December 22. The next issue will be published January 5. News and other information that should appear in next week's paper should be sent immediately.

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CORRECTION

The story last week, "Let's Finish Camp Don-Lee" stated that each charge is asked to raise during the quadrennium 1948-1952 an amount equal to its World Service acceptances for the Conference year 1948-49. The sentence should have read "an amount equal to one-half of its World Service acceptances for the Conference year 1948-49." The Advocate regrets this error.

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Our Board of Missions in Action

Editorial Correspondence

Last week this editor had the high privilege of attending at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., the tenth annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church. Present for this significant conference, which got under way Tuesday and closed Friday, were members of the Board including the bishops, members of the Board staff, returned missionaries, editors of Methodist periodicals, and others—in all, more than 500 persons from all parts of the world. From North Carolina were Bishop and Mrs. Costen J. Harrell, Bishop W. W. Peele, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. West of Salisbury, Mrs. J. H. Cutchin of Whitakers, Mrs. J. W. Payne of Cherryville, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., and Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Clay, missionaries to Brazil.

Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Division held December 2-5.

Some Observations

It would be impossible for a freshman observer to compare this meeting with other annual sessions of the Board or to assess accurately its significance. It was possible, however, to catch something of its spirit and to understand in part, at least, something of its sweep and magnitude. Characterized by contagiously good fellowship, excellent programs, high inspirations and realistic planning, this session of the Board made decisions that will have far-reaching implications. It is no exaggeration to say that the missionary program of The Methodist Church is the most far-flung and the most influential missionary program in Protestantism. And it soon becomes obvious to those who observe at close range that one of the strong reasons for the effectiveness of Methodist missions lies in the caliber of the men and women who plan and administer the program. From a distance sometimes it may seem to the average Methodist that the program is complex and filled with red tape. Now, those at the heart of the planning would be first to admit imperfections. But when one views at close range the overall program, and watches some of our leaders in action, he is greatly encouraged. Those who plan the missionary program are deeply sensitive to the needs of the world. They are able and courageous Christian statesmen. The Methodist missionary program, however difficult it may be to comprehend, is moving in the right direction. It is lifting mankind to a higher spiritual plane.

Some Highlights

The meeting had several climactic periods. One of the most impressive services was held Thursday evening when new missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned and Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer retired as executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions. Following brief messages by missionaries from the field, 25 young men and women were commissioned by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam for service in virtually all of our mission fields. Climaxing 25 years of outstanding service and regarded as the greatest missionary of our day, Dr. Diffendorfer relinquished his duties with the Board. In one of the most compelling speeches of his rich missionary career, the energetic missionary leader outlined the steps that led him from a small Ohio Methodist church into missionary work. At another service during the week he outlined plans for establishing a Christian university in Japan to be known as International Christian University. Dr. Diffendorfer is heading a campaign to raise $10,000,000 in this joint Protestant undertaking.

The New Secretary Reports

Dr. Eugene L. Smith, who suceeds Dr. Diffendorfer, made a very favorable impression upon his audience in his first report. Taking for his text, "For I am determined among you to be ignorant of everything except Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ the crucified," Dr. Smith emphasized the centrality of Christ, the primacy of people, the necessity of the democratic process and our commitment to the prophetic task. Dr. Smith, who came to his new position last March, was pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York.

Bishop Oxnam's Address

One of the most moving speeches during the meeting was delivered by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York on "Protestantism and the Present Crisis." Bishop Oxnam, who is considered the spokesman for Protestantism in the present religious controversy, called upon Protestants to meet with Christian courage the deliberate plan of Catholicism to destroy the principle of religious liberty in this country. He cited Roman Catholic authorities who criticized severely the principle of church and state and who openly seek special privileges for the Roman Catholic Church.

Reports

The efficiency of the Woman's Society of Christian Service reaches all the way from the local church to the general organization known as the Woman's Division of Christian Service. In the opening session Tuesday afternoon presided over by Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president, it was revealed that the women of the church contributed $5,549,802.58 for the year ending May 31, 1949. This represented almost a million dollars over the previous year, and represents about $4 per member.

Citing the need of more church buildings, W. V. Middleton of the Church Extension section, reported that $100,000,000 worth of Methodist church construction is necessary if the denomination is to meet its responsibility in this country. He also stated that 700 new Methodist congregations are using temporary quarters and that 1400 more congregations need to be organized.

The Church in China

The Board seemed deeply concerned about the tense situation in China and called upon the church to continue its support of Chinese missions, to keep faith with the 168 Methodist missionaries in China and with the Chinese Christians by continued gifts and prayers. It also urged that Advance specials directed to China be continued. It called upon the United States government to share with the hungry multitudes of the world some of the surplus unneeded food in this country.

The following appropriations for the year beginning June 1950 were voted: Woman's Division of Christian Service (home and foreign), $5,580,373; the Division of Foreign Missions, $4,467,329; and the Division of Home Missions, $2,401,255. The total appropriations amount to $12,448,957. It is disturbing that the women of the church, representing less than 1,500,000 members, are giving almost as much to the total missionary budget of The Methodist Church as the entire membership is contributing through World Service. If the rest of the church membership were giving proportionately, our gifts to missions would exceed $30,000,000 annually! And though this is not a pleasant thought on which to end this article, perhaps it is an appropriate thought on which to end it; for the entire church must match the vision and generosity of the women if the church is to begin to meet its world-wide responsibility.

Put Christ into Christmas!

By WILSON O. WELDON*

That Christmas is a glorious day no one will question. That it is the cause of much planning, wide buying and rushed hustling none will doubt. But whether or not it is a genuine religious experience the most thoughtful will ponder over and over. For this reason it is time, high time, to consider the urgency of letting the Christ come back into our Christmas celebrations!

It is an old,old story of the little boy in a department store who reached up to a little ten-cent Christ-child doll, part of a Christmas crêche, saying, "Mama, I want this." But the tired and harassed mother, with thoughts of a long list of Christmas g i f t s, quickly answered, "Come on, you don't want that"—and with a jerk moved on by the store counters. Is that a pointed parable of so much of our hurried Christmas activity —"You don't want the Christ child; there is too much else!"?

Children and adults do need the Christ. It is He and only He who can answer our deepest longings and our most urgent needs. It therefore behooves each of us to ponder what we can do to put Christ at the very center of Christmas.

I

There will be *worship* when Christ is in Christmas. The shepherds who came across the hillsides to Bethlehem engaged in thoughtful worship. The Wise Men who traveled from the far away East fell down and worshipped when they reached Bethlehem. Surely the crown of wisdom, then and now, is worship. Knowledge is incomplete if it does not end in adoration. The astrology of the Wise Men has long been forgotten. Their worship of the Christ is remembered forever. So may we know that there is no complete way of celebrating the meaning of Christmas without worship.

And this year will be a special test, since Christmas comes on Sunday. How many of us will release ourselves from the charm of material gifts in order to turn to the house of God and worship Christ? Will it be that Santa Claus will have more followers on the morning of December twenty-fifth? If we sense the beautiful religious significance of this holy season we shall go gladly to the house of God, not only on Christmas Day but at other times.

Worship in the home, too, is so important. I know of a church that provides special orders of worship and specific suggestions for families to use in their own homes. What a grand idea! Families can and should have their own periods of joyous worship at home.

II

There will be *repentance* in our hearts when Christ is in Christmas. A recognition of selfishness and pride along with a real desire to be changed into the love and winsomeness of the Saviour of men is truly the essence of a real Christmas.

It may seem that the very thought of judgment and repentance is a most grim preparation for Christmas; *but mark it down that if there is no repentance at Christmastime there is no joy!* Before Jesus was born John the Baptist heralded the necessity of changing the attitude and spirit. So it is today that before the spirit of Christmas can possess us the crooked paths must be made straight. Hatred, jealousy, laziness and selfishness must be acknowledged. Repentance of these faults must be manifested if Christ is to be regnant on Christmas morn.

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When Christ is in Christmas there will be repentance in our hearts, time for worship amid hurry and bustle, and, above all, the giving of self to Christ.

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The gospels do not teach that Jesus Christ will come only to the hearts which have been purified; but whenever and wherever Christ comes there is always heart-searching and abiding repentance. "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" was the Saviour's continuing emphasis. And just here is the amazing paradox of the Gospel,

"If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous—
Sinners Jesus came to call."

Doesn't this reach all of us? Men and women, the poor and the rich—we are all sinners. And a will to let Christ possess our wills and purposes, our thoughts and our affections, will make for the most joyous celebration.

Just as this applies to individuals, so it pertains to our group conduct and behavior. An editorial in the "Sunday Express" of London on December 4 voiced a criticism of the United Nations organization. The objections of the writer were summarized in this sentence: "Truly we have come to a pitiable state when we have Egyptians, Russians, Mexicans, and a variety of Asiatics claiming the ability to shape men's lives more wisely than we can." How in the world can Christmas come for people who hold such snobbishness towards others and such undue regard of their own ability? I repeat, when Christ comes there is always humility from which repentance is born!

III

Giving must always be in Christmas when the spirit of Christ possesses us. There is no doubt that there will be much giving, but there is justifiable doubt whether or not it will be the kind which will elicit the approval of our Lord. True giving has no room for the idea of getting something in return. And yet, within and without the church we are involved in "exchanging gifts." That is a misnomer! For a gift of love there can be no exchange. It cannot be measured as a bargain or as a swap.

Therefore, why shouldn't we give *anonymously?* At least a few deeds on this basis are a mighty aid in gaining the right motive for our action. When one gives without much thought of credit or receiving something in return he is surely on the road where Christ can motivate his deed.

A greater gift than any material object is the *giving of self.* This, of course, is the ever-old theme of spiritual religion. And it should be expressed at Christmas time. Henry David Gray tells of an old woman whose son had become a great success in business. He provided faithfully for her in a comfortable little house. Each season of the year he brought her gifts of money, clothes and jewelry. But it seemed to the son that his mother grew sadder and sadder. Friends remarked to him of her sadness and it irked him. Finally one Saturday night after making a bountiful gift of money and food he said to his mother, "You do not mean to, mother, but you embarrass me. What is the matter?"

"Ay, yes," replied the mother. "But you have ceased to love me. You give me a house, but you never stay in it to keep me company. You give me food, but you do not often sit at the table by my side. *You give me everything I need except yourself.*"

Let us not make the tragic error of giving everything this Christmas except ourselves. Let's make certain that in repentent worship we shall give our lives to the Christ who first made Christmas and who so eagerly wants to be in our every Christmas, especially this one which is only a few days away!

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CHRISTMAS --the Unexpressed!

By RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN*

Christmas is better understood by the heart than it is by the mind. Most values escape definition. Should final definitions be reached creative effort will cease. The "charm of the impossible" enkindles genius. What would become of the Christmas story if the Yuletide Season with all its wealth of meaning could be captured and imprisoned in a single plot or mold? A stereotyped tale is inconceivable.

Scanning the titles on our study shelves we discover variety and inspiration. Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" is as fresh today as the first time it appeared in print. Robert Louis Stevenson's "Christmas Sermon" and Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Bird's Christmas Carol" are as current as this morning's sun. Bret Hart's "How Christmas Came to Simpson's Flats" and Henry Van Dyke's "The Story of the Other Wise Man" shall be read as much tomorrow as they were yesterday.

Clement Moore's "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" will live as long as childhood itself. At Christmas we are all children. Like little Virginia O'Hanlon's query, "Is there a Santa Claus?" sent to the New York Sun, we, too, send out our query. And the reply sent to Virginia, written by one of the editors, Francis P. Church, is most satisfying and gratifying for us all: "There is a Santa Claus. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood." "If you see it in the Sun it is so," said Virginia's father. The complete editorial reply is annually reprinted in the Sun, and is regarded in newspaper annals as an all-time classic.

Great occasions call for great speech or writing. Christmas is one of those great occasions when we realize the limitations of words and the futility of rhetoric. Christmas all about a Child. Youth is the world's fresh beginning. Then there is the triology of a Star, Angels and Shepherds. So the imagination is quickened and your creative artist determines that this year, the picture or story, carol or sermon, shall be better than ever. But because Christmas is Christmas, painter and author, poet and preacher, continue to practice for the ultimate achievement.

"The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among men." The world is given a new lease on life. There is no other theme more compelling. Every movement or organization dedicated to the uplift of humanity amplifies the story. Every college and library and hospital and clinic are monuments to its meaning. It is the nerve-center of a redemptive plan for a distraught people the world over.

In reality there are no Christmas stories written. What we have is merely the result of good reporting. Whatever has been put on paper is what somebody has seen or felt. Whatever the plotting or phrasing, combination of sentences and paragraphs, it is still the old, old story of regnant living, the giving of self or token. Sydney Porter (O. Henry) has gotten nearer to this, we think, than anybody else, in his story "The Gift of the Magi." Sacrifices made by a man and woman in behalf of each other. We commend its reading from the pulpit.

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What was it that Jesus brought to the world and which defeats our attempts in narrative and delineation?

First of all, Christmas itself. Christmas as we seek to express it in outward ceremony. Our rituals are the outer garments of an inner urge. Wherever we go, we see a world of things. Shops laden with things. All kinds of things, of great and little value. All to be given away. They are symbolic of good will. Good will gives value to things. Not price tags, but love. Trains and trucks burdened with things. Arms and pockets bulging with things. Parcels and packages, seeping out of the seams of the heart, giving and sharing, concerning the which no other religion save Christianity teaches. Millions of dollars, earned, saved, hoarded, hidden, guarded, against that great day and hour when the flood-gates are opened and the argosies of love are let loose.

This is what we are trying to say every Sunday. The story of the world's prodigal givers. A minister wrote to a wealthy constituent, asking for a monetary contribution. He met with a curt refusal. "As far as I can see," wrote the wealthy man, "this Christian business is just one continuous give, give, give." The minister wrote back, "Thank you for the best definition of the Christian life I ever learned."

The basic formula, for a sound civilization is "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This is what Jesus said. It transcends what we put in stockings and hang on trees. But this, what Jesus said, we came perilously near losing. You will not find it in the four Gospels. One would think that the four biographers would have written it large.

Perhaps there are reasons why they failed to note it. Matthew was a collector of taxes. Mark was an employer or employee. Perhaps they did hear the words but passed them up by merely regarding them as a bit of pleasing but impractical rhetoric. It was very well for Jesus to talk about giving better than receiving. He had no family to support, no pay-roll to meet, no taxes to pay. So, undoubtedly they thought. They thought they were wise. So they were, in the things of this world. They did not sense the spiritual content of the statement. Not many, even in this day, do that. Even Luke the physician and John the beloved disciple did not consider them of sufficient importance to include them in their narratives.

It was Paul who remembered to perpetuate the sentiment. (Acts 20:35) Paul, a Roman citizen who had given up special privileges and political prospects and business opportunities to follow the Lord. Paul caught the meaning of the words and passed them on to posterity. We can never thank Paul enough for his understanding. Paul—and countless others who, by virtue of their loyalties and sacrifices, have given us much of the civilization we enjoy. Ralph Waldo Emerson speaks somewhere of how the mass of men worry themselves into nameless graves while here and there some great soul forgets itself into immortality.

Jesus also brought to the world the idea—ideal let us say—that *kindness* is better than things. On the way to the cross He demonstrated this principle. With the shadow of Calvary on His path he was helpful. It is not unlikely that in the remembrance of others' needs He in a measure forgot His own tragedy. Many know this therapy. The degree of our miseries are determined whether we are introverted or extroverted. In less academic words, we succeed or fail in what measure we are thoughtful or selfish.

So, Christmas again. It comes to a world chaotic and confused, but not in despair. There is with us a heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men." For a brief space, we are in the Golden Age, which is not contingent upon a date on a calendar, but a state of mind and heart which gives us an impetus and momentum for the weeks and months to come.

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Methodist College Foundation in Annual Meeting Makes Plans for Year; Confirms Martin's Election

COOKE AND MARTIN ADDRESS 150 FOUNDATION MEMBERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

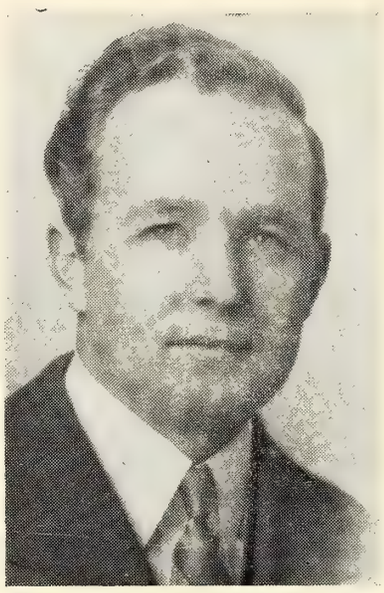
Approximately 150 representative laymen and ministers from all sections of the state gathered at Wesley Memorial Church in High Point last Saturday afternoon for the second annual meeting of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, Inc. Beginning with a luncheon meeting at one o'clock, the group, members of the Foundation, heard Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of High Point College, in the featured address; and Dr. B. Joseph Martin, newly elected executive director of the organization. James A. Gray of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Foundation, presided at both the meeting of the full membership of the Foundation and at the meeting of the executive council which followed.

"We must saturate the knowledge we teach with a deep seated reverence for God, an obedience to parents, a respect for law, an integrity of character, and a loyalty to our fellowman," Dr. Cooke told his audience. Speaking on the theme, "The Role of Independent Colleges and Universities," the High Point president stated that the church colleges must set standards and must serve as a stimulus to state supported schools. He pointed out that educational costs have increased tremendously in recent years, while income in many cases has increased only slightly. Endowment incomes are dwindling and students are unable to pay the total cost of the increase in college expenses. To hold able teachers and to compete successfully for able and promising students, the independent colleges and universities must have larger support from the alumni and from the churches.

"I believe very strongly that the existence of a large number of vigorous, dynamic, privately-endowed church colleges and universities is the best possible insurance that our whole higher educational system will be first rate," Dr. Cooke declared.

Making his first appearance before the Foundation since his election in September, Dr. Martin, whose election by the executive committee was confirmed unanimously by the Foundation Saturday, stated that the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina is history-making. He declared that the problem before the Methodists of the state was not to build institutions of higher learning, but to give adequate support to the ones they have already established. Church colleges, he continued, are having to fight to secure private philanthropy. He pointed out that Methodists in North Carolina are contributing only about thirty cents per member for their five colleges. By comparison, he revealed that the Church of the Nazarene was giving almost $5 per member annually to the support of their colleges; and the Presbyterians in the state are giving $1.76 per member to their institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Martin called upon church colleges to be worthy of the support of the church. "The church college," he affirmed, "must relate itself to the church for spiritual as well as for economic support." The Methodist College Foundation," he concluded, "is not pleading merely for buildings, but for boys and girls; not merely for money,



Dr. B. Joseph Martin

but for the souls of youth. Its mission is to expand the Christian way of life. It wants money for what money will do."

Dr. Martin, who came to his present position from the vice-presidency of Oklahoma City University, a Methodist institution with 3000 students, announced the creation of the Rutherford College Alumni Fund, which will be used as a scholarship fund at Brevard College.

The Wachovia Bank and Trust Company was named fiscal agent for the Foundation.

Gurney P. Hood, treasurer, reported that for the year ending November 30 a total of $4,576 had been received from 98 individual contributions and from the five participating colleges. Of this amount $574.30 had been spent for the program, leaving a balance of $4,001.70 at the beginning of the new fiscal year. The Foundation is seeking to finance its budget this year on contributions from its 500 members.

Officers of the organization, which were elected at the 1948 annual meeting, will serve a four year period.

The executive council set the next annual meeting for Saturday, December 2, 1950.

Organized last December in Winston-Salem, the Foundation, pioneer organization of its kind in American Methodism, is designed to give aid to North Carolina Methodism's five institutions of higher learning, which include Brevard College, Duke University, Greensboro College, High Point College and Louisburg College.

NEW BERN DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

Rev. J. D. A. Autry, pastor of the LaGrange circuit, was the devotional speaker at the New Bern district set-up meeting held November 30 at Centenary church, New Bern. His subject was "Our Challenge and its Answer."

The new members of the district were introduced to the conference. They were Mrs. Maness Mitchell (wife of Rev. C. M. Mitchell at Havelock; married on Nov. 10); Rev. D. C. Boone, new pastor of Dover charge; Rev. C. B. Long, pastor of Trenton charge; Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the Hookerton charge; Rev. W. Y. Stewart, pastor of the Ocracoke charge; and Dr. Howard Carter (visitor).

Rev. Robert Bame, pastor of Pikeville charge, gave the report of the Hospitals and Homes. This year the item of Golden Cross is included under the heading of Hospitals and Homes and all collections for these purposes go into the same treasury. It was stated that not enough money was coming in to the Golden Cross department to help all of the cases needed. Pastors and churches are urged to support this cause more this year than in previous years. It was also stated that requests for Golden Cross aid to Duke Hospital must first be cleared through the district committee, Rev. Robert Jerome, New Bern, chairman.

Rev. L. C. Larkin, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, was present with some children from the home. He stated that there are over 50 children from the New Bern district in the orphanage.

Rev. A. P. Brantley spoke on the College Sustaining Fund; pointing out that we Methodists need to support our colleges and universities more than we do.

Rev. Key Taylor of the Walstonburg charge spoke on the Minimum Salary Fund, stating that it was the same as the Sustentation Fund of last year. The minimum salary for ministers was raised to $2,000 for single ministers, $2,200 for married ministers without children, and $2,400 for married ministers with at least one child.

C. P. Hancock, charge lay leader of the Havelock charge, quoted some figures for housing at Havelock, showing the great need for a Methodist church there and the need for some home missions help. This church was just started last November and already has a membership of 175 and is active in all other phases of our work. Rev. C. M. Mitchell, the pastor of the Havelock church, then spoke in behalf of the fine work done by the laymen of the church.

W. C. Chadwick of New Bern spoke on Evangelism as the chief purpose of the church.

Rev. Cecil Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, spoke his appreciation on behalf of the Advocate and urged all officers and teachers to take the church paper.

Sam Underwood, district lay leader, introduced the associate lay leaders of the various zones, and offered their full support in the work of the church.

Rev. A. L. Chaplin, Mount Olive pastor, presented the cause of the study books.

Rev. Leon Russell of Greenville spoke on the Advance specials, urging every church regardless of size to have a mission special and to send all specials to M. J. Cowell, Rocky Mount, N. C.

The inspirational hour was presided over by Rev. D. W. Charlton of the Goldsboro circuit. Rev. T. R. Jenkins of Beaufort was the speaker using as his subject, "Faith in Action."

—W. D. CAVINESS

IN JANUARY, 1950, our churches will be distributing the Fourth Sunday World Service leaflet issued by the World Service Agencies, titled, **A New Day in the Methodist Church.** The content of this reflects the opportunity for each and every Christian to do his part in winning others to Christ. Ministers may obtain quanities of this leaflet as needed, free of cost, direct from the Service Department, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

News in Brief -- Personalities

REV. J. H. ARMBRUST of Statesville, who has been a patient at Rowan Memorial Hospital, Salisbury, has returned to his home, and is improving steadily.

TRAVIS H. TOMLINSON of Hayes Barton church, Raleigh, has been recently elected president of the Raleigh Board of Missions and Church Extension.

FIRST CHURCH, Henderson, has recently organized two new choirs, a young peoples choir and a junior choir. They are robed and assist the sanctuary choir from time to time.

FIRST CHURCH, Charlotte, with a contribution of $56,836.08, leads all churches in the Western North Carolina Conference in gifts to the Methodist Home for the Aged, thus more than doubling the quota of $19,800.

REV. MOODY NIFONG of Rutherfordton is the first pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference to send in a complete official roll of subscribers to the Advocate. Congratulations to these stewards.

BUILDING FUND GROWS—In November the collections for Thomasville Memorial Methodist Church were $7,378.60, making a total of $205,089.07 collected for the new church.

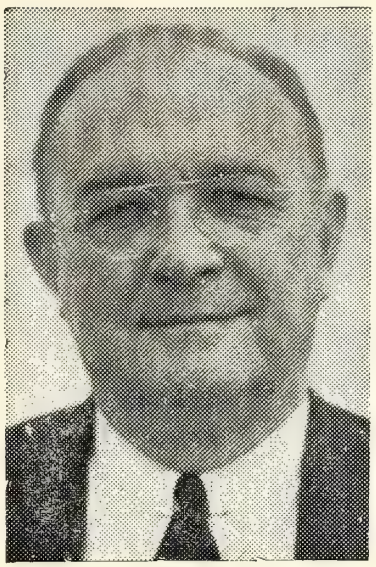
THE FAIRVIEW CHURCH of the Durham District has welcomed its pastor, C. M. Fogleman, Jr., back with a bountiful pounding. Since the Annual Conference a Sunday school building program has been launched with nearly $6,000 pledged the first Sunday of the drive.

WELCH MEMORIAL CHURCH, High Point, at the first quarterly conference, reported payment in full for the Conference year of all Conference askings, including the Children's Home. The total amount paid was about $2,000. Many members of the church feel that Welch Memorial is in a better state financially and spiritually than it has been in years. The next program of the church will be in evangelism.

A CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT service was held by the Ruffin congregation last Sunday evening, with a large attendance. The program, held at the local high school, received most favorable comment from the audience. The cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem," will be given at the church next Sunday evening at five o'clock, followed by a Christmas candlelight supper.

MISS VERA V. ZIMMERMAN has been elected to the staff of the Division of the Local Church, Methodist General Board of Education, it has been announced by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the division. Miss Zimmerman will be a member of the division's Department of Christian Education of Children, with her major responsibility in the pre-school field.

SIX THOUSAND, one hundred sixty pages of print have been set by the printer and proofread twice by church school editors during the last year in preparing the new closely graded courses for primaries and intermediates. This has involved about 18,000 typewritten pages of manuscript. In addition there have been 134 four-color pictures prepared for the two courses. Miss Mary Edna Lloyd has supervised editing the primary materials and Miss Lucille Desjardins has had responsibility for handling the material for intermediates.



GURNEY P. HOOD, above, is one of the leaders in the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, Inc. One of the originators of this program to aid the five Methodist colleges in the State, Mr. Hood is serving as treasurer of the Foundation. Active in church affairs, he is chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance of the North Carolina Conference. He is a member of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, and is commissioner of banks for North Carolina.

MRS. REBECCA BOONE, mother of Rev. J. J. Boone of Enfield and Rev. B. F. Boone of St. Pauls, died at her home near Jackson last week at the age of 93. Other children who survive include J. P., John, Jerry M., W. A., D. L., J. E., Mrs. D. L. Jones, and Mrs. C. G. Hall.

ON TO URBANA—The fourth National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement will be held in Urbana, Ill., December 27 and ending January 2. This conference is for the Methodist Student Movement what Cleveland was for MYF. North Carolina has been allotted 75 delegates to this conference.

SEVENTEEN North Carolina counties have reported their collections for this year's CROP Friendship Train completed this week. Contributions to date total 626,096 pounds, or roughly ten carloads of commodities. Wheat, corn, cotton and milk are the chief supplies received to date. Counties reporting are: Alamance, Bladen, Beaufort, Catawba, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Greene, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Martin, Pitt, Richmond, Rockingham, Sampson, Washington.

SOMEHOW one does not normally associate a college president with the first grade, but Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of High Point College, by virtue of a recent publication, is an exception. He is definitely interested in the first grade and the second grade as well, for he, with Mallory and Taylor, has recently published an arithmetic, "A Child's Use of Numbers" for use by first grade and second grade pupils. This arithmetic is Dr. Cooke's thirteenth arithmetic in a series, ranging in scope from the first grade through the eighth grade of the elementary school.

WESLEY MEMORIAL church, High Point, gave as a Thanksgiving offering to the Children's Home $1,010.35.

YOUTH DIVISION of Myers Park, Charlotte, took a Christmas Tour, December 10 to see the "Star of Bethlehem" at the Planetarium in Chapel Hill.

IN AMERICA today 95 million people see a movie each week; 13 million people find time for church school. Don't leave God out of your week.

MR. AND MRS. B. S. Peeler and "Sonny" Peeler of Central church, Kings Mountain, recently presented a bronzed copper bulletin board to the church.

CONGRESSMAN MONROE REDDEN was the guest speaker of the Men's Brotherhood of West Asheville Methodist Church, Tuesday, December 13.

WEST ASHEVILLE CHURCH has recently acquired a new lot and will receive a Christmas special offering to make a payment on the property. The goal is $1,000.

A MR. AND MRS. CLUB of young adults has recently been organized at First church, Henderson. It meets twice each month for a covered dish supper, fellowship, devotional and program.

AN ASSOCIATE board of stewards has recently been organized at First church, Henderson, composed of 22 of the young men of the church. They will attend the meetings of the Board of Stewards and assist them in various ways.

MONDAY NIGHT before Thanksgiving Day the congregation of St. Paul's church, Maxton, presented their pastor, Rev. H. G. Cuthrell, and his family a bountiful pounding of groceries and many fine gifts as the expression of their love and gratitude.

WE HAVE been graciously received on the Jonesville charge. The good people have given the pastor a large pounding. A new refrigerator, breakfast room suite and oil heating stove have been placed in the kitchen and new rugs in the dining room and living room and a new bed. The men's Bible class gave the pastor four new Chatham blankets to keep the family warm. The people in this area are certainly good to their pastor.—J. Max Brandon, Jr.

MINISTERS' WEEK at Emory University, January 16-20, 1950, will include an address on "The Church Behind the Iron Curtain," by the Reverend Tzvetan Litov. Educated in Frankfurt, Germany, he is an ordained minister of the Methodist Church. After serving as pastor in Bern, Switzerland, Mr. Litov was appointed to the Doctor Long Methodist Church, Sofia, Bulgaria—largest Methodist church in the nation. He was pastor of this church for 15 years. Five years of this time, he was secretary of the Supreme Council of Evangelical Churches of Bulgaria. Through his office passed much of the correspondence later used as "evidence" in the famous Spring trials, in which Mr. Litov's district superintendent was sentenced to life imprisonment. Principal speakers at the Emory gathering will be Bishop Richard C. Raines and Dr. Clovis G. Chappell. Also on the program are Dr. James W. Sells and Dr. Alva Hutchinson. Ministers, their wives and interested laymen are invited to attend all sessions. There is no cost other than room and meals.

Daily Living at Our Methodist Home

By MRS. G. G. ADAMS, Director of Human Relations

While sitting here wondering how one might give others an insight to the friendly feeling prevalent in our Home, a telephone conversation is heard in an adjoining room.

"You didn't know I had moved? Oh, yes, I am at the Methodist Home and have been here several weeks."—"How do I like it? I love it. Do come to see me, for I want you to see how beautiful it is here."

The warm welcome given by our hospitality committee is not a prefunctory performance, but is genuine and from the heart of one who is living here to one who is entering our Home to become a member or to visit with us for a while. Seven of our ladies serve on this committee and when the question is asked if any one wishes to be relieved the answer is: "Tired? No, indeed. I love doing this and I am eager to do anything and everything I can for our Home. This place means so much to me I love showing it to others."

Not all of us are angels here, and there are some personality problems that arise because of persons adjusting themselves to new surroundings. However, we feel that this is a minor issue and affects only a minimum number of our members and not for long at a time.

The number of years one lives is not the main issue of the life of our Home, but how one lives. So we have games that keep us physically and mentally alert and active. Two shuffleboards have just recently been drawn on the floor of our social hall and there are table games and "solipeg" games for those who want this type of recreation. Just now it is difficult to stay at this desk, as a group around the piano in the dining room is singing Christmas carols.

This morning in our "home meeting" we decided what kind of program we wanted for our Christmas party on the night of December 23. At this meeting announcements were made about the visiting groups who are giving programs for us; also the worship and recreation that members of our Home are preparing for week days and Sundays during the month of December. This home meeting was followed by the monthly circle meetings of our W.S.C.S.

Busy fingers in the hobby shop are making lovely articles; some for sale and some for gifts. Several of our members are busy repairing and re-finishing pieces of furniture. Some are busy in the sewing room, making or repairing clothes for others.

One day last week a group visited the art exhibit at the Mint Museum, which was good, but not a bit better than a picture of the "Rock House," painted by one of our members when the trees around this house were ablaze in autumn dress.

It is a joy to see the potted plants our members care for in theeir rooms and in the scond floor sun-parlors. Next spring when you visit our Home you will enjoy the beauty of the flowers in the plots that are being planted along our walks by our members.



A New Member Is Welcomed



He Makes Old Things New

Each morning after breakfast we have worship as we sit around the tables in the dining room. This service is usually led by our Counsellor, Dr. C. M. Pickens. On Sunday afternoons at 5 o'clock some minister, youth group, or layman conducts a formal worship service.

So, you see we have a bit of work, rest, recreation, fellowship and worship each day. Our meals are well-prepared and abundant.

Our nursing care is excellent. In fact we like everything about our Home and hope that you will visit us and get the feeling as expressed by one of our oldest men, who said when he was asked if he wished to leave here, "Why, I'd be crazy to leave a place like this where everybody is so good to me."



Game Night in the Sun Parlor

Commitment Day Set for Feb. 26; Elizabeth City District Emphasizes Evangelism; Asheville Men Meet

COMMITMENT DAY THE THIRD

By Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker

Our Methodist Commitment Day, to be observed for the third time Feb. 26, 1950, marked the beginning of an era. It was the recovery of what had been a mighty instrument in the early days of the modern temperance reform movement.

Incredible as it may seem, for nearly a half century, no major Protestant denomination had observed a church-wide abstinence pledge-signing day. Our fathers and mothers, led by Frances E. Willard and John B. Gough, had sowed down the land with basic truths about the evils always attendant on the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic beverages. Everywhere and all the time they were warning against the first glass. They buttressed their appeals with strong arguments that inhered in the moral and spiritual well-being of their fellows.

Drinking, as they saw it, was not a matter of indifference to the great God and Father of us all. It was, they insisted, no mere personal and individual affair. There was right and there was wrong. Folks deluded themselves if they said there was no moral value involved.

But the twentieth century came, and we, their successors, forgot. We neglected the ways and means that had brought them power. We put our trust in lesser things. We leaned more on political expediencies, on economic advantages, on governmental short-cuts, on the wisdom of the world; less on the everlasting and unchanging certitudes of the living God.

In 1946, The Methodist Church began to come alive on this subject. Slowly, painfully, we read the story of our failure in the twenties and thirties. Distress of soul drove us to our knees. And as a church, on Sunday, June 1, 1946, at the call of the bishops, we knelt humbly before the great God to confess our sin of shortcomings in this particular area and to beseech him for guidance and strength to take up again the fight against strong drink.

A second summons from the bishops in 1947 brought the whole church a second time to the altar of prayer on the first Sunday of June. We came before the Almighty recognizing the gravity of the situation and with the clear thought that we, as a people, were once again marching against this great enemy of humanity. Out of prayer and scrutiny of history and searching of revelation came the first Commitment Day on the first Sunday of Lent, in 1948.

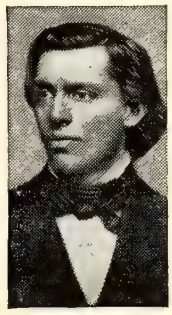
The day came into our world of thought with a new name. It was altogether affirmative in attitude and purpose. It had none of the attributes of the negative. And the General Conference, meeting in May, officially adopted the day and made it an agent of the whole church. First Sunday of Lent each year was set apart as Commitment Day.

The first two observances have meant much. Almost 2,000,000 people, many of them youth and young people, have signed the pledge. The third Commitment Day, Feb. 26, 1950, will reach a higher point than either of its predecessors.

More preachers and laymen will be concerned than ever before. More congregations, more church schools, and more youth groups will be earnestly observing the day. Preparations will begin earlier



Miss Willard



Mr. Gough

and will be more thorough-going. Our people are seeing the day as a treasure near at hand and are determined to seize it as a priceless possession.

Families are becoming more and more interested. They are noting how shameful it would be if failure to observe the day in their church might mean that one of their boys or girls would take that first glass! They have seen the tragedy of the complacency which says: "It could not happen to one of mine. It could not strike home to us in such cruel fashion. We are safe and secure."

No family group is secure! Not even that of the preacher or the church-school superintendent, or the Woman's Society president, or the charge lay leader. Everyone of us needs to do everything we can to protect and safeguard those of our own immediate household and also those of our household of faith. We must see to it that we need have no vain regrets.

For the life of me, I cannot see how any responsible Methodist leader, lay or ministerial, can let the glorious opportunities of Commitment Day go by ungrasped and unused. It can become a mighty instrument to stir and shake to the depths every member of a congregation, or school or youth group.

This year many episcopal areas are going to be 100 per cent in their observance—also 100 per cent in the zeal and thoroughness of the preparation for, and presentation of the signing of the pledge. Quite a number of the bishops are determined to leave no stone unturned to the end that their areas shall be 100 percenters. District superintendents, conference and district lay leaders, church school superintendents and youth leaders are manifesting interest and concern as they are facing up to the year 1950. The army of the Lord is really on the march.

SET UP MEETING IN ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS EVANGELISM

"Evangelism in the Local Church" might be stated as the theme used in the District Set-Up Meeting in Hertford Tuesday, December 10, when Rev. J. H. Miller, district superintendent, presided over the all-day session of ministers and laymen. Contributing to the discussion of appropriate methods of evangelism were Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, district director of evangelism, and Dr. Howard P. Powell, conference director of evangelism. Mr. Earnhardt conducted the devotional for the day, using as his theme, "Four Kinds of Love," and later in the morning stirred the hearts of the people with his message on "Pulpit Evangelism," challenging all members of the church to establish receptive minds and spirits for the evangelistic message of the gospel. The noon-day address, brought by Dr. Powell, served as a reminder that "the fruits of the spirit will displace complacency and unproductiveness, when men are committed to Christ." Ministers from the district who also contributed to this emphasis on evangelism were Rev. B. O. Merritt, Rev. Kern Ormond, Rev. E. R. Shuller, and Rev. Mr. Edwards.

Also at the morning session, ministers new to the district were introduced. Representatives from the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the conference board of education presented goals for the Woman's Society and the Church School. Orphanage interests were presented by children from the Orphanage in Raleigh.

The afternoon session of the meeting was given over to group meetings for district stewards, ministers, ministers' wives, and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. After reassembling, Rev. Dwight L. Fouts, district missionary secretary, presented the study book for the school of missions. The district superintendent mentioned the district goals, then distributed copies of the goals, and closed the meeting with a challenge to those present to make every effort to achieve successfully these goals this year. The prayer of dismissal was offered by Rev. Mr. Chappell, retired member of the Western N. C. Conference, who is serving, at present, as supply pastor of the North Gates charge.

ASHEVILLE UNITED METHODISTS HOLD SUPPER MEETING

About 100 laymen were present for the supper meeting of the United Methodist Men in Haywood Street Methodist Church, December 1. They represented some 12 churches in and around Asheville.

Rev. Joe Pogle, who came to the Asheville District this Conference year as pastor of Hillside-Merrimon church, was the speaker of the evening.

Special musical numbers were rendered by members of the host church, following which E. C. Jolliff, Central Methodist Church, led the group in carol singing. Twelve men were elected to serve on the Advisory Board during 1950. They are: E. D. Chandler of Abernathy church, Chas. Ralston of Asbury Memorial, O. C. Crowder of Biltmore, W. H. Faucett of Central, Bernard A. Edwards of French Broad, F. A. Cazel of Haywood Street, Horace C. Buckner of Hillside-Merrimon, Charles W. Fuller of Oakley, A. D. Closson of Weaverville, Phillips Sayles of West Asheville, Wayne Wells of Elkwood, and George Taylor of Francis Asbury church.

Also three members at large: L. A. Hart, Weaverville; O. C. Mills, West Asheville; and F. A. Manchester, Central. Guy Weaver of Hillside-Merrimon is District Lay Leader.

Dr. R. Dwight Ware, District Superintendent, who has given his full support and wise leadership to the group, was out of town and could not attend. Frederic A. Manchester, president, presided.

CUTHRELL SPEAKS

SUNDAY EVENING, December 4, Rev. Harold G. Cuthrell was the guest speaker for St. John's Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., in the special Masonic service of commemoration held in Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston. All the Protestant churches of Kinston united for this special service. Mr. Cuthrell preached on "The Spiritual Temple."

Ministers and Laymen Meet to Make Plans for Don-Lee Christmas Offering; Bishop Peele Urges Support

Edited by J. G. PHILLIPS

CHRISTMAS FOLLOW-UP

Perhaps the worst thing to do to a good thing is to "under-do" it. Anyway there is evidently enough live interest in the Youth Camp program now that there is little danger of "overdoing a good thing" by giving all available facts, figures, and encouragement which the good brethren can use in the camp effort.

THIS SUPPLEMENTS THE OTHER

The Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, in his feature article on Dec. 8 put the matter squarely before the conference in a most helpful way. On this page we would like to relate some things about the discussions at a meeting held recently in Goldsboro.

Gentlemen a Bit Excited

A group of more than fifty ministers and laymen met on December 1 for the stated purpose of helping to "put the spark in the plug for the Christmas offering." It would not be overstating the matter to say that some of the brethren talked in terms of real anxiety over the possibility that our young people might conclude that we were not really in earnest about a youth camp unless we proceeded to come through with Camp Don-Lee. The whole discussion was based on the seemingly prevailing opinion that we could no longer delay in our intentions and performance.

Strong Team Present

Bishop Peele was invited to the meeting by the Camp Board of Trustees, along with the seven District Superintendents and interested ministers and laymen from the sub-districts. The degree of interest is indicated by the fact that six District Superintendents were present, with only one unavoidably detained elsewhere.

Bishop Peele's Message

Bishop Peele was in attendance at a meeting of the Council of Bishops in New York City. He sends his good wishes and exhortation, expressed in a way which should encourage every worker in this cause. He states that he wishes the good folk of the North Carolina Conference to know of his "great concern that Camp Don-Lee be developed with as much rapidity as possible, so that it can be used for the educational and inspirational program of our young people in the North Carolina Conference.

"I believe we have here the possibility of a camp which is second to none, and we must not be satisfied with anything less than the best! With some special effort, we can make needed progress during this conference year.

"I trust that in this essential matter unity may be realized."

The Bishop's Wish Come True

Bishop Peele's wish for unity in interest and effort for this program seems fulfilled, from all available indications. Every report from over the conference seems to assure the young people that each pastor and pastoral charge wishes to get this work completed.

North Carolina Conference Board of Education

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Re-prints for Your Help

Some of the ministers have asked for additional publicity material for use in their congregations. It will not be too late after you read this to secure such. A telegram sent collect, or a telephone call to the office (Durham No. 112, Extension 389) would be better than a letter or card. The publicity re-prints available are printed from the feature article by Editor C. W. Robbins in the North Carolina Christian Advocate of Dec. 8. This re-print is in the form of a small four-page folder which can be slipped into a parish letter, or distributed at a church service. The re-print has a change in one line stating that the goal for the quadrennium for each pastoral charge is one-half the World Service acceptance for 1948-49. As many of these folders as are desired will be sent upon request. If you cannot now use them in your plan before Christmas, then send for them for your follow-up effort in helping us get finances lined up for starting construction.

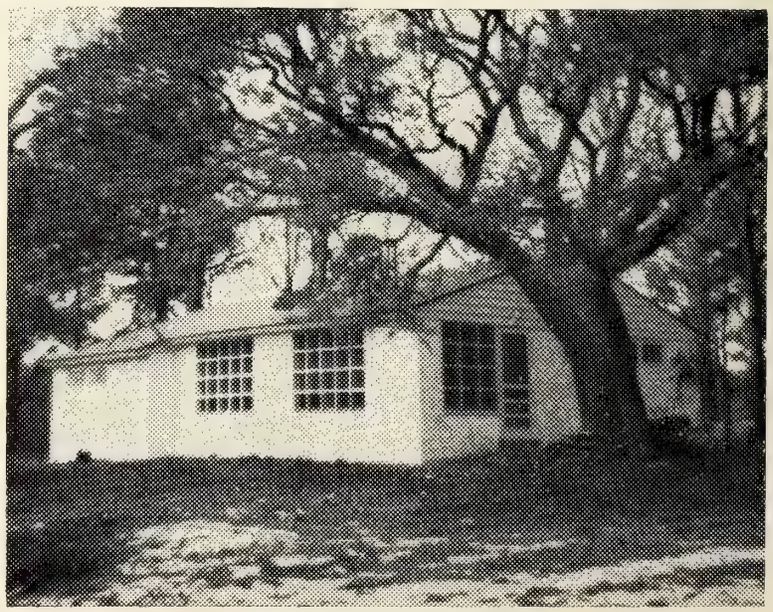
The Rest of the Money

The Advocate article mentioned above gave a report on the amount paid in for camp construction since the beginning of the Christmas offering. It listed our assets showing how we have a large "money's worth" out of what has been paid by the churches, especially considering that we started building when building costs had more than doubled.

The article also listed the needs remaining for the $70,000 which the present conference plan should bring in for the cause. Ministers and laymen who are in building projects know that it is almost impossible to state precise figures as to costs. This is true especially when not enough money is on hand to justify asking contractors to make bids on constructing building and installing utilities. The Camp Trustees have adopted the policy and obligation of doing everything possible with the $70,000 anticipated and understand that we can go far enough to begin camping with 150 to 200 campers for the $70,000. The Trustees further take the view that with the original construction program completed, that they should wait for spontaneous demand from within the conference to instigate any further increase of capacity for the camp. The dining room and kitchen unit, and the light and water systems are being planned large enough to take care of future expansion down through the years. It would be unforgivable if we should create "bottle necks" against future development by constructing under-sized utility systems and a dining room and kitchen which could not be enlarged later without wasteful expense. The dining room also must be large enough to take care of any meeting of all the campers, as well as to take care of serving meals, as there will be no Chapel or recreation building available in the original building program.

Others Spending More

We heard exceeding interesting reports on youth camping in American Methodism at a camp luncheon in Grand Rapids at the recent gathering of the Methodist Education Association. Over 100 youth camps are either completed or in process of development in the 110 annual conferences of the Church. We made special note of the total cost of buildings and grounds where camps about the same size as ours had been completed. The reports indicated that from $120,000 to $180,000 had been spent in developing such camps. Our program will come several thousand dollars under the smaller figure. Even where "ready made" camps have been bought from private camp owners, at favorable prices, the cost has been more than our outlay, according to the capacity of the camp. Every available comparative situation shows that we have been fortunate in receiving our camp site as a free gift, in the negligible cost of our "trial and error" period of determining building procedure, in the permanence and comparative cost of buildings already constructed, and in the prospect of finishing the job with the very reasonable amount requested.



Campers' Cabin at Don-Lee

Miss Johnson, I-3 Worker, Writes; Miss Hayes Joins Bethlehem Staff; Waynesville Groups Meet

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LETTER FROM MISS BETTY JOHNSON

Dear Members of the Western N. C. Conference: It is with a great deal of gratitude and thankfulness that I write this letter to the Woman's Society of my Conference. Although my home is not in North Carolina I feel so much a part of it that I am glad to be a member of a church in the Conference, and to have shared in the work there. I have met so many of you and have enjoyed the fellowship in the various meetings that I attended, I wish I could know you all.

The decision to come to India was not new for me, and I welcomed the opportunity to come for this three year program and be an "I-3." It is a decision that did not come easily, but I am glad that I finally realized that this was God's will for me, at least for this three-year period. I pray that He can use me in some small way in His church in India. Only by constant prayer and work can this be done.

As perhaps you have read in the Methodist magazines, our group of 50 young people had a period of six weeks training at Hartford, Conn. Following the six weeks training, I was informed along with six others, that I was to leave on August 26—giving me about a week to get ready and go. At that time it seemed quite an impossible task, but with the help of my family I did get packed and ready to leave. During all this rush I received a wire from Mrs. Smiley and the gift of $500. How well I remember the day! It came along with a series of other wonderful events that made me even happier about the adventure that lay ahead—not an adventure for myself alone, but for Christ and His church. Needless to say the gift was very useful and I was able to buy many things that I had wanted to take with me but found it impossible to purchase. But aside from that part of it, it made me feel as though I had a "home conference" as so many of the group had expressed while at Hartford. I am truly thankful to each one of you for your generous gift. I only pray that I will be worthy of the trust you have placed in me to fulfill the duty for which I am here.

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We are planning for our Annual Conference to begin here next week, and it is to be here in Bombay. At this time my assignment will be made definite. Up to now I have been studying the language, getting acquainted with the Indian people and the pastors in the various churches, and with the program of the church here in Bombay. I have had the privilege of teaching a large class of India young people for several Sundays. It is in groups such as this that you can realize that the work of the church is going forward, for they are truly Christian and anxious to know more about Christ and His Church. I expect to be in Bombay working with the Sunday schools in the several dialect churches here, and in this district. Of course, the assignment is not definite, and I do not know what Conference-time will bring.

I shall try and keep you posted on the work here. It is indeed challenging. I should very much like to have the prayers of each individual and of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as I begin my work here. This is the work that you support, and I would like for you to have a first-hand account if you are interested.

Again I would like for you to know how very much I appreciate your gift, and for thinking of me.—Betty L. Johnson.

(I am sure all our readers will be pleased to receive the above letter from the girl we barely knew. Betty was serving as director of Christian education at First Church, Salisbury, when she decided to go to India as an "I-3" and since she was from another conference, not many except the Salisbury women knew of her decision. We are glad to adopt her as our own.—Editor.)

BETHLEHEM CENTER—CHARLOTTE

Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, has a new worker, Miss Julia Hayes, who was appointed to this work by the Woman's Division this fall. Miss Hayes graduated from National College for Christian Workers at Kansas City in June 1949 and came to Charlotte in time to get acquainted with the work at the Center before the fall program opened. She has charge of the kindergarten in the morning and has charge of or helps with the clubs in the afternoon.

In regard to some adjustments Miss Hayes has had to make, she says: "I have become accustomed to the language now so that people do not have to repeat every thing they say to me. I know they are as happy about that as I am.

"I have moved my church membership here and joined several organizations in the church. I also joined one of the Y. W. C. A. clubs and have explained what I do in my work to some six or seven girls. If I keep on I'll have the entire club educated on the Bethlehem Center.

"They have a very nice Board down here and I do so much appreciate the arrangements they make to enable the staff to attend their meetings. In this way we are able to become acquainted with them and they in turn become better acquainted with the work of the Center."

MISS ETHEL BOST GOES TO JAPAN

In a letter from Miss Olive Curry, Kwassui Jo Gakko, Nagasaki, Japan, she says: "We have had the best news! At last someone is coming to help us with piano in the music department. Miss Ethel Bost has been a missionary in China for 13 years and as she cannot get back there now she is coming to us in November. We are building a new storage room outside for our food from America to release a bedroom for her. Are we happy!"

Miss Bost, who has been at her home in Cornelius, N. C., sailed November 23, from San Francisco on the Trade Wind, Pacific Far East Lines.

MY PERSONAL GREETINGS

Those cheery little words I never spoke—
The pleasant deeds I always meant to do—
The notes I never got around to write—
I mail them all—my Christmas gift to you!

Oh, heavy is the pack I fear, my dear!
Yet something gives me strength, this blessed Day;
So please accept one whole delinquent year
Of friendly things my heart would do and say.

—Laura Simmons

(Although this poem appeared on this page two years ago, we are publishing it again by special request.—Editor.)

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MEETING

The Jefferson Wesleyan Service Guild was organized in March of this year, beginning its work with ten members. Officers of the group are Miss Jennie C. Worth, president; Miss Laura McConnell, vice-president; Mrs. Quinton Little, promotion secretary; Mrs. Herbert Bard, recording secretary; and Miss Mary Colvard, treasurer.

Since its beginning the Guild membership has grown to twenty-five and a drive to further extend this membership is under way. It donates regularly to Home Missions and is now using the regular program material. Its project for the year is to help build a new concrete walkway as an entrance to the Jefferson Methodist Church—Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston.

WAYNESVILLE SUB-DISTRICT MEETINGS

Waynesville's four sub-districts have held their Caravan meetings, presenting the Advance for Christ program. Eight of the district officers helped in these meetings. Mrs. J. R. Long, president, attended all of the meetings and helped in them. Mrs. Julian Gillis, Mrs. Joe Setzer, Mrs. Will Hyatt, Mrs. W. W. Jones, Mrs. J. R. Buchanan and Mrs. F. O. Dryman attended and spoke at one or more of the sub-districts.

Others making real contributions to the success of the meetings were Mrs. C. N. Clark and Mrs. R. E. Early. Mrs. J. R. Buchanan, the new secretary of missionary education in the district, made mission study stand out as a vital part of Advance.

All sub-districts were well attended. Another new officer in this district is Mrs. R. G. Liner, secretary of youth work.

This information comes to us from the promotion secretary, Mrs. F. O. Dryman.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF COUPONS

Another shipment of 40,750 coupons is ready at the Winston-Salem Bethlehem Center. Of this number 9,300 will receive double value. Large numbers sent in are from Central, Canton, 540½; Spray, 764; Bessemer, Greensboro, 832; Newton, 1,206; Allegheny church, S. Davidson charge, 664½; Lewisville, 1,315; East Flat Rock, 895; College Place, an additional 1,212, total 1,801; First church, Lincolnton, an additional 503, total 1,398; Chapel Hill, S. Davidson, 547; Mary's Grove (Gastonia District), 679; Farmer, 1,079; Pleasant Garden, an additional 388, total 1,037; Lebanon, High Point, 817; Vanderburg, Mooresville, 658; Mooresville, Central, 617.

COLLEGE PLACE W.S.C.S. PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS in our schools around the world was the theme for the program of the W.S.C.S. at College Place Church, Greensboro, December 4. Women dressed in costumes of India, Burma, Cuba, Brazil, China, Korea, Japan and the Navajo Indians were a part of the program, as they entered into the singing of the Christmas carols.

Charges Pay in Full; Mumps on Rampage; Friends Entertain Children; 42 Make Honor Roll

By L. C. LARKIN

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HONOR ROLL CHARGES

Five charges take their place on the Honor Roll, having paid up in full for the new year: Moncure, McD. McLamb, pastor; Evansdale, W. N. Vaughan, pastor; Fairmont, Daniel Lane, pastor; Troy, C. P. Morris, pastor; Greenville, Leon Russell, pastor. We offer our thanks and congratulations to these ministers and their members.

MULTITUDE OF MUMPS

There is an expression, "When it rains it pours." When a germ visits our campus it finds a large number of convenient customers and ready receivers.

Twenty of our boys and girls are in the Infirmary with Mumps. I never saw so many children at one place with the "Big Head." Forty-four have been on the sick list with this infection this fall. Mrs. Sam Hudson is also in bed with this popular disease.

Four of our young people were operated on for appendicitis during November. We are glad to report that all four are on their feet again.

A MERRY MONDAY

The first Monday of December was a happy one for our smaller children. They were entertaind with a doubleheader that afternoon and evening.

The Kiwanis Club of Raleigh gave a matinee performance of their minstrel at 4 o'clock for the children from the Blind School and the two orphan homes of this city. Seventy-five of our little people took in this show and had a wonderful time.

When the program was over, in Hugh Morson School Auditorium, they were transferred to the Sir Walter Hotel. Arthur E. Buddenhagen, the manager, was there to welcome the children from the three institutions.

The large dining hall was lovely with Christmas decorations, and the Christmas music provided a perfect setting for this party. The turkey with all the trimmings was set before the excited boys and girls. Balloons and other attractive favors were placed on each table.

Charlie "Choo-Choo" Justice was a special guest at this banquet. He was kept busy posing for pictures and signing autographs for the children. Senator Hoey dropped in for the party and enjoyed his fellowship with the youngsters.

The climax came when the curtains were opened on the platform and a number of bicycles, tricycles and red wagons were presented to the happy group of young people. We extend our hearty thanks to our friends who entertained our children at the minstrel show and at the Sir Walter Hotel.

OUR PRAISE TO THE PEDDYS

There is a couple here in Raleigh who take special interest in the athletic program of the Orphanage. They fill up their car with our young people and follow our teams on the trips they make over the state. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Peddy are the friends we would present to our readers. Their personal interest is a constant inspiration to our boys and girls to do their best in every contest.

Monday night, December 5, Mr. and Mrs. Peddy gave a banquet to our football boys and the cheerleaders. Wallace Wade was the guest speaker. He gave a showing of the Duke-Carolina game after his message.

In his talk to the students, Mr. Wade paid a fine tribute to the Orphanage as a great training station for Christian leaders. He spoke in high praise of Walter Smith and Billy Britt who are making good records at Duke University.

He told the young people, "If you put your very best into the playing of football or any other game you will be the winner no matter what the score may be."

We are grateful to Mr. Wade for his sound advice to our boys and to the Peddys for a lovely banquet.

HONOR CITIZENS ENTERTAINED

Forty-two of our high school students made the Citizens Honor Roll for the school month just ended. The Fidelis Sunday School Class of Edenton Street church gave an elaborate Christmas party last Tuesday evening honoring these fine young people. The party was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church and included a variety of games and stunts, a picture showing the childhood of Christ, gifts for all the students and refreshments in abundance.

Our Honor Citizens represent the very best achievement in our school, and achievement in an area that is most important. Some students may not be able to make honor grades in academic subjects; however, all students can be honor citizens if they work hard enough. We have several students who have made the Citizens Honor Roll every month since they have been in high school. We are deeply grateful to this fine church school class for encouraging our students in this respect.

VISIT TO TROY AND PITTSBORO

On Sunday, December 4, a party from our Home made a trip to the Methodist church in Troy. We were there in time to greet the first people who arrived for Sunday school.

Four of our children are sponsored by this church and these attended classes with their friends on this occasion. The superintendent spoke to the Men's Class at ten o'clock, and with the children presented a worship program at the church hour. At this service the chairman of the board presented a check for the entire apportionment for the new year.

The pastor, C. P. Morris, and other friends opened their homes for the entertainment of our party of seven.

In the late afternoon we were given a warm welcome at the Pittsboro church by the pastor, W. T. Phipps, and many of his church people. A lovely supper was served in the social room of the church.

The auditorium was well filled at 7:30 for the program presented by our boys and girls. Many preachers have said to the editor of this page, "When our people see and know the children they get a great thrill out of their support of the Orphanage." We are grateful to our friends in Troy and Pittsboro.



TWO GREAT FELLOWS
Methodist Orphanage's fifth grade Tommy Gunter chats across the table with Carolina's All-American Charlie Justice at the Sir Walter Hotel's Annual Christmas Party for children from Catholic and Methodist Orphanages.

The Universal God

Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 29; 31; Luke 1

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

It is hard to tell which does more harm, the superficial optimist or the discouraged pessimist, the man who inspired us with false hopes or the man whose hopes are flickering out. In Babylon Jewish prophets were enthusiastically predicting a speedy return to Judah. That would mean that the exiles would not build houses or plant gardens, and as the hopes of return were false that would increase misery.

Jeremiah was so intensely interested not only in the poor who were left with him in Jerusalem but in the scholarly and more skilled Israelites who had been carried into captivity, that he wrote letters warning them to build houses, plant gardens, take wives and raise children. This exasperated the Jews in the exile, and they wrote letters urging that this lunatic prophet should be sternly dealt with.

But while Jeremiah was a fierce rebuker of all false hopes, yet he not only believed that the Judean exiles would finally be returned, but that northern Israel which long years before had been carried captive would also return; and not only that, but they would begin again to come up to Jerusalem to worship, although before they were taken captive they had long ceased to worship with the people of Judah.

Jeremiah is your perfect optimist. He believes that the ideal will finally be accomplished; but at the same time he rejects any false hope as a dangerous delusion. We see this combination of realism and idealism perfectly illustrated in Jesus (Matthew 16:21-28). Our Lord knew that he was to be crucified, and yet there never was a man whose hopes were so imperial and whose claims for ultimate victory so absolute.

If we would be like him, aglow with utmost confidence in the future of the Kingdom of God, and at the same time free from any false hopes, we must be absolutely sincere. Jesus said, Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. This vision of God will mean ability to see through all fond delusions, and also a sense of the blessed and eternal reality of God's power and presence in human life; and the resulting confidence in a glorious future.

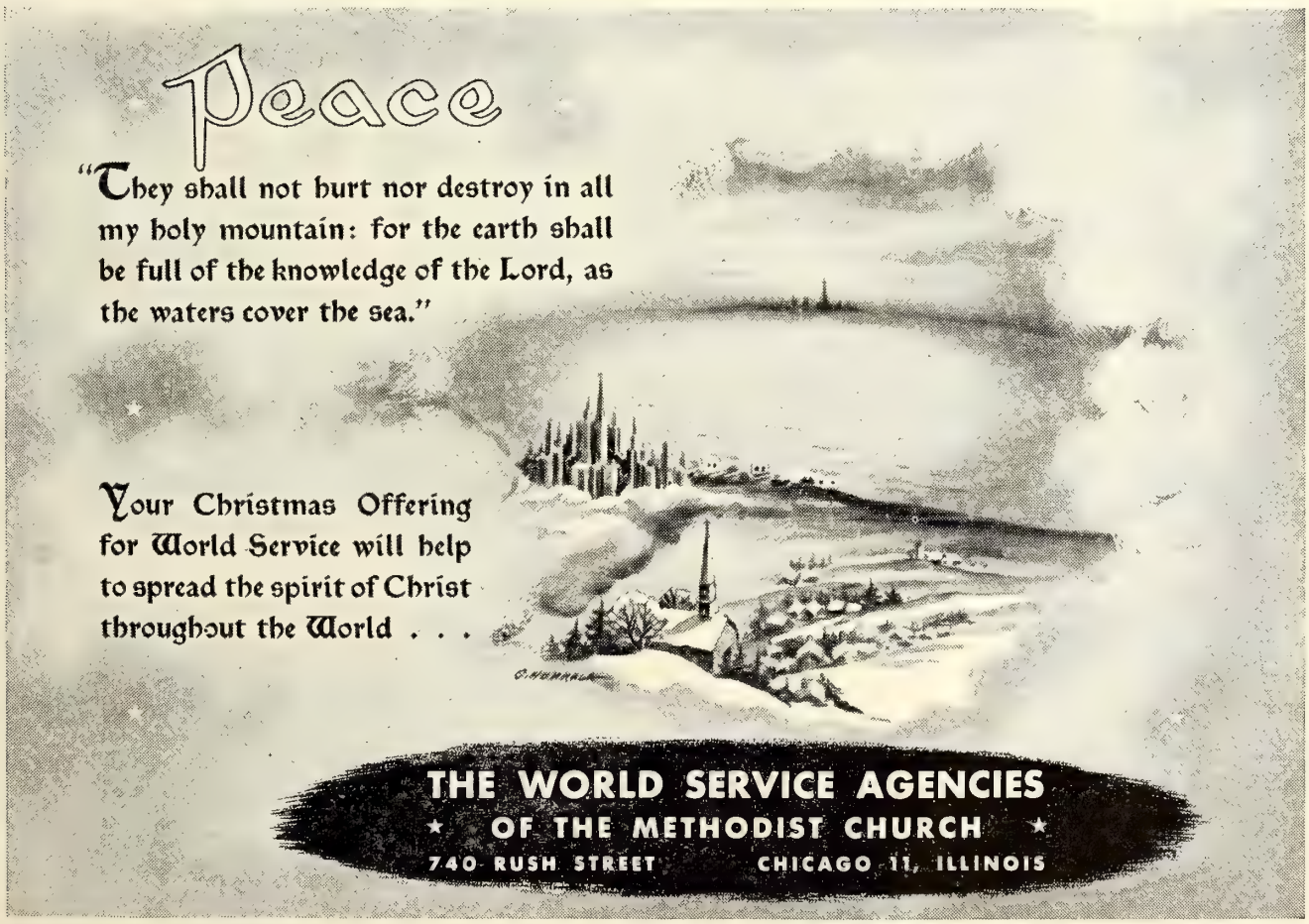
The modern man believes that natural law is enforced everywhere and under all circumstances; an apple will always fall to the ground when it is ripe and stem weakens; it will never fly up toward the sky. Gravitation always works. The trouble with the modern man is that he is not equally sure that the moral law is always enforced. But that is the great affirmation of the Bible. God is everywhere, all the time, punishing oppression and licentiousness and rewarding righteousness and love. There are never any exceptions.

More than that, the Bible affirms that God is not only just but infinitely loving. He is everywhere using his gracious divine power to restore the sinner and build men together into a great brotherhood. As he is God and not man, he never gives up, but with endless loving persistence he tries and tries again with generation after generation until the ideal will finally be accomplished. God loves us with an everlasting love. Instead of being impersonal the power with which we have to do is superpersonal. He is closer to us than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet. We can no more avoid the presence of God than we can escape from the atmosphere.

And as God is thus universally present, and infinitely righteous and loving, we can be sure that he looks through all disguises and seeks inward loyalty, and is satisfied when he finds it. God is not a stickler for outward form and ceremony. Hence wistful hearts everywhere that look up to him with deep longing will find him. The Saviour who came to seek and to save that which is lost represents the very heart of God.

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The Frog's Cousin

By Paul Suter

If the doctor's boys had not been mowing the grass, they might never have noticed him, for he was a little fellow, and he was trying hard to escape their notice when the lawn mower ran him down.

Now he lay quite still, and Harry and Ralph looked down at him sorrowfully. He was only a toad, but, as Ralph said, he might have a wife and family waiting for him at home; and, anyway, maybe even toads were some good in the world.

The doctor was looking out of his study window, and he overheard them.

"Bring him in, boys," he called to them. "Maybe we shall be able to restore Mr. Toad to his family."

"Now, while I am trying to bring him back to life," he said, "I should like for you to tell me what you know about a toad."

"He's—he's a kind of first cousin to the frog, isn't he?" Harry asked doubtfully.

"But a frog has a smooth skin and he is rough," Ralph put in.

"And he gives people warts when they touch him," declared Harry. "That's why we brought him in on a leaf."

The doctor laughed and looked at his own hands. "Then I seem to be in for it," he observed. "I have touched him more than once in the last few minutes. What else?"

"I'm afraid that's all we know," Ralph said after a pause.

"Suppose you look it up in the 'Natural History,'" the doctor suggested. "When you come back maybe Mr. Toad will be on his feet."

Sure enough, they returned in a few minutes to find the little fellow looking very spry indeed.

"O, I'm so glad!" Harry exclaimed. "We wouldn't want him to die now for anything. Why, we've found that toads are useful. "The 'Natural History' says they kill more than their weight of caterpillars and bugs in a single day. We need him in the garden."

"How about the warts?" asked the doctor.

"There isn't much in that," Ralph asserted. "The book says that they have a liquid which roughens the skin when you get it on your hands; but, then, that's their only way of defending themselves."

"Because they haven't any teeth, like the frog," Harry explained. "Frogs have tiny teeth on their upper jaws and palate. A frog has a forked tongue, but a toad hasn't."

"Good! Now I think our patient is ready to go. He can do duty in the garden for a few weeks longer, then he will be ready to take his winter's sleep in some hole or burrow. Who will carry him out?"

"We'll both go," the boys exclaimed, and they took up the leaf to escort Mr. Toad out again. But just as they reached the last step he gave a flying leap and landed in a flower bed. Then he started away at a lively pace, as if to make up for the time lost.

"Good-bye, Mr. Toad," Harry called after him. "Remember us to your family."
—Sunday School Times.

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What Christmas Means to Me

What Christmas means to me?
Well, it's this way you see.
Long ago on Christmas morn
A little baby in a stable was born.
Angels came to the shepherds nearby
And told them not to flee or cry,
That in a stable not far away
A little baby savior lay.
The wise men too, came from afar
For they had seen a lovely star.
The baby was Jesus in all his glory.
But I won't tell the whole Christmas story.
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All about the Baby blessed,
Who lay in a stable far away.

Written by Barbara Kay Brown, aged 11, Moriah Methodist Church, Rt. 4, Greensboro.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Sadie White Talbert

Concord.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Rocky Ridge Methodist Church, Concord, N. C., wish to express our tribute and respect to our deceased member, Mrs. Sadie White Talbert, who died August 31, 1949. She has served her church faithfully as teacher of the Young Ladies' Class, as active leader in the Woman's Society and by her faithful attendance upon church services. Her pleasant disposition and her entire life were inspiring to everyone who knew her, and her death saddened many far beyond the bounds of kinship or special ties.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, that we commend to the members of this Society and to all members of our church the Christian character and boundless faith of Mrs. Talbert.

Second, that we extend our deepest sympathy to her sorrowing family.

Third, that this resolution be sent to her husband, Mr. L. B. Talbert; her son, Lee Talbert and her mother, Mrs. A. H. White, Sr.—Mrs. Curtis Yarbrough, Mrs. James Kiser.

Mrs. L. H. Logan

Jefferson.—Mrs. Grace Logan passed peacefully to her heavenly reward at Jefferson on November 8. For many years she was church pianist in the Methodist church. She was a faithful member of the church, Sunday school, and Woman's Society of Christian Service. Our loss is her gain.—C. C. Murray, pastor.





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NEW BERN, Queen St. Church, Kinston, Tuesday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.

ROCKY MOUNT, First Church, Rocky Mount, Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m.

ELIZABETH CITY, First Church, Elizabeth City, Wednesday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.

WILMINGTON, Fifth Avenue Church, Thursday, January 26, 10:30 a.m.

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NO ADVOCATE NEXT WEEK

In keeping with a custom of long standing, the North Carolina Christian Advocate will not be published next week. The next issue will appear Thursday, January 5, 1950.

The Advocate staff takes this opportunity to thank our many readers for their loyalty throughout the year, and to wish for all a joyous and blessed Christmas.

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The 1949 Western North Carolina Conference Journals are off the press and are being mailed. Edited by Dr. Edgar H. Nease, Conference Secretary, the journal contains over 200 pages, and covers every aspect of the church program. The statistical tables are edited by Rev. Charles D. White. According to R. R. Mitchell, who was in charge of the printing, it is hoped that the 6,350 journals which have been ordered can be mailed by the end of December.

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RECOGNITION

By Hiel D. Bollinger

A child appreciates recognition. This is also true of an adult. In fact, it is one of the stabilizing factors of personality. If an individual is recognized as a person, he feels like he is "in" or that he "belongs." It helps a person grow from inwardness to outwardness in relationship. As people recognize one another, they tend to build bridges of understanding and confidence.

A college student is a very self conscious creature. This is especially true when he is home from school on vacation. In a sense he feels he is on parade before his folks at home, old high school friends and people in the church and community. Since he is self conscious, he may act a bit "uppity," "high hat," or, as some people put it, "stuck up." No matter how he may act and howsoever the people may think he acts, the fact remains that there is a potential barrier between a student who has once gone away to college and the folks who have remained at home. From the viewpoint of the Church and the cause of Christ, this barrier should not be allowed to develop or even to exist. It may represent the difference between holding a student within the fellowship of the Church, or losing him to the cause of Christ.

Student Recognition Day might be defined as a bridge of relationship between the college student and his home church. It represents the attempt on the part of the home church to recognize the student who has gone to college. It is the home church in understanding with him. It represents trust, confidence and fellowship.

Editor's Note: Sunday, January 1, is Student Recognition Sunday. Many of our churches will give special recognition to their young people who are attending colleges and universities on this day. This brief editorial by Dr. Bollinger points out the significance of recognition.

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Editorial . . .

The Prince of Peace Sets a Price for Peace

"And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.' " Luke 2:13, 14.

The song of the heavenly host that kindled in troubled hearts on the day of Christ's birth a new hope for peace among men at this Christmas doubtlessly will leave multitudes of people cold and skeptical. For nineteen long centuries devout followers of Jesus have clung wistfully to the prophecy of peace announced by the heavenly choir. All these years Christ has been cast in the role of peace maker. Christians have steadfastly maintained that their King would bring peace to a divided world. Instead, bewildered humanity has experienced war after war. Battle-scarred mankind, with at least a dim hope that it was fighting a war to end all wars, has just passed through the most devastating war in human history. What has been the harvest? Millions of the choice youth of every land lie dead on battlefields. Other millions, the innocent victims of war, lie beneath incredible ruins. Whole cities, once proud and prosperous, lie beaten and prostrate. The good earth has been ravaged and despoiled. Nations are burdened with debts that stagger the imagination. Economically, the whole world is virtually bankrupt. Confusion, dismay, despair, and moral chaos hang over the world like a deadening pall.

But that is not all. At this moment the world may be characterized as a vast armed camp. The war we thought would end all wars has left in its wake multiplied fear and suspicion and bitterness. Even before the smoke and debris of the last war are cleared away the nations are choosing sides in preparation for a new all-out conflict. Nations with the resources are working frantically to get an atom bomb a thousand times more destructive than the bombs that fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is reliably reported that more men are under arms now than ever before in times of peace. Billions of dollars annually are being madly poured into the implements of war. The United Nations, born in the hours of travail and holding out at least a flicker of hope for universal peace, is having to fight for its very existence. Communism that openly and avowedly seeks to rise to power by violence, is sweeping over the earth like a raging fire. This Christmas the song of the



heavenly choir will fall on many disheartened and disillusioned ears!

"Where is your Christ who promised peace? Where is the peace the angels promised?" harassed and frightened men cry out.

What is the trouble? Has Christ failed? Are the problems that confront men today too difficult for Christ to handle? In this war-scared day is there no hope for peace even in the Prince of Peace?

We cannot believe that the present chaotic conditions that confront us have come because of any failure of Christ. On the contrary, we believe the chaos that surrounds us has come because the nations have left Christ out of their plans. We have been trying to make peace without the Prince of Peace. We have been trying to settle the differences that separate nations with human prescriptions.

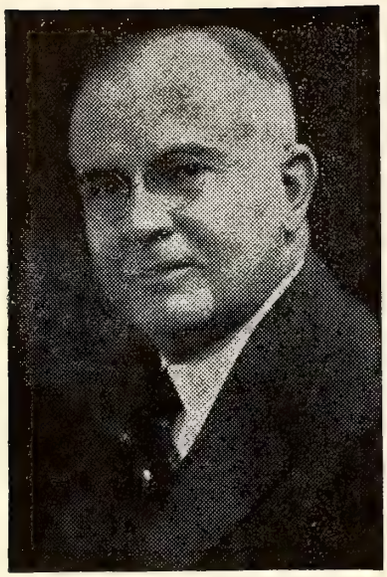
Now, it would be wholly unfair to blame the non-Christian nations for the present state of the world. Let us not forget that the last war began in Europe, supposedly the center of culture and Christianity. It is the height of sacrilege and blasphemy that the nations which confess Christ with their lips actually put their final trust in ships and tanks and planes and atom bombs. At least, they are spending many times more for the instruments of war than they spend in propagating the gospel of Christ. The nations want peace, but they want it at their own price.

We are failing to get peace because we are not meeting Christ's conditions for peace. Those conditions are repentance and forgiveness and love and service. Jesus summed it up in these words: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." This applies to international relations as well as to personal relations.

The road to world peace does not lie in getting a corner on the markets of the world. It does not lie in getting control of the material resources of the earth. It does not lie in power politics. It does not lie in vast armaments. Our hope for world peace lies in practicing the gospel Jesus proclaimed. It is that simple. It is that terribly difficult. Humanity today does not need some intricate new peace plan. It needs only to follow the simple formula Christ announced nineteen centuries ago.

Our own nation occupies at the moment a unique place in world affairs. We have a reservoir of goodwill unmatched by any other nation in the world. We are in position to lead the nations into bloodshed or into an era of peace. Which shall we choose? If we follow in the footsteps of other nations and seek power and domination, the end will be war. If we follow in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace, we can have peace. The price we shall have to pay will come high. It will mean that we shall have to share our food with a hungry world. It will mean that we shall have to share our technical skills with the unprivileged peoples of the world. It will mean that we shall have to teach more than a billion people to read and write. It will mean that we shall send thousands of missionaries to the very ends of the earth. Instead of forcing the world to serve us, it will mean becoming the servant of all. It will mean the way of vicarious love and self-effacing service. It is a heavy price to pay for peace. But it is not as big a price as we have been paying for war.

At this Christmas let us pray that we as individual Christians and that our nation, created and nurtured in the Christian tradition, may have the faith and the courage to follow the Prince of Peace and to bring to pass even in our day the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

A Christmas Meditation

By COSTEN J. HARRELL*

Amid all the hilarity and commercialism of this season let us not miss the supreme lesson of Christmas! Every year it proclaims anew the boundless love of God. This day of goodwill, our eagerness to bring good cheer into the lives of the unfortunate, messages and gifts to distant friends, our happy family gatherings, sweet memories and glorious hopes—all these are dim reflections of God's love for man. It burst like an angel's song upon the world the first Christmas morning when love became incarnate in Jesus Christ his Son. Matthew and Luke tell the Christmas story. It remains for John to declare its meaning in words that are forever graven on Christian hearts—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In his first epistle the Apostle John tells that God is love. With a mystic's insight he explores the heart of the Eternal, and declares that love is the divinest element in divinity. The same Apostle in his Gospel tells us the *extent* of God's love. Nowhere can be found a statement so complete and so exquisitely wrought as John's most-quoted sentence. It is the Gospel in miniature. As one delves into its meaning the wonder grows. It invites the holiest contemplation of men and angels.

"God so loved the world"—here is the breadth of divine love. He does not love a part of the world, but all of it; not one race, but every race; not some persons, but all persons. In other places in the Scripture we are told that God thinks in the terms of worlds and aeons. The love of God is as far-reaching as the thought of God.

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Amid all the hilarity and commercialism of Christmas the boundless love of God stands supreme.

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"He gave his only begotten Son"—this is the depth of divine love. The counsels of the law, the advice of wise men, the eloquence of prophets, and the sweet songs of psalmists were inadequate expressions of God's love. These could not fathom its unmeasured depths. Love reveals its depth through suffering. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. The supreme expression of the love of God is seen on Calvary, where his Son in humiliation and agony, grappled with sin and death for us. Let no one be so blasphemous as to treat the love of God as an easy sentiment. It is suffering love, written and sealed in blood divine, the most awe-inspiring fact in the universe.

"Whosoever believeth"—here is the length of divine love. The length of it is sufficient to reach any man and every man. This "Whosoever" is the hand of God stretched across the abyss of iniquity to the last and worst sinner of our race.

"Everlasting life"—these words declare the height of divine love. They point upward into the domes of vast eternity. God's love is so constant that it can never wear out. It is so far-reaching that we can never get beyond it. Through unnumbered ages it will be our increasing and unending joy.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, in one of his many books, tells of walking one day by the sea where the children were playing in the sand. They were digging a hole with their little spades, and he stopped to ask them why. "We want to see if the sea can fill it," they replied. The children and the scholar watched together to see what would happen. The tide was coming in, and the waves—"those white horses of the mighty deep"—broke nearer and nearer. At last a great wave swept over the hole the children had dug, and rolled back into the sea. It was full to the brim, and the great unfathomed ocean lay behind it. So indeed does the love of God fill our lives to overflowing, and that which is left is like the immensity of the unmeasured sea. Who is able "To comprehend . . . what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." "I thank God for one thing of which there is enough," said an old Scotch woman when first she saw the sea. Another said,

"The love of God's a wondrous thing,
The love of God for me;
'Tis deep as God, none can explore—
And ocean boundless, without shore—
A calm immensity."

*Presiding bishop, Charlotte Area.

A CHRISTMAS POEM

Who has not loved a little child, he knows not Christmas Day—
The wondered, breathless waking through fir-sweet morning gray,
White tropic forests on the pane against the dawn-streaked skies,
The awe of faith unhesitant in lifted childish eyes;
The sputtered, spicy, teasing joy of kitchen fragrance sweet,
The sting of frost upon his face, the snow creak 'neath his feet;
The swish of runners, song of bells, the laughing echoed call
From drifted hilltops sparkling white, the blue sky folding all;
The holly-berried table top, the feasting and the fun
With Christmas ribbons strewing all until the day is done;
The hush of candle-lighting time, the hearth flame flickered red,
The warm, soft clasp of clinging hands up shadowed stairs to bed;
The crib-side talk that slacks and stills on stumbled drowsy note,
The love that stings behind your eyes and catches in your throat;
The hope, the fears, the tenderness, the Mary prayer you pray—
Who has not loved a little child, he knows not Christmas Day.

—MARTHA HASKELL CLARK



The True Meaning of Christmas

By W. W. PEELE*

It is not easy to get back behind the immediate and perhaps the most conspicuous associations of Christmas and discover the real, or eternal meaning of the season which we are now celebrating. There is often a vast difference between the eternal meaning of a thing and the immediate associations surrounding it. This is certainly true of Christmas. We so often connect the Christmas season with gayety, hurrying throngs, carols, gifts, and such things; but if we are to get the real meaning of this season we must get back into deeper things. If and when the discovery of what Christmas really is dawns upon us we do not have less joy and peace, but much more. And it is of such a nature that some of the things surrounding Christmas as it is observed today hinder rather than help.

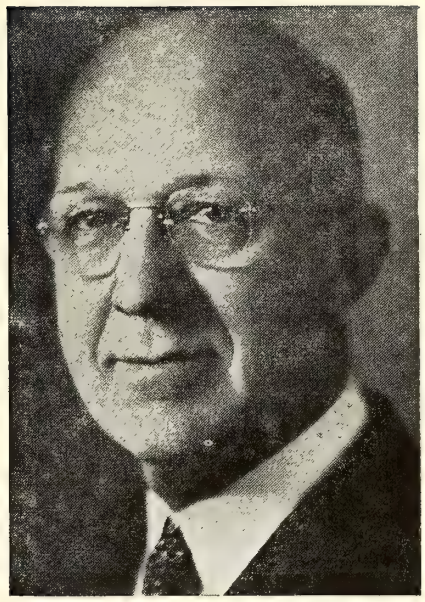
If you will read the prophecy of Micah you will discover that it is a Christmas prophecy. It is the prophecy of the redemption and spiritual uplift of a people through a Person given of God. Three themes make up this Christmas prophecy; the wretchedness of a people who have given themselves over to evil; the completeness of the restoration, social and spiritual; and the efficacy of the redeeming Savior. He charges the people with uncleanness, with covetousness, and with cruelty. "They covet fields, and seize them; and houses and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage." The people to whom the prophet spoke hated the good and loved the evil. To this evil people he promised complete deliverance. He tells them of a God who pardoneth iniquity. In this deliverance are conditions of universal peace. It is this prophet that declares, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." So he sees a redeemed people.

This redemption is not to come by an evolutional process, working by itself

This is the eternal meaning of Christmas: The coming forth of the One who shall redeem us from evil.

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in a festering humanity but by a Savior appointed—a chosen shepherd—a ruler who shall come forth, and this Person shall be our peace. The meaning of Christmas is this: The coming forth of the One who shall redeem or restore a perfected spiritual society, redeeming us from evil. "For it is He that shall save his people from their sins." So here is the process: a sinful people; the promise of redemption; redemption realized in the coming of a Savior. This idea is in keeping with the song sung by the angels on the first Christmas night. Not the advent of a king, or teacher, or ideal person, but the advent of a Savior. That brings Jesus unto us in his true light. And this is what should make all of us happy on this Christmas occasion.



"And thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is He that shall save his people from their sins." His mission is to forgive sin. He came to a sinful world. He came to redeem from sin. The Christmas message is the standing forth of the One —the only One—who taketh away the sins of the world. Here it is:

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinners' ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

This is the eternal meaning of Christmas. May each of us have the joy and peace that come from such a meaning of this season through which we are now passing.

*Presiding Bishop, Richmond Area.

CHRISTMAS: *A Family Affair*

How shall we make the afternoon of Christmas Sunday so outstanding that the memories will be strong and beautiful? First of all, *on every Christmas Sunday let us read together the great Christmas story in the second chapter of Luke.* Yes, we will all hear it in church, but that will not take the place of the home reading and the associations that will go with it. Of course, whether you read it Sunday afternoon or Sunday morning is not important. Do it all together every Christmas Sunday as a regular feature of the day so that your boys and girls will definitely remember the home Bible reading and its precious familiar setting in their early home life.

Christmas Sunday should have its carols. There are different ways of introducing carol music in the home. All will enjoy singing them together if there is a piano, or if you have a phonograph, you may listen to Christmas carols on records. Appreciative listening to these old-time and old-world carols—some of which are so old that no one knows when they were written—has its place in every home.

Christmas Sunday afternoon can be a time to carry cheer to some other family—a short visit, a little gift, singing carols there. It should be a family-together day all the way through.

Perhaps the children will have their own ideas of what they would like to do as a family unit.

So, fathers and mothers, gather your children and young people around you sometime during Christmas Sunday afternoon or evening and enjoy together the stories and readings and music that center around this holy season. Let us make Christmas Sunday in the home a time of blessed togetherness and a time of great happiness for each member of the home circle!—The Christian Home.

Are We Twentieth Century Wise Men?

By Allen P. Brantley*

Has Christmas become just another glorified holiday; with the long anticipation of giving and receiving gifts; the making of long-delayed visits to friends and relations; the anxiety of flooding the mails with Christmas greetings; or is it still, the anniversary of peace and goodwill to mankind, which we celebrate for a week or so, and then settle back to the hum-drum of life as though nothing had ever happened?

Can it be that we have adopted the policy of the wise men and shepherds who came, saw, and left, never to be heard from again? It was a bit strange that the wise men and shepherds were so immeasurably impressed by the nativity that they were willing to leave their homes, friends and loved ones, go on a long unknown journey, carrying priceless gifts, and expose themselves to the dangers of foreign lands, all in order to see for themselves and be convinced of the wonder of the occasion, then straightway depart, leaving behind them no clues to their identity or future domicile. They spent the rest of their lives in complete obscurity, never once so much as mentioning the event to their posterity or to their fellowmen; or, at least, we have no record of it.

Before we condemn the wise men and shepherds for this moral and spiritual

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inertia, suppose we consider ourselves in the same light. Probably one-half, or more, of all those who celebrate, what to them has become an annual holiday, think little or nothing of the purpose and integrity of this occasion from one year to the other. The wise men and shepherds in all likelihood, would have enjoyed having a day or a week off for a celebration, but unfortunately for them this occasion had not grown to such all-inclusive dimensions.

We are guilty of celebrating with our friends every conceivable type and kind of sensation about Christmas time and losing the real significance of this God-given gift of Himself, in the Advent of

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Are we like the wise men who came, saw and adored the Babe of Bethlehem, but immediately returned to the old ways to be lost in self-centered obscurity?

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His Son. When the annual holiday is past, we are not interested in giving to anybody unless we get value received.

Of course, during the week before Christmas we can persuade ourselves to give, because it is the long-established custom. One week out of the year we try to play Santa Claus, and the rest of the year we are as silent as the wise men in their seclusion.

Does it make any difference to us how our fellowmen live all the other weeks of the year? Do they deserve the chance to live decently and comfortably? Then what do we do about it? We may be wholly justified to condemn John Lewis for his unscrupulous methods of obtaining results. But before we condemn, let's ask ourselves what have we done, or what are we doing for these untold thousands who spend their working hours, like moles, burrowing underground.

At this Christmas there will be many deserving families who will be in need, and during the week of Christmas festivities we will spend all our benevolent energies on them at this given time. What about the other 51 weeks of the year? Do we really care, or are we just sentimental loafers, expressing a little built-up benevolent emotion? Will all our celebration be confined to this one week? Will the profound and all-inclusive message of peace, goodwill, and brotherhood we proclaim so loudly and so enthusiastically, for such short duration and so abortively? If so, then we need not stand in amazement at the silence of the wise men and the shepherds through the many years following their visit to Bethlehem. We are only following the pattern set by these oriental would-be followers of the Holy Child.

Christmas has been deplorably commercialized. It has been used as an occasion for unbridled revelry. It has been abused by the giving of presents with the expectation of gifts in return. It has taken on so many human elements, desires, and wants, that Christ has been all but pushed out of the picture.

After we have said all this by way of saying what Christmas is not, let us hasten to say, with all the human frailties which have entered the picture, Christmas has literally taken the world captive, believers and unbelievers alike celebrate this holy occasion in some distinctive manner.

The Christ of Bethlehem can be, and still is the most powerful, moving influence in our lives. We can do much to enhance this influence by living close to the Christ of Christmas, and thus make every day Christ's Day.

Only in this way can the wise men of the twentieth century put to shame the silence, seclusion, and retirement of the wise men of the first century.

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The Great Gift

God honored all the stars that night
When He selected one
To hang with all its wondrous light
Above His baby Son.

God crowned the fields and hills with grace,
The barn He did adorn,
And hallowed every wayside place—
When Christ was manger-born.

God made all music sweeter still
When He gave Heaven's song,
"Peace on the earth, to men good will,"
Through His angelic throng.

God gave His best to me and you,
And on that gift He smiled;
For man was given meaning new
When God became a child.

And now each star is Heaven's plan,
Each wayside place a shrine,
Each song a gift from God to man,
And man almost divine.

—Ernest C. Durham

Raleigh, N. C.

I Believe in God the Father

The fool hath said within his heart,
"There is no God."
But life smiles up at him from green
And growing sod;
The sun shines down and warms him well
And power and love their story tell
In every clod.

I help my child because of love
Within my heart;
In all my plans and toils and hopes
He has a part.
I cannot live his life for him,
Nor clear his path of briar and limb—
I help him start.

The power which starts me on my way,
With early light,
And teaches me through toil and prayer
To seek the right
Which leads me by life's laws and pain,
Gives tools and strength to make them gain—
My Father's might!

John Cline

GOD WAS IN CHRIST

By F. Roderick Dail*

One of the hopeful signs of our day is the resurgence of interest in Christian faith. We are now witnessing what is perhaps the most significant re-examination of the meaning of Christian faith since the days of Luther. Much of so-called modernism, with its "dream of a Kingdom of God, born out of faith in evolutionary social progress and supported by faith in the goodness of man," has been rudely shattered by two global wars. We are awaking to the seriousness of man's being a sinner—a sinner not too far removed from the era of the cave man. Those who have lived in the dugouts of Europe bear us witness.

Whenever men become desperately conscious of their sinfulness, there we find opportunity to talk to them of a Savior who can make them better. Here is the great challenge of our day—to present a Christ who can save unto the uttermost all who come to him. This is our mission: to preach and teach Christ, who can awaken saving faith in those who are literally lost on their journey through life.

What we believe about Christ, therefore, is tremendously important. It matters a great deal whether one says, as a seminary classmate of mine said, "I'll tell you what was wrong with the little carpenter of Nazareth," and then proceeded to air his views, or whether we behold Christ and say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." It matters greatly whether we merely tell people to be *like* Jesus, or whether we tell them to behold the only begotten Son of God who alone offers life. It is a matter of highest importance whether we preach the *religion* of Jesus and ask men to be religious as Jesus was, or whether we tell them that "Christ has brought the divine love into the world through his life, suffering, sacrifice, and victory."

When we say, "I believe in Jesus Christ," we are making a confession of faith. We become one in a countless procession who has looked with faith at Jesus of Nazareth and said: "I see God approaching men who are hostile toward his love, and behold him offering them life. In Jesus I see the divine and loving will of God completely manifest."

This is what we call the Incarnation, and from the very beginning it has been the identifying symbol of Christian faith. The decisive element in our confession of faith is stated very simply by Luther: "We find the heart and will of the father in Christ." As we look at Christ, therefore, we see the very heart of God.

Bishop Aulen, a distinguished theologian of Sweden, and a leader in the movement toward Christian unity, has given this definitive statement in his recent volume, *The Faith of the Christian Church*: "The love of Christ is to faith the love of God himself. Where Christ is, there is God; and where Christ is active, there God is active also. The self-sacrificing and self-giving love of Christ is the love of God himself, its struggle against evil is God's own struggle, and its victory is God's own victory. In the deed of Christ God realizes his own will and love."

We must be clear at this point, however. This confession of faith in Christ repudiates the idea of Christ as being a half-god, or a lower god, or a diety wandering around disguised upon the earth. Neither are we to say that here is the "ideal man" that we are meant to become through evolutionary process. As Luther says again and again, "What is essential to faith is to see God 'in the despised man Christ'."

Thus, it is the divine being himself who meets us in the lowliness of the historical, human Jesus. It is not the purpose of faith to explain rationally how this is possible. Faith is satisfied to say with Paul, "God was in Christ," and with the Fourth Gospel writer, "the word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Hence, faith itself does not become involved in any argument as to *how* this was possible. Faith spends no time arguing, for example, about a virgin birth, which it sees to be only a rational attempt to explain the mystery of the Incarnation. "The eye," says Bishop Aulen, "beholds a human figure who lived under historical conditions and was crucified on Golgotha, but in this lowliness faith sees nothing less than the incarnation of divine love."

The relation between Christ and God is the relation between a smile and the love that is behind it. Christ is the smile of God to a sinful world.

Christian faith, indeed, perceives the cross to be the climax in the struggle between divine love and the forces of evil that caused our separation from God. Hence the eyes of Christians through the ages have been irresistibly drawn toward the cross. Paul, the first interpreter of Christ, said, "I am determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." At the cross the struggle between God's self-giving love and evil breaks out in its most dramatic form. Yet, standing after the cross in time as we do, we are able to see its shadow upon His whole ministry. Faith declares that the incarnation was only completed that Good Friday as Christ died upon the cross.

This is the finished work of which the theologians speak, whereby God re-established fellowship with those from whom he was separated by evil. Paul understood this when he exclaimed: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." So that we might know God was victorious over evil on the cross, faith declares that God brought forth his Son from death and exalted him eternally with himself. And think of it! He did this for *us!*

While we speak of a work finished on the cross, Christian faith senses Christ to be always active in the present. He is the Lord of the Church, always present with his own. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." His work continues as the same self-giving love we see on the cross.

None of us can fathom these declarations of faith. After we state them, much more is left unsaid than stated. But perhaps this personal experience will throw a flickering ray of light on the relation between Christ and God.

In seminary I was required to write a thesis. Week after week I struggled over the theological works of Dr. Peter Taylor Forsyth, an English Congregational minister of the last generation. I was writing on his conception of the person and work of Christ. As I wrote I, also, was seeking something to make my own. One night as the thesis was nearing its completion I dreamed that I was preaching. I was endeavoring to explain the relation between Christ and God. Like a revelation these words came: "The relation between Christ and God is the relation between a smile and the love that is behind it. Christ is the smile of God to a sinful world." I awoke, feeling that my soul had been bathed in heavenly love, cleansed, and made whole.

Today Christ comes to us who deserve only death. He encounters in us evil that thrusts him away. And, yet, how persistently he strives to win our love. Doubts stifle the faith we would declare. Nevertheless, our common sense of futility drives us to ask, "How can I know for myself the glorious things?"

"Spiritual things are spiritually discerned." Paul thought Christ was an imposter until he surrendered his will to Christ.

So completely did Paul have fellowship with the Christ that he described his experience as "Christ living in me." This is the continuing incarnation—God in us. Here—and only here—do we find a basis for Christian behavior. Salvation is not produced by good works. Rather, salvation is necessary for good works, and this Christ came to bring.

*Pastor, Kipling Charge.

News in Brief -- Personalities

TRINITY CHURCH, Southport, choir presented the cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem," last Sunday evening.

THE ADDRESS of Rev. C. E. Williams is 48 Oakley Road, Biltmore Station, Asheville, and the address of Rev. W. B. Penny is 2101 N. Caldwell, Charlotte 5.

REV. AND MRS. HORACE R. McSWAIN of Bryson City announce the birth of a son, Horace Robert McSwain, Jr., (Bobby) on November 17, at the Sylva Hospital.

DEAN HAROLD A. BOSLEY of the Duke Divinity School was the guest speaker last Sunday at Providence Methodist Church, Swan Quarter. The service, held at eleven a.m., was a union service.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Asheville, will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. On Wednesday evening, December 28, the church will hold a dinner for members of the church who are attending college.

REV. W. F. ELLIOTT of Roanoke Rapids preached last Sunday at Clarksbury church on the Harmony charge, marking the fiftieth anniversary of his ministry which he began on the Turnersburg circuit to which Clarksbury was attached at that time.

DR. RAYMOND A. SMITH, professor of Religious Education at Greensboro College, will leave Monday, December 26, for Urbana, Illinois, where he will lead one of the discussion groups at the Youth Conference. Also representing Greensboro College will be Miss Dorothy Steedman of the public relations department.

FIRST CHURCH, Roanoke Rapids, men recently presented Rev. W. F. Elliott a beautiful wrist watch in appreciation of his service to the church. Mr. Elliott, who retired in 1945 from active pastoral duty as a member of the North Carolina Conference, has been making his home in Roanoke Rapids since July.

REV. B. H. HOUSTON, due to ill health, retired at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference. He and Mrs. Houston are making their home in Weldon, where he was pastor, and have expressed their deep appreciation for the many deeds of kindness shown them by members of the Weldon Methodist Church and citizens of the community.

S. G. DODSON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Dodson, Sr., of Efland has recently become Youth director and assistant to the pastor at First Methodist Church, Leaksville. Mr. Dodson, who is studying for the ministry, graduated from Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, and attended Southern Methodist University. At present he is a member of the Elon College student body.

THE MINISTERS' WIVES of the Elizabeth City District met in a brief session during the set-up meeting in Hertford, December 6. The new wives of the district were welcomed by Mrs. J. Herbert Miller, chairman. The following goals were set for the year. (1) To continue the project of giving life memberships to the Woman's Society of Christian Service to babies born into parsonage homes in the district; (2) to beautify parsonage surroundings by planting shrubs, roses and productive trees; (3) to have at least quarterly get together zone meetings for fellowship.



"CHURCH OF THE AIR" will feature Bishop Donald H. Tippett of San Francisco on Sunday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. EST. Originating from Columbia's Station KCBS, Bishop Tippett will preach on "The Heroism of Going On." Music for the service will be provided by the San Francisco Methodist Choir under the direction of Claude Ward.

FIRST CHURCH, Denton, has recently installed a new Wurlitzer organ and a set of chimes. Representing an investment of about $3,000, both are in use during the Christmas season. Since Conference the Denton circuit has received nine new members, has distributed 50 sets of Faith booklets. All finances are in good shape, with the Children's Home apportionment completed in four churches. Rev. M. C. Ellerbe is the pastor.

LINWOOD METHODIST PARSONAGE near Lexington was destroyed by fire last Friday. Recently completed and valued at $12,500, the parsonage was built from cash contributions and donations of labor from many friends as well as members of the church. At the time of the fire the pastor, Rev. O. C. Loy, and his wife were away. A son, Bobby, returning home, discovered the blaze and called in neighbors. Most of the furniture was saved. However, contents of the study and a bedroom upstairs were destroyed. The building and furniture were partly covered by insurance.

FIRST CHURCH, Wadesboro, has recently organized a junior choir, composed of thirty children between the ages of 8 and 12 years. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll and Miss Marietta Harrison and made its initial appearance at the Thanksgiving service. It has sung several times at the county home and combined with the youth choir to present a Sunday evening Christmas musical program. The choir is vested in beautiful broadcloth robes, which were given by Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Scarboro, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

THE WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT has laid plans for an intensive campaign for the North Carolina Christian Advocate during January. Heading the campaign are Ira Shamel of Winston-Salem and Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY links India and America through Rev. John M. Hunt, a graduate, who is just leaving as a missionary to India and Benjamin M. Nilajagi, a Crusade Scholar from India, now studying at the seminary. A testimonial dinner was held recently for the Hunts in the Mercersburg Methodist Church which Mr. Hunt served as student pastor while attending the Seminary. Addresses were made by Dr. L. A. Welliver, president of the seminary, and by Mr. Nilajagi of Kolar, Mysore State, India, who will complete two years of study at Westminster in August. He will then return to his native land. The Hunts have recently sailed for India.

"THE PATHS TO PEACE" is the theme of the eleventh annual institute of religion, held under the sponsorship of The United Church, Raleigh. To discuss various phases of the international crisis and the need for world organization, six outstanding analysts or makers of world policy will speak at 8 p.m. in the church, on the following dates: January 23: Dr. David Bradley, eye witness observer of the atom bomb experiments at Bikini atoll in 1946; January 30: Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, director of the department of trusteeship of the United Nations; February 6: Dr. Max Lerner, former editor of The Nation, and editorial writer for PM; February 13: Dr. Dorothy Fosdick, daughter of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, and only woman member of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff; February 20: Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy at Earlham College; and February 27: Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, one of America's foremost educators.

METHODIST BISHOPS demonstrated their belief in the seriousness of the challenge of communism to Christian faith throughout the world when they devoted four days of the semi-annual session of their Council, held in New York in early December, to familiarizing themselves with Marxian theory, strategy and tactics. The program committee brought to the Council meeting room a dozen outstanding leaders and scholars in the area of political and social science, chosen because of their qualifications to present objectively, as they put it, "the communist challenge to those who are daily being compelled to meet it practically. The speakers were: Arnold Wolfers, professor of International Relations, Yale, member resident faculty of the National War College, Washington; Sydney Hook, professor of Philosophy, N. Y. University; Louis Fischer, journalist and student of Russian affairs; Sherwood Eddy, international Y. M. C. A. leader; John Coleman Bennett, professor of Christian Theology and Ethics, Union Theological Seminary; Paul Anderson, senior secretary in Europe for International Committee Y. M. C. A.; Matthew Spinka, professor Church History, Hartford Theological Seminary; Reinhold Niebuhr, professor of Applied Christianity, Union Theological Seminary; Norman Thomas, Socialist leader; Pitirim A. Sorokin, professor of Sociology, Harvard University; Max Lerner, journalist and professor.

ON BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR

By Jesse M. Bader, Secretary Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches

As a part of the United Evangelistic Advance, the National Committee is urgently recommending that every local church and minister plan to hold a Watch Night Service on New Year's eve from 11:00-12:00 o'clock. There should be an attempt to have every member present for this great service of fellowship and prayer. Much time during the hour should be given to prayer in behalf of many things. By each congregation having its own membership at such a Watch Night Service, the combined attendance of all the churches of the community can far exceed the attendance of those in taverns, night clubs, and cocktail parties. If others choose to celebrate the New Year in drunkenness and revelry, let Christians celebrate its coming in prayer. Time is the gift of God. The new year is a new beginning.

Then to follow this Watch Night Service immediately with a 24-hour Vigil of Prayer from midnight to midnight, is recommended also by the National Committee of the United Evangelistic Advance. Again, this plan should be worked out in each local church, whether large or small. The minister or a committee should assign the 24 hours to individuals and families and to Sunday school classes and other organizations of the local membership. He should work out subjects for prayer for those participating. Some can participate in this Vigil of Prayer in their homes and others at the church. Those ministers who have followed this plan during the last several years, or a 24-hour Vigil of Prayer, state that the plan has greatly blessed their churches.

We need to remind ourselves that New Year's Day is the first day of the last year in this half century. This last year should see the greatest moral and spiritual progress that has been made in a like period in America. This cannot be done apart from prayer which is the privilege and responsibility of every Christian.

Also, on New Year's Day, which comes on a Sunday, every minister is urged to preach on the text, II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Each minister may use any subject for this text which he feels is appropriate. America needs Christ and Christ needs America.

The Universal Week of Prayer will be held next January 1-8. The churches in many communities will want to unite to make this an outstanding week when prayer will be made in behalf of many interests, causes and persons. The Week of Prayer booklet, containing seven daily topics carefully worked out for all who participate in the services, may be ordered from the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. The price is 5c per copy; 10% discount on orders of 200 copies or more.

The Advance is on! The day of march has come for the evangelization of America! 1950 can be a year of unprecedented evangelism. Will it be so in your church?

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM PREVIEW

David A. Clarke



It was Tuesday afternoon, November 29, and the place was the University, Chapel Hill. Hundreds of people from all parts of the east and lower Piedmont, made their way to the entrance of the Morehead Building, where the central chamber, capped by a massive dome, housed the Planetarium which was donated to the University by Dr. John Motley Morehead, chemist, engineer, industrialist, class of 1891.

The occasion was a preview of "The Star of Bethlehem," now being shown each evening at 8:30 o'clock until January 2, 1950.

The narrator, Dr. Roy K. Marshall entered his place before the console and as he began to narrate the introduction to the demonstration, the dim lights overhead turned to a deep blue and the illusion that was created brought to vision the glory of a starlit sky.

With scarcely an audible sound and as in the deep silence of death and eternity, the stars rolled majestically westward as the demonstrator touched the appropriate switch at the control center. The accumulated science of all the ages contrived to demonstrate the wonders of the world. Scientists of the dim and distant past may have looked from watery graves with amazement at the wonders.

The curtain of time was lifted and the starlit skies that hovered over the Judean hills more than 1950 years ago became visible to the eyes of the visitors as the stars of the first Christmas shone down anew. The feeling of the Wise Men of old was provoked while all present explored the reverent background of the birth of Jesus.

The Star of Bethlehem hung low over the Manger where the Savior was born. The Adoration Scene in the offing was both beautiful and inspiring as the Wise Men left their gifts at the feet of the new-born Babe.

This Star of Bethlehem, made visible by the powerful projector, was but an illusion created by science and reflected by the ingenius mechanism of a precision instrument; but the birth of a Savior is an eternal fact, recorded in the annals of history, seared in the bloodstream of human experience and held high above the paganism of the world by a living Christian Faith.

Men have confessed their sins, received divine pardon and experienced the love and forgiveness of Jesus, the Savior. The man, woman, girl or boy today, fortified by the Christian Faith may well be sure that God is the Father of all His children, that Jesus Christ is His only begotten Son and that we may experience Communion and Fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

I passed through the exit and found myself once again in the presence of God's creation. Squirrels scampered about the woods hiding nuts for the winter, the goldenrod was a seared brown curve in the wind, the tall pines stood out in cold-season strength of green; the white-lined gnarl of sycamores was clean and clear against the sky, the last leaves of autumn gone.

A still small voice spoke from the inner chambers of my soul: "This is my Father's world."

PARABLES RE-ENACTED

By James K. Mathews

A Hindu leader in India recently said, "In the deeds of Christian people we have seen a re-enactment of the Parable of the Good Samaritan." To what did he refer? The marvelous expression of love and sympathy to those who were wounded in the civil strife of India. At the time of independence for India, when Hindu was warring against Mohammedan and Mohammedan against Hindu, the Christians succored the wounded and buried the dead. It was not uncommon for the governor to send train loads of wounded to Christian hospitals. This is Christian preaching and service of the highest order.

Whence came the medicines, the food, and the clothing that made this humanitarian work possible? Much of it from the Christians of America. Some of it from Methodists through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. This practical demonstration of Christian sympathy and understanding has given the Christian Church a new place of influence in India. That opportunity for service still continues.

We are prone to forget that conditions that have attained in Europe since the war are perennial in India. To the general prevailing poverty and distress has been added the effect of a great increase in the cost of living. Prices throughout Southern Asia range from three to six times their pre-war levels. Missionaries who carry on the work of the Committee in India receive letters like the following:

"Every day babies are brought in who have gone completely blind from insufficiency in diet."

"I'm sorry to mention it, but prices are so terrific here; practically any foodstuff you can think of runs to a dollar or more a pound and the result is disastrous. All of the people of all classes must adjust to a definitely lower standard of living and by the same token it looks as if the least securely placed must adjust to extinction."

If this is true generally of Southern Asia we can understand that the suffering among members of the Methodist Church also has been very great. More than half of the Methodists overseas are in India and a great responsibility has fallen upon us in ministering to them. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has extended aid to more than 2,000 pastors and teachers whose salaries are less than $20 a month. It has been able to augment these pitiful wages by $3.00 to $4.00 per month. Without such help it is doubtful if the church could have continued an active ministry. It is inadequate as can be seen as one views the individual cases. Here is one pastor who has ministered for thirty years in one small village church. He has a wife and six children, the oldest of whom is in nurse's training and the others in mission schools. Yet this man has to "get along" on $13.50 per month. Another man in his early thirties ministers to a church in the Bombay Conference on a salary less than farmers receive in his community.

Bishop Pickett wrote after presiding over the North India Conference: "I have never faced men for whom my heart ached so much as for some of those men at that session. They have been heroes in sticking to their work through flood and famine and dire political disturbances. Without the help of the M. C. O. R. they could not have carried on, and believe me, thousands of those whom they serve would have been ruined."

Representatives of Various Denominations Study Many Aspects of Church Programs in Southeast

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THE SECOND SOUTHEASTERN INTER-CHURCH CONVOCATION

Historic St. Mark Methodist Church, Atlanta, was host to the epoch making second Southeastern Inter-Church Convocation, December 6-8. Using as a general theme "Protestantism Accepts Its Task in the Southeast," Dr. Forrest C. Weir, Executive Secretary, Southeastern Inter-Council Office, working with an advisory committee representing the Federal Council of Churches, International Council of Religious Education, Home Missions Council of North America, and the United Stewardship Council, secured excellent leadership and presented a three-day convocation that was significant in every respect.

The Convocation brought together 500 representative Protestant clerical and lay persons from twenty states and the District of Columbia. More than 400 came from ten Southeastern states as official delegates of fifteen denominations, including the Methodist Church.

Purpose and Point of View

The purpose of the Convocation was to consider candidly the common task of the Protestant churches in the southeast. There was no attempt to duplicate the efforts of each of the cooperating denominations. It was a significant occasion on a regional basis to think about the total task in which each denomination has a share. Dr. Weir, stating the purpose of the occasion, said: "We may thus (1) exchange experiences, convictions, and opinions on aspects of our general task which concern us all but at which we must work separately; or (2) we may regard primarily the nature of the task in which we must work as a unit at each level from the community to the nation, indeed to the world. The first is helpful; the second is imperative. We have, therefore, not only to describe our task but also to consider the form of our association as denominations in confronting it together."

Executive Committee Meeting of Federal Council

The executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches, which regularly convenes in New York, met in Atlanta in connection with the Convocation. Of interest to Protestants, especially in the light of their large missionary stake in China, was the statement entitled "The Churches and American Policy in the Far East," calling for the government to reshape its policy in the Far East along more constructive moral, economic and social lines.

On the home front, the executive committee again reaffirmed its opposition to segregation in higher education by authorizing the filing of an **amicus curiae** (friend of the court) brief in behalf of Marion Sweatt, Negro, who was denied admission to the University of Texas. The Presbyterian Church, U. S., dissociated from the action.

International Aspect of Christianity

The international aspect of Christianity was presented at the opening session of the Convocation in a message on "The Present Responsibility of Christianity to the World" by Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, Ambassador to China, who was absent on account of illness but whose address was read by Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, New York. Dr. Stuart called for "a world youth movement that could well demonstrate the superiority of the Democratic Christian way of life as superior to the Communistic way."

Dr. J. Hutchinson Cockburn of Scotland, speaking on "The Significance of the Relationship of American and European Churches," spoke of the weaknesses of Protestantism resulting from denominational divisiveness and the growing concern for unity and ecumenicity. While American churches enjoy unhampered freedom, many church groups in other countries may have to resort ultimately to "a kind of catacomb existence" for survival.

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Referring to the loss of freedom and resort to force in the countries of Europe in recent decades, Dr. Luther A. Weigle, speaking on "Spiritual Issues in American Education," said: "Only dynamic religion and better education will remove the threat of force from the world of today." He pointed out that the principle of separation of church and state does not "hinder the schools from acknowledging the power and goodness of God. The public schools may and should refer to religion, naturally and wholesomely, without dogmatism and without bias. Underlying all our differences, America has a common religious faith—common not in the sense that everybody shares it, for there are some among us who deny or ignore God, but in the sense that it is common to the three great religious groups—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—to which the great majority of American citizens profess to belong."

Another danger we face is the peril of Federal control of education under the guise of Federal aid. "With the principle of the separation of church and state we may well associate the principle of separation of education and the federal government. Both education and religion must be free if they are to serve as bulwarks of true democracy," said Dr. Weigle. "Federal control of education at any level would be calamitous."

Youth Night Service

Charles C. Turner, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, presided at the youth service. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Morehouse College Choir.

Mrs. Douglas Horton, Vice-President, Federal Council, former President of Wellesley College and wartime commander of WAVES, spoke on "The Task Confronting Christian Youth." Mrs. Horton said that "Christian youth, in helping to build a better Christian world, must outgrow regional provincialism and learn to live in a world filled with people of different opinions. Youth is in a position," she maintained, "to gamble with great ideas, to adventure into new and untried experiments, to try to do the things men of all ages have known God wanted done —the things older people know are quite impractical. Youth can take to a world of enmity and strife," she concluded, "a calm serenity which comes from knowledge that however much we men and women struggle with each other we are still within the preview of a living God who will support our efforts to fulfill His will."

Speaking on "Our Heritage from the Reformation," Dr. Samuel M. Cavert, one of the great churchmen of our generation, described Protestantism as "the main custodian" of freedom in the world. "It is the religion best suited," he added, "for the promotion of democratic ideals." The heart of his message dealt with "Justification by faith, the priesthood of believers, and freedom" as our great heritage from the Reformation.

Dr. Ansley C. Moore and Dr. I. George Nace

Speaking on "What the Church Must Do Now in the City Church," Dr. Ansley C. Moore, Sixth United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, told the Convocation that the hopes, ideals and needs of people are very much the same everywhere. The minister in a large city church, however, must provide a strong teaching ministry, must keep busy with pastoral visiting and must develop a fellowship of believers to meet the needs of the city parish. "The Protestant Church ought to redouble its efforts in the city," said Dr. Moore, "where the future of Protestantism is promising. The rising tide of Christian unity is at work in the city and around the world," he declared.

Dr. George Nace, Co-Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, speaking on "Needs of the Country Church Today," called attention to the great changes taking place in rural America, the need for a new strategy in re-churching rural America, and the need for better trained ministers and other professional workers.

If religion is the most important subject in life, its teachers should have even more skill than those who teach the arts and sciences.

New Bern District Has 3 New Societies; Outer Banks Has Zone; Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Vereen Appointed

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LATEST REPORT ON DR. LINEBERGER

As this is written, it is reported that Dr. H. O. Lineberger, husband of "our Anne," is making satisfactory progress in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. It is hoped by all the family that he will be brought home to celebrate the Christmas holidays with his family and friends.

MRS. HOOD AND MRS. DAVIS HELP OUT

During Dr. Lineberger's illness, Mrs. Lineberger's work for the conference will be taken over by two capable women, Mrs. Gurney P. Hood and Mrs. H. A. Davis. Mrs. Hood will take Mrs. Lineberger's place on the school of missions planning committee; and Mrs. Davis is doing the correspondence and helping on the program committee for the 1950 Conference which will be held in Henderson.

If there is any need for information which would normally come from the conference promotion secretary, write to either Mrs. Hood or Mrs. Davis, and they will be glad to do anything possible to carry on the work.

MISS IDA COLLIE SAILS

On December 15 Miss Ida Collie of Raleigh sailed for Manila from New York. She will work at Mary Johnston Hospital there until such time as she will be able to enter China.

MRS. S. S. HOLT APPOINTED

Due to illness and death of her father, R. C. Barker, in Durham, Mrs. Carlos P. Womack felt that she should resign her place as recording secretary of the Durham district. The executive board of the district, meeting in Hillsboro, appointed Mrs. S. S. Holt of Graham to fill the unexpired term.

INFORMATION AND ACTION BULLETIN

Notice comes from Mrs. J. M. Jerome, conference secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, that the last information and action bulletin has been issued. Henceforth this news and information will be contained in The Methodist Woman beginning with the March, 1950, issue.

Thousands of individuals have come to depend upon this valuable bulletin as an essential resource for guidance in planning programs, and for individual and group action. Because of the favorable reception which it has had and the unnumbered requests for additional copies, the time has come to make this type of material available to larger numbers of leaders. Including this in the Methodist Woman means that every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, as well as the pastor, will have access to this material.

NEW BERN DISTRICT NEWS

The executive committee of New Bern district Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Chadwick in New Bern in November with all but four officers present. Three conference officers, Mrs. F. B. McKinne, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, and Mrs. Chadwick, and a former district promotion secretary, Mrs. Gertie Matthews, met with the group.

Mrs. M. R. Pipkin of Kinston, spiritual life secretary, opened the session with a devotional. This was followed by an informal discussion of the work of the various departments. The zone leaders were asked to assume the responsibility of seeing that each local society has an officers' training day using district officers of that area or other qualified leaders to direct it.

Mrs. Carl Herrington of New Bern, missionary education secretary, and the four zone leaders, Mrs. J. L. Smith of North Harlowe, Mrs. D. L. Latham of Washington, Mrs. Donald Witherington of Vanceboro, and Mrs. Lloyd Sutton of LaGrange, were loud in their praise of the zone meetings which were turned into educational seminars.

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The district president, Mrs. J. B. Chase, reported that she had attended all district and zone meetings.

Mrs. R. L. Cox of Mount Olive, district promotion secretary, was elected the representative at the Cleveland Assembly to be held in April, 1950. Mrs. R. L. Bame was elected alternate.

Mrs. Cox reported three new societies: Core Creek with Mrs. R. F. Boswell of Beaufort, president; Jerusalem with Mrs. Archie Jones, Route 3, Snow Hill, as president; and Beston with Mrs. Winston Best, LaGrange, president.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS VISIT OUTER BANKS

On November 21, five Woman's Society of Christian Service district officers from the Elizabeth City district went to the Fair Haven church between Rodanthe and Waves on the outer banks to meet with women from all of the woman's societies on the outer banks. The five district officers who made the trip were: Mrs. E. R. Meekins of Tyner, president; Mrs. George Jackson of Hertford, promotion secretary; Mrs. D. L. Meekins of Stumpy Point, secretary of missionary personnel; Mrs. L. L. Gibbs of Columbia, secretary of missionary education; and Miss Ethelunde Ballance of Columbia, secretary of youth work.

Approximately 80 women from the Hatteras, Buxton, Avon, Frisco, Salvo, and Fair Haven churches gathered for this meeting which combined an organizational meeting, a promotional meeting, and educational seminar. Rev. P. M. Porter, pastor of the Kinnakeet charge, and two girls who are officers in the Fair Haven Methodist Youth Fellowship also attended the meeting.

The Outer Banks zone was organized. The following officers were elected: chairman, Mrs. Maude Austin of Hatteras; vice-chairman, Mrs. Nellie Barnett of Buxton; and secretary, Mrs. Mabel Meekins of Avon. Having a separate zone in this section of Dare county will enable the women of the outer banks to participate more fully in the Woman's Society program. They find it almost impossible to travel to the mainland for zone meetings and seminars.

The district officers gave promotional talks on the various phases of the work. They also presented the four studies for the year as follows: Mrs. Meekins, "The Ecumenical Church"; Miss Ballance, "Japan"; Mrs. D. L. Meekins, "Women of Scripture"; and Mrs. Gibbs, "Cooperation for a Christian Nation."

Between the two sessions of this meeting, the women of the hostess church served supper to those present. The visiting officers spent the night in the homes in the Waves and Rodanthe communities.

This meeting was an inspirational and helpful experience for both local and visiting women. From the time corsages were pinned on the officers as they were greeted at the door of the Fair Haven church until each climbed on the bus the next morning for the trip back up the coast to Manteo, the warm hospitality and Christian fellowship made glad the hearts of the five. As for the local women, one was heard to remark, "I've have the best time tonight I've ever had." Many others agreed with her.

In one accord, the five Elizabeth City district officers who went to this meeting are saying, "We shall be going back when the time comes around next spring for an officers' training day to be held at Frisco for the Outer Banks zone."

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT NEWS

Mrs. L. C. Vereen of Warrenton has been appointed to succeed Mrs. P. F. Newton, who has resigned, as secretary of youth work for the Rocky Mount district. Mrs. Vereen comes to this work with valuable experience, having worked on the board of Christian education, having been on the staff of workers for the camp program, and being a young and vivacious person herself. The district feels very fortunate in having her for the help and inspiration she will be to the young people.

Mrs. Newton's resignation was accepted with regret. In every phase of the district work she has been a strong support. Her absence will be keenly felt.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hurley have recently organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service at Corinth, Littleton circuit, the third organization during Mr. Hurley's pastorate. Mrs. Claude Inscoe, Route 3, Littleton, is president of the new society.

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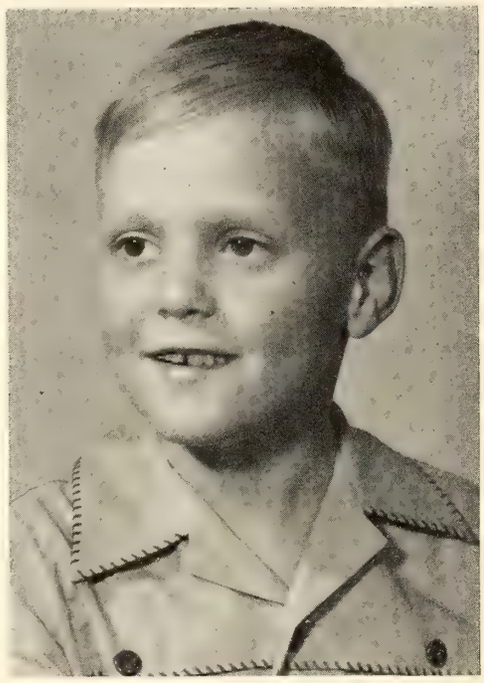
Enterprising Reporter Learns of Christmas Plans at Children's Home; Thirty Churches Ring Joy Bell

By O. V. WOOSLEY

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ENTERPRISING REPORTER

We are continually reminded by reporters for our local papers, the Winston-Salem Journal and Twin City Sentinel, that the public is interested in news stories having to do with our family. Calls are more or less frequently made to know what is going on over here with us. We usually remind our friends, the reporters, that a family that behaves itself well and lives consistently does not make news. We remind our friends that we deal more with processes than events. However, an enterprising reporter did extract from us this morning while in the midst of the Christmas rush some facts having to do with the expectancy of our youngsters for a big Christmas.

THE FAMILY

First, we reminded the reporter that our family is a large one, consisting of 215 girls and 196 boys, the youngsters ranging in age from a little over two to a little over nineteen years. We stated to the inquirer that the bigness of our family does not take away our interest in the individual consideration of each boy and girl. We are, therefore, much given to seeing that each youngster is set forth very clearly in the Christmas picture.

SANTA'S COMING

It has been our custom for many years to encourage each one of our children to write a letter to Santa Claus expressing a desire for some particular gift, usually first, second and third choices within a reasonable range of expense. These letters are written when the child is old enough to write, or dictated on the part of the pre-school age children with such clearness as to enable the home mothers to shop with understanding. Now that the shopping is practically over, the home mothers are busy wrapping up packages and allocating them for future distribution. In addition to this expression of Santa Claus's interest many packages are coming in from sponsors to sponsored children. Added to these are some packages from relatives to children here. A big truck comes out each morning carrying many packages for our family of boys and girls. Every youngster will hang up a red net stocking, even the big football boys, to be filled with candy, fruit and nuts.

YOUNG SANTA CLAUSES

We further stated to the reporter that on Christmas eve after most of the children had been encouraged to go to bed and close their eyes real tightly, some 50 of our older boys and girls will act as Santa Clauses here on the campus, meaning that they will take from the storage room many packages of gifts and baskets of goodies to the various cottages for their placement around the cottage Christmas trees and the filling of the stockings around in the room. After the youngsters have spent a couple of hours delivering packages they, in good old Santa Claus spirit, will rest from their labors as they enjoy a light evening repast. Even after that some of them will go Christmas caroling.

THE LIGHTED TREES

We referred the reporter to the big spruce tree in front of the Administration Building which has just been wired for displaying 250 lights in varied colors, creating a scene of beauty and a joy to behold. The lighted Christmas tree will call for the singing of carols, not only around it but about on the campus. Every cottage on the place will also have a lighted Christmas tree. Our desire is to make our Home have as much of a homey attractiveness at Christmas as is possible to provide.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Further attention was called to the fact that on Monday night, December 19, the elementary grades in the school conducted on the Home grounds will present a Christmas pageant to which our entire family above the pre-school age will go. Such a congregation completely fills our school auditorium. On the following Wednesday just before the closing of school for the holidays the children will have their Christmas party at which time every child will give some other child a gift, the child having been selected by chance in a drawing process. Last Saturday the youngsters were over town buying gifts with their honorarium money for wrapping and placement for this sharing process. It was right interesting to note what some of the children bought, even to the wrapping paper they contracted for. Like some adults we have heard about, some of them lost some of their packages before arriving home.

SHARING WITH OTHERS

While our children are being so well remembered by others, they are gladly accepting opportunities to help others. They are very much interested in placing their coins in the kettles near the Salvation Army booths along the street. In addition they have voted to forward a given sum of money belonging to the group to the Salvation Army and to the Christmas Cheer fund. They have also voted a sum of money to go to the children's building at Lake Junaluska. In past years they have contributed to the Methodist Home at Charlotte and will doubtless do so again on Mother's Day, and to the Methodist camp near Hendersonville, the reporter was informed.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Our family arises early each morning. Breakfast is served at 6:30 while darkness is only broken by the street lamps about on the place. But on Christmas morning, the reporter was informed, a late breakfast is usually served. Of course, the children get up at the usual time, or before, and have their Christmas service and excitement around the lighted cottage trees. Since Christmas comes this year on Sunday we will have breakfast at 7:30 in order to get things cleared for 9 o'clock Sunday school and then the attendance of church services over town. In the afternoon our youngsters will have the range of the place, the boys going to the girls' dormitories to see their gifts as they may be spread out on the beds and the girls going into the boys cottages to see whatever is in evidence there, certainly a part of it being on the outside of the buildings where scooters, flexy racers, wagons and a lot of other things are making much racket. Evening will come all too soon and a lot of happy children will lie down to sleep with their hearts and minds full of gratitude for the Christmas kindness of a lot of friends.

A REAL HILLBILLY

The picture this week is that of Walter Greer, born August 20, 1942, and doing well in the second grade. This little fellow, a native of the highlands of Ashe county, is a happy member of the Anna Hanes cottage family. He is one of a family of five youngsters, both of whose parents have passed into the beyond. Walter is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Trinity, Thomasville, Mrs. J. T. Fowler and Mrs. J. E. Lyndon being the correspondents.

THE JOY BELL

Our financial joy bell rings frequently. Its assuring tones bring melody to our souls. The following congregations, with their listed pastors, have paid either basic or entire Children's Home asking for the present conference year. Note them and join us in grateful thanks:

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GOD'S MESSIAH

**Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:1-7; 11:1-9;
Jeremiah 33:14-18; Luke 2**

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Isaiah celebrated Christmas long centuries before Jesus was born. His hope was so vivid that it seemed to him that Christ was already born. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. They say, Christmas comes but once a year, but Jesus himself said that if we believe his gospel and receive his free grace, every day will be Christmas. We shall constantly be receiving gifts of mercy and blessing from him and gladly giving ourselves in service to one another.

The words of Isaiah were written long centuries before Christ. What a miracle it is that he should have the inspired faith and foresight to prophesy his coming and foresee the character of his work and program. Instead of marching to victories through rivers of blood, he said, Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. Instead of smiting the earth with piercing arrow and sharp sword of steel, he was to have such eloquence and convincing power that hypocrites would quail before his words and sinners in terror would turn from their sins. He would smite the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips would he slay the wicked.

The Messiah was to pierce through all disguises and was to judge men not by external standards and common report but by unerring insight into their hearts. And he was to stand for the poor and for those meek souls who were often pushed into the ditch by the brutality of men. How amazingly Jesus fulfilled this prophecy! He was continually honoring people whom the rich and proud despised and continually exposing the shams of the complacent and self-righteous.

One day in Edinburgh the writer was sitting in the class room of the great Old Testament scholar, A. B. Davidson, and when we came to the words, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, a twinkle came into the eyes of the grand old scholar and he said, "Some people are troubled by this passage because the alimentary canal of the lion is not adapted to the digestion of straw, all of which reminds us," said he, "that the chief impediment to the understanding of the Old Testament is the prosaic mind."

We have said that it is a miracle that Isaiah should have seen and so perfectly portrayed the Christ, and that Jesus should have fulfilled so much of his prophecy. But now we come to the main point of our lesson. The extent to which Jesus has already fulfilled the prophecies gives us the firmest ground for believing that he will fulfill them in a still more wonderful way in the future. A sober glance at history is a basis for confident faith that the very laws of the universe, in spite of man's perversity, are enlisted for the glorification of Christ and for the fulfillment of the prophecies of his coming reign on earth.

The fact that Jesus himself with the immediate prospect of rejection and crucifixion before him, proclaimed that he would come upon the clouds with power and glory gives us added basis for great hopes. And the fact that he did actually rise from the dead is additional ground for expecting a great resurrection of everything that is good in the world to power and glory. His words, I am the resurrection and the life, imply also the resurrection of every good work that has been trodden down and every high enterprise that has been defeated.

One of the proofs that the teachings of Jesus are really functioning in our minds is that we have great expectations. And just as earthly parents cannot bear to disappoint the hopes of the little ones, let us be sure that our Heavenly Father will not disappoint our hopes for great manifestations of Christ's presence and power in the future.

At Christmas

I would go from market-place
To some silent listening-space
Let me turn from glant of gold,
Now to traffic with the soul.

Forth from street and tinsel-shine
I would seek a holy shrine.
Let me see a high clean star;
Let me go where shepherds are;
See a sleeping Babe, abed,
Sun-dried hay beneath His head.
Pond'ring, as you used to do,
Mary, let me kneel with you.

Throbbing still, above earth's strife,
Let me find the heart of life.

ELLEN D. MASTERS
The Methodist Home

For January 1

WHY DO WE HAVE THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

Acts 1:1-4; I Peter 2:9-10

The apostles had before their minds all that Jesus began both to do and to teach; and they not only had before them the picture of his matchless life, but the memory of frequent experiences of the power and inspiration that had come to them through his presence and his life-giving words (John 6:68).

And then Jesus, in answer to the question of the high priest, Art thou the son of the Blessed? had said, I am, knowing that his words would bring an immediate sentence of death. A proclamation for which a man deliberately dies carries convincing power. Then after his crucifixion Jesus had appeared to them alive, and commanded them to be his witnesses far and wide throughout the earth.

But what an impossible task that was, to convince the world that a Galilean peasant who had been crucified by the order of a Roman governor had risen from the dead and was the God-appointed leader and Saviour of men! But Jesus said, Tarry in Jerusalem and ye shall receive power. They were to be given redoubled and joyous certainty of the truth of their message, and to become wondrously vitalized and transformed personalities glowing with heaven-inspired love.

Note that they were not to be primarily arguers for the gospel, but both witnesses to its truth and samples of what it could do for a man. We are prone sometimes to forget that our chief task is not to outargue the world, but to present before men convincing specimens of the gospel's transforming power. It is a calamity when the church runs short of samples.

When Jesus vanished from their sight into regions above, the two angels who appeared to the disciples as they gazed up into heaven promised that He would come again. So we see that, in addition to a great conviction that Jesus was the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, and a great commission to witness for Him even to the uttermost parts of the earth, the apostles were inspired with a great hope that Jesus would again wonderfully manifest himself to the world. The revitalizing of this hope is one of the supreme needs of the modern church.

It is especially interesting to note that Peter to whom Jesus had previously said, Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, this Peter did not deem himself an exclusive possessor of this great privilege and possibility. He says to the church, Ye are a royal priesthood. Every Christian has been called to royal dignity; to be a prince in the church and a priest of the Most High.

Why is a Christian church necessary? Conviction that Christ is with us cannot be maintained unless we express a desire for fellowship with all other followers of Jesus. The moment we begin to manifest the least exclusiveness, the vividness of our sense of his presence begins to dim. Then, too, there are special and great promises to those who agree concerning that which they are to ask (Matthew 18: 19, 20).

Moreover, the gospel is such a wonderfully many-sided message that no one man is able to proclaim the whole of it. It requires a combination of different types of mind to present the whole gospel. Furthermore the message is doubly convincing when we unite to proclaim it to the world. Then, too, we are all liable to stumble and fall, and it is important that we should be bound together by close family ties, so that when any one wavers a brother should be at hand to steady him. And as the church is yet a minority in the world, that fact also doubly demands the closest unity.

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Yes, Virginia!

Yes, indeed!

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Chrismas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus; Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Back in 1897, little Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the following letter to the editor of The New York Sun: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?"

The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here:

In Children's Hearts

The winds through icy boughs are tinkling bells
That sing to stars aglow with Christmas light.
Through years the children's eagerness foretells
The joy renewed for every Christmas night.
Contained within a single Baby's heart
Was love enough to cover all the earth
And children will forever bear a part
In songs of praise to glorify His birth.

—EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE
Weaverville, N. C.

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KEEPING CHRISTMAS

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children;
To remember the weakness, the loneliness of people who are growing old;
To stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough;
To bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts;
To try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you;
To make a grave for your ugly thoughts —and a garden for your kindly feelings with the gate open—are you willing to do these things, even for a day?
Then you can keep Christmas.
Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life that began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love?
Then you can keep Christmas.
And if you can keep it for a day, why not always?
But you can never keep it alone.—**Ex.**

A CHRISTMAS VISITOR

Daddy, Archie and May went to the woods to get a Christmas tree, and found just what they wanted—a straight, bushy little pine.

"There is something I must cut off," said Archie.

"No, no!" cried May, holding his hand. "Let it stay. It is a caterpillar's house."

May was right. One Indian summer day a caterpillar came to the little pine tree and thought to himself, "What a nice place to sleep."

So he made himself a house. He did not leave even a window to look out.

One day as the tree stood in the parlor he grew warm.

"It must be spring at last," he thought.

So he poked a hole in the wall of his house and out he came, but he was not a caterpillar!

"Oh, see the lovely butterfly!" cried May. He flew up to the tiptop bough; and the children said there was nothing on the tree so pretty as the butterfly.

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In Memoriam

Rev. Beverly Wilson

Lincolnton.—Rev. Beverly Wilson was born July 7, 1875, in Lincoln County and departed this life November 1, 1949.

He was married May 3, 1896, to Miss Minnie Petree of Lincoln County. To this union were born 13 children, 10 of whom survive. One child died at the age of 11 months; the other 12 lived to adult age. All married and had children. Two of these 12 children died several years ago.

Mr. Wilson was educated at Rutherford College and taught school for a number of years. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1903 and was a faithful minister of the gospel 35 years, retiring in 1938.

His was a sacrificial ministry. He never received as much as $2,000 a year on any charge; yet, with his faithful companion he reared 12 fine children, saved some money on nearly every charge he servd, and owned the home in Lincolnton to which he returned on retirement.

He continued as active in church work, teaching and preaching and assisting in services as his health permitted. He taught the Men's Bible Class in Lincolnton First Methodist Church on the Sunday just prior to his death Tuesday.

He was a splendid Bible student, a pulpit orator, a faithful servant and loyal friend. He was loved by the people of his pastorates and has an abiding place in the affections of all who knew him.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that in the death of Brother Beverly Wilson our church has lost a regular, active and devout member and minister;

Second, our community has lost an interested and upright citizen and neighbor;

Third, that as a token of our respect and affection a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Beverly Wilson, to the two Lincolnton newspapers, and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate—Men's Bible Class and Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, Lincolnton, N. C.

Mrs. Bettie Barker Griffin

Semora.—We, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Semora Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to one of our faithful and beloved members. On October 23, 1949, God in His wisdom took from our midst Mrs. Bettie Barker Griffin.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, while we mourn the loss of this good woman, we bow in submission to God's will. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her daughter and grandchildren.

Second, we are grateful for the noble heritage she left to her church and community. A charter member of our church and society, and a constant teacher of the Intermediate's class in our church school since its organization, hers has been a splendid influence

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our Society, a copy sent to her family, and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—Mrs. Arch Thomas, Mrs. Edgar Yarbrough, Mrs. Taylor Long.

Mrs. Alma Wynne Edgerton

Raleigh.—In the passing of Mrs. Alma Wynne Edgerton the Edenton Street Woman's Society of Christian Service feels a keen personal loss. She was never too busy or too concerned about her own personal affairs to take time out for friendliness. She loved people, and her whole life was an outflowing expression of this love.

AT "THE POST OF THE FOE"

W. L. Hutchins

God, let me die sleeping for in sleeping I dream.
(Sweet dreams my delight when the capstone is laid)
While others are shouting o'er victories they've won,
Let me build a mansion on the old now decayed.

God, let me die sleeping for in sleeping I see
That far distant day when a table is spread;
All share like a family in the good things of earth,
Let me see their glad faces as their hunger is fed.

God, let me awaken with the earth still in view;
With its poverty, its tired ones, its hordes in the slum;
Let me pray for Abundance Christ willed for us all,
Shout back through the gates: It will come! It will come!

How many there are among us who remember gratefully her thoughtfulness when they came as strangers to this church and community, or her loving care when they were sick or in trouble. Nor is there one among us who has not at some time been moved to speak a kind or friendly word because of Mrs. Edgerton's emphasis upon the simple art of being friendly.

Honored as she was by being a Conference officer, a life member, and a life patron of our Woman's Society, there was no honor she appreciated more than that of being simply an ordinary member who was deeply concerned that all the women of our church should love the cause of missions and should find in the work of this Society, as she did, a joyous opportunity for service.

We shall miss so much the presence of one whose bouyant spirit and whose constructive interests enlarged our thinking and sweetned our lives. But we know that

"A soul so fiery sweet can never die
But lives and loves to all eternity."

—Mrs. Earl Brian, Chm; Mrs. A. C. Jones, Mrs. O. R. Browne.

Mrs. Lidie Smith

North Harlow.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, hereby pay tribute to our spiritual life leader and faithful member, Mrs. Lidie Smith.

Patient and uncomplaining in suffering, she was ever ready and willing to render any service to her church. We extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy.—Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. W. A. Frank

Denton.—On April 25, 1949, Mrs. W. A. Frank was called from her earthly home here in the Handy community to be with God. Her many friends and neighbors, as well as her church, have lost a true friend and fellow worker. It was her delight to help others. As long as her health permitted she went about the community doing good, and took an active part in all worthwhile activities. She was a member of Lineberry church for a number of years and a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was loyal, faithful and generous to both organizations; always willing to carry her part of the burden, let it be great or small.

We are going to miss Mrs. Frank in so many ways—no more will she greet us with that friendly smile, nor will we feel that gentle touch or hear those encouraging words. But let us say with James Whitcomb Riley: She is not dead—she is just away.

We, the ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Lineberry church wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the daughters; that a copy of this memorial be recorded in the minutes of the Society and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Woman's Society of Christian Service of Lineberry church.

Mrs. Algie F. Jones

Thomasville.—With sorrow the Lochie Rankin Guild of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, N. C., records the death on September 5, 1949, of Mrs. Algie F. Jones, a true and loyal member of our Guild.

Her quiet unassuming life full of faith was a blessing to many. Her beautiful spirit exemplified the true Christian. A faithful soul has gone to her reward for having served her Master here.

May the memory of her loyal service ever inspire us to go forward following the Christian way until we too shall find eternal rest with our Saviour.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

First: That we, the members of the Lochie Rankin Guild, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Second: That we extend to the members of the family our deepest sympathy and commend them to the love and care of our Heavenly Father.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her bereaved family, a copy be placed in our minutes, and a copy be sent to the Christian Advocate for publication.—Mrs. Joel E. Walker, Chm., Mrs. John Hiatt, Mrs. Lena Fair.

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